NTU RECOGNISES SIGNIFICANCE OF CHINA IN ERA OF GLOBALISATION

In this era of globalization, China has become one of the fastest growing economies. Nanyang Technological University (NTU) recognizes the need to provide educational programmes that help understand, appreciate and engage China. The university has since established partnerships with many Chinese universities and developed China-related programmes. The university has also developed several programmes for the China market. Below are highlights of these programmes.

Partnerships with Chinese Universities

NTU has established partnerships with more than thirty Chinese universities since 1994 for academic, research and exchange activities. These include top universities such as Peking University, Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Master of Science in Managerial Economics

The Master of Science in Managerial Economics is a one-year full-time programme that provides participants with a thorough appreciation of economic policy management and business strategies in East Asia, with special focus on Singapore. Conducted in Chinese, this interdisciplinary programme focuses on strategic thinking and planning, and assesses public and corporate policy effectiveness.
The programme, which is targeted at top government officials and senior executives of large enterprises, provides opportunities for participants to network with government officials and business leaders in Singapore. Since its inception, it has attracted many high-ranking Chinese officials such as mayors and deputy mayors.

**Nanyang EMBA**

The Nanyang EMBA aims to train professionals, managers and leaders for challenges in the new economy and put them at the forefront of the business league. Targeted primarily at senior executives from China, the programme is taught mainly in China with two in-residence periods in Singapore. Participants may also choose to go for an overseas business study mission to expand their network.

The Nanyang EMBA admits full-time students with a period of candidature between 18 to 32 months. Strategic partners of the programme include Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the Ministry of Health, China. According to Chief Executive China in 2002, the Nanyang EMBA programme is ranked among the top 5 in Asia.

**Master of Arts in Contemporary China**

NTU recently launched a new Master of Arts in Contemporary China. The programme is specifically designed for professionals who are seeking an empirically-grounded and theoretically-informed understanding of the economic, political, social, and cultural development of contemporary China.

As part of the programme, participants will undergo a “China Immersion” segment, where they will travel to major cities in China to attend lectures and seminars, meet up with business and political leaders, and visit state and private enterprises. The programme admits full-time and part-time students with a period of candidature between 1 to 4 years.

**Double degree in Biomedical Sciences and Medicine (TCM)**

NTU has also launched a new double-degree undergraduate programme with the renowned Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM). The programme, due for its pioneer intake in July 2005, will see the conferment of two degrees – a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Sciences by NTU and a Bachelor of Medicine (majoring in TCM) (医学中医专业学士) by BUCM.
Up to 30 students in the pioneer intake will undergo their first three years of the double-degree programme by beginning their biological sciences course at NTU. The programme then dovetails with the final two years of TCM clinical training, including hospital practise at BUCM. For greater synergy, one-third of the curriculum at NTU will focus on TCM teaching while the remaining two-thirds will focus on basic biomedical sciences.

Global Immersion Programme

Under NTU’s Global Immersion Programme, undergraduates can experience studying and/or working in a global environment. They can choose to study and/or work in China or the US for up to six months or both.

Those who opt for China will be able to work in companies in Zhangjiang Hi Tech Park in Shanghai, the Beijing Economic and Technological Development Zone, Zhongguancun Science Park in Beijing, among others. They will also have the opportunity to take special elective courses such as Chinese culture, contemporary history or language in top Chinese universities, including Peking University, Tsinghua University or Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Sino-Singapore Undergraduate Exchange Programme

NTU is also participating in a Sino-Singapore initiative aimed at broadening bilateral ties and fostering friendship and better understanding between students from Singapore and China. On 21 and 22 March 2005, NTU staff and students hosted a delegation of students and officials from the People’s Republic of China under the Sino-Singapore Undergraduate Exchange Programme (SSUEP).

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