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NTU students at the forefront of technological innovations
– a total of 64 projects developed in five weeks

Eight hundred second-year students from Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) have developed a total of 64 technological innovations in just five weeks. These innovations are part of NTU’s “Engineering Innovation and Design 2006” competition.

It is part of a training programme for second-year MAE students aimed at helping them create technologically innovative products and services that have social and economic viability and relevance.

The five-week long competition saw student entrepreneurs attending a series of workshops and lectures in finance, business strategy, as well as in engineering subjects. They were divided into 64 groups with faculty members as their mentors.

Their innovations have been placed in six categories and will be exhibited and judged on 12 June 2006. Three winners will be announced for each category. Cash prizes stand to be won. The categories are:

- Assistive Technology
- Automation
- Automotive and Transportation
- Design
- Health and Life Sciences
- Safety and Environment
The judging criteria include: potential market value, technological innovation, cost (development and material) and ‘X-factor’.

Says Assistant Professor David Butler, EID Coordinator, NTU, MAE: “We are happy that this year’s competition has touched upon some of the recent issues portrayed in the media with environmental related as well as assistive technology projects well-represented. We have seen some very creative ideas and novel solutions for practical day-to-day happenings in society. This competition serves as a good platform for NTU students to show their project management skills and potential in applied research work.”

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university has a beautiful garden campus and a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955.

NTU’s 12 schools span diverse disciplines – from engineering and the sciences to art, design and media. The university has a strong engineering college focused on innovation, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programmes in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism issues.

Ranked among the top 50 universities in the world, NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives, many established through its strategic alliances with 300 institutions in more than 45 countries, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, Cornell University, Cambridge University, and Beijing University.

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