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NTU's collaborations with top international institutes enhance global experiences of students and researchers

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has been tying up with various partners from around the world in her continuous pursuit to provide the best learning environment for its students and researchers. In the past few months alone, at least seven more collaboration agreements have been signed with various organisations in Europe and China.

The Saclay Center of the Commissariat A L'Energie Atomique’s (CEA) Matter of Science Division (DSM), a leading research institute in France, will embark on joint research in organic electronics with NTU’s School of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE). The landmark NTU–CEA agreement is the first between the two parties.

Organic electronics is an emerging technology in the semiconductors industry. With MSE’s strengths in nanotechnology and CEA’s know-how in organic semiconductors technology, this collaboration aims to result in easy manufacturing for electronic devices. The collaboration will also involve the exchange of students and researchers between MSE and CEA. The MOU was signed earlier this year by Professor Freddy Boey, Dean, NTU MSE, and Mr Yves Caristan, Head of Matter Science Division, CEA. Says Prof Freddy Boey, “The agreement formalizes the already strong cooperation and close relationship between NTU and CEA. This tie up will reinforce NTU’s position as one of the key players in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology.”

Besides CEA, two other European institutes, The University of Edinburgh and The Universiteit van Amsterdam (Amsterdam University), will embark on student exchange programmes with NTU this year. Both universities are among the top 20 in Europe.
The University of Edinburgh is to participate in an exchange of chemistry undergraduates with NTU’s School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (SPMS). For a period of three years, up to six SPMS chemistry undergrads will have the opportunity to spend six months at Edinburgh each year. SPMS offers the only direct honours degree in physics, mathematics and chemistry in Singapore. The School took in its pioneer batch of undergraduates in July 2005, among them top students and International Physics Olympiad and International Mathematics Olympiad winners. SPMS’ new building, touted to be the best in the region, will be completed in 2007.

The Universiteit van Amsterdam (Amsterdam University) will collaborate with NTU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) on exchange of graduate and undergraduate students, staff visits and exchange for research, teaching and discussions and joint research. This collaboration will link up the Economics divisions of both institutions.

NTU’s College of Engineering also recently renewed its MOUs with the following Chinese universities – Xian Jiaotong University, Tianjin University, Shanghai Jiaotong University and Zhejiang University. The MOUs will allow further research collaborations and research manpower training between NTU and the individual Chinese universities.

Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU’s Acting Provost, says, “NTU’s agreements with various organisations around the world will provide more learning opportunities for our students and researchers. Such international perspectives will also enhance their educational and research experiences. Each of our partners brings with them unique strengths, and we can learn and benefit from each other through our collaborations. This is in line with our vision of being a global university of excellence, and we will continue to pursue such opportunities.”

Attachment:
Factsheet on MOU between MSE and CEA

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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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