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NTU DEPUTY PRESIDENT IS FIRST SINGAPOREAN TO BE MADE IEE HONORARY FELLOW

– Outstanding achievements include development of NTU’s School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering into one of the largest engineering schools in the world; launch of first Singapore-designed payload on satellite

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Deputy President Professor Er Meng Hwa will be conferred the title of Honorary Fellow by the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) in London on 14 Sept 05. This is the first time a Singaporean is given this prestigious award which started in 1873 and lists, among other electrical engineering heavyweights, Professor Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, as one of the Fellows.

Professor Er was made Honorary Fellow in recognition of his outstanding contributions to engineering research, education and public service.

As Dean of the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) for 9 years, from 1996 to 2005, Professor Er played a significant role in the development of the school. Under his leadership, the School of EEE gained in reputation as one of the top engineering schools. Now one of the largest in the world with about 5000 students and 600 faculty and staff, it graduates about
1,000 electrical engineers at the undergraduate level and another 500 at the postgraduate level annually.

Professor Er has published more than 240 technical papers in international journals and conference proceedings and holds five patents. His research interests include satellite communications, array signal processing, computer vision and optimization techniques. As Programme Director of the Satellite Engineering Programme, Professor Er was responsible for the successful launch of the first Singapore-designed communications payload on a mini satellite in 1999. He was also a pioneer and leader in the field of smart antenna array systems.

Professor Er serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Singapore Polytechnic and the Board of Directors of Singapore Technologies Electronics Limited, SP PowerGrid Ltd, NTUV Pte Ltd, BITwave Limited, DSO National Laboratories and Centre of Strategic Infocomm Technologies. He is also a member of the Professional Engineers Board of Singapore.

Said Professor John O'Reilly, IEE President: “As Deputy President at Nanyang Technological University, Professor Er has helped strengthen its research expertise in a number of leading edge technology areas, further developed state-of-the art research facilities and forged strategic alliances and collaborations with leading international partners.”

Said Professor Er: “I am thankful to IEE for this special honour and equally appreciative to NTU for providing me with the opportunity and environment to be at the forefront of engineering research and to contribute to NTU's evolution from a technological university to a fully comprehensive university.”

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