Introduction

I am very pleased to be here today for the signing of the Memorandum of Intent on the 2 integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s infocomm programmes. The IDA welcomes, and fully supports, this collaboration amongst NTU’s School of Computer Engineering and School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Growing the Next-Generation of Infocomm Talents

Engineers are the technology and business enablers in companies ranging from traditional industries like manufacturing, to those in new infocomm fields like digital media.
The collaboration is significant for Singapore and our infocomm industry, because it will help groom a pool of infocomm talent to spearhead the future growth of our country.

The programme is also timely, as Singapore’s infocomm industry, and indeed the global infocomm industry, is buzzing with vibrancy and growth. This bodes well for students who graduate from the integrated NTU-Georgia Tech programmes.

Students attending either integrated programme will benefit from the best of NTU and Georgia Tech.

The excellent curriculum offered by NTU and Georgia Tech provides both the foundation for graduates to be deep technologists; as well as the global orientation and acumen to be “techno-strategists”, infocomm professionals with both deep domain knowledge and strong business acumen.

IDA is very pleased to support this collaboration through the offer of National Infocomm Scholarships, to talented individuals keen on a career in the robust infocomm industry. In fact, we are setting aside up to 100 scholarships for these two integrated programmes, over five years starting from 2007.

IDA looks forward to continued support from NTU, and from global partners like Georgia Tech, to help groom Singapore’s next generation of infocomm leaders.

I hope that this collaboration will further cement our relationship, and lead to an expanded presence of Georgia Tech in Singapore in the future.

On that note, here’s to a very successful collaboration.

Thank You.