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NTU in milestone collaboration with India Inc

NTU President inks partnership with 6,300 member-strong Confederation of Indian Industry witnessed by Mr Kamal Nath, India’s Commerce and Industry Minister, and Mr George Yeo, Singapore’s Foreign Minister, at India-Singapore lunch

In recognition of the close collaboration between India and Singapore, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India’s largest and most established business representative body, are forging a partnership to collaborate actively in education, R & D, and technology transfer.

Under the NTU-CII partnership, the Nanyang Business School at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will draw on its considerable East Asia/China expertise and experience in educating business leaders for the region to customize executive programmes for Corporate India.

These executive programmes will be made available both in Singapore and different locations in India to the 6,300 member organizations of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to give these members a deeper understanding of East Asia/China matters.

CII will also tailor four-week long programmes on doing business in India for NTU undergraduates to provide them with a better understanding of the dynamics of India’s growth.

The NTU-CII partnership is also expected to further boost internship opportunities in India for NTU undergraduates and comes on the heels of an undergraduate internship arrangement with India’s Tata Group.
To drive its activities, NTU and CII will each field three members to form a management committee. Each party will also form a stakeholder group, with the groups holding their first meeting in the third quarter of 2007.

Says Dr Su Guaning, NTU President: “The emergence of India and China will be prominent in the 21\textsuperscript{st} century, and Singapore must study and engage India. NTU has taken meaningful steps to do so through collaboration with India in education, and research and development in science and technology. Today’s milestone partnership with CII is another step in this direction as it forges for NTU a presence and a role in India Inc. NTU looks forward to a fruitful relationship with CII and active engagement with its 6,300 members on such activities as the transfer of NTU innovations to the Indian marketplace and other joint commercialization activities.”

Adds Lt Gen SS Mehta, CII Director-General: “CII’s engagement with Singapore dates back many years - with the opening of our office in 1994. Since then, CII is dedicated to building a steadily increasing economic partnership with Singapore and, through Singapore, with South East and East Asia, especially China. With the signing of this MoU with NTU, CII is further reiterating our commitment to further strengthen Indo-Singaporean cooperation. CII will invest more time and resources to do just that.”

The MOU between NTU and CII is the first such collaboration between CII and a university in Singapore.

The NTU-CII partnership was formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by NTU President Dr Su Guaning and CII Director-General Lt Gen SS Mehta at 5pm (Singapore time) on 18 January 2007. The signing was witnessed by Mr George Yeo, Singapore’s Foreign Minister, and Mr Kamal Nath, India’s Commerce and Industry Minister, at the India-Singapore lunch during the annual CII Partnership Summit at the Hotel Taj West End in Bangalore, India. Also present from NTU was Emeritus Prof Haresh Shah, a member of NTU’s Board of Trustees and Chairman of NTU’s Academic Affairs Committee.

\textbf{About Nanyang Technological University (NTU)}

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has 4 colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore’s life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world’s top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities and Arts boasts Singapore’s first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia.
Its 13th school, the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, was inaugurated on 1 January 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism.

NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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About NTU’s engagement with India

NTU: a key education, and science and tech partner with India

NTU seeks to be a key education, and science and tech partner with India. In this respect, it currently collaborates with the following Indian institutes and organizations.

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<th>Institute/ organization</th>
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| Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay         | • Exchange of staff and students for study and research  
|                                                 | • Development of joint research programmes  
|                                                 | • Joint research in infrastructural engineering and management, bio and molecular engineering, info-comms technologies |
| Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore | • Academic exchanges  
|                                                 | • Joint research and development  
|                                                 | • Organization of and participation in joint academic and scientific activities |
| Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore       | • Academic exchanges  
|                                                 | • Joint research and development  
|                                                 | • Organization of and participation in joint academic and scientific activities |
| Indian Institute of Technology, Madras          | • Exchange of postgraduate students  
|                                                 | • Industrial attachment  
|                                                 | • Exchange of faculty members  
|                                                 | • Development of cooperative projects |
| Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad     | • Visits by and exchange of staff, students and information  
|                                                 | • Exploration of joint research activities |
| Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council | • Development of joint courses  
|                                                 | • Exchange of students, faculty and technical staff  
|                                                 | • Exploration of joint research and development programmes |
| Tata Group | - Internships  
| - Case studies |
| India Space Research Organisation | - Satellite project |

**NTU: a leading centre of Indian business intelligence**

In 2005, NTU and Singapore’s business daily, ‘The Business Times’, conducted the first ever independent assessment of the competitiveness of Indian states. The Business Times-NTU Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Policy Simulations of 35 Indian states and union territories examined India’s economic, business and social environments and reviewed the policy formulations and reform efforts by local Indian authorities to enhance their competitive edge.

Please access this link for more information:

*The Business Times-NTU Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Policy Simulations of 35 Indian states and union territories*


**About the Nanyang Business School, NTU**

The Nanyang Business School (NBS) is a leading business school committed to educating tomorrow’s strategic leaders with cutting-edge academically rigorous curricula which are relevant to business practice.

One of Asia’s largest business schools, NBS offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programmes in accountancy and business. Drawing on a 50 year heritage of educating the region’s business leaders, NBS provides an outstanding learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities and world-class research centres.

NBS is the only business school in Singapore, and the third in Asia, to have both the European Quality Improvement System and Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditations. It is also one of only five business schools outside of the United States to be accredited with the AACSB in Accounting. These are the most widely recognized European and American quality assurance standards relating to the provision of world class accounting and business education. For three consecutive years from 2004 to 2006, the Economist Intelligence Unit has ranked the degrees conferred by NBS amongst the top 100 of the World's Best MBAs.

To leverage the strengths of world-class institutions, NBS has established many strategic partnerships and collaborations with leading business schools such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Waseda University and the Shanghai Jiaotong University.

**About the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry in India, partnering industry and government alike through advisory and consultative processes.
CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry led and industry managed organisation, playing a proactive role in India’s development process. Founded over 111 years ago, it is India’s premier business association, with a direct membership of over 6300 organisations from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 90,000 companies from around 336 national and regional sectoral associations.

A facilitator, CII catalyses change by working closely with government on policy issues, enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and expanding business opportunities for industry through a range of specialised services and global linkages. It also provides a platform for sectoral consensus building and networking. Major emphasis is laid on projecting a positive image of business, assisting industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes.

CII’s theme of “Competitiveness for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth” reflects the Confederation’s commitment to balanced development that encompasses all sectors of the economy and all sections of society, at all levels – Global, National, Regional, State and Zonal.

With 57 offices in India, 7 overseas in Australia, Austria, China, France, Singapore, UK, USA and institutional partnerships with 240 counterpart organisations in 101 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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