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BOOK DONATION TIMELY FOR NEW CHINESE PROGRAMME AT NTU

The Embassy of the People’s Republic of China has donated some 1,000 books and CD-Roms to Nanyang Technological University (NTU). One of the major donations received by the university in recent years, the resources, estimated to be worth some $25,000, will greatly complement the existing collection of Chinese-related literature in the library.

The donation comes just in time as the NTU School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) prepares to open its doors to students who wish to major in Chinese for the upcoming academic year. The books and CD-Roms, published by several distinguished academic publishers in China, cover a myriad of subjects, ranging from Chinese language and linguistics, translation studies, history and culture, to philosophy and religion. These include:

- Reference books are published by famous publishers such as China Commerce and Trade Press, Shanghai Foreign Language Education Press, Yu Wen Chu Ban She, Chinese Publishing House, etc
- Chinese-English and English-Chinese translation studies, and more than 280 titles on Chinese language and linguistics
• Famous publications such as Wang Meng Wen Cun and the corpus of Twenty-Five Histories
• CDs and VCDs (collectible versions) covering a wide range of titles, including the famous Chinese classics, the Poetry of Tang and Song Dynasties, Three-Character Scriptures, One Hundred Family Surnames, etc

The resources are expected to benefit the undergraduates who plan to major in Chinese at HSS. Other students who have a personal interest in these subjects will also have easy access to these resources as they are housed in the Lee Wee Nam Library, located in the heart of the NTU campus.

Associate Professor Lee Guan Kin, Head of the Division of Chinese at HSS, shares, “The titles of the books and CD-Roms will enhance the existing resources in our library. They have been specially selected by our faculty members to ensure that they will be of direct relevance to our major curriculum. Our faculty members are very excited by the Chinese Embassy’s generous donation. We are confident that the resources will be well used by both students and academic staff.”

To commemorate the event, a book donation ceremony is held at the NTU Lee Wee Nam Library this morning, 2 February 05, where Chinese Ambassador HE Zhang Yun presented some of the Chinese books to NTU President, Dr Su Guaning.

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University was recently ranked by the Times Higher Education Supplement at the 50th place globally and 7th in Asia, in its ranking of the 200 best universities in the world.

The campus was originally developed for a Chinese language university, Nanyang University in 1955. In 1981, Nanyang Technological Institute was established on this campus to educate engineers for the rapidly developing Singapore economy. In 1991 Nanyang Technological University was inaugurated.

The university has a strong engineering school ranked among the best in the Commonwealth, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programs in the world, an internationally acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best Schools of Communications and Information in Asia, and a new (2001) School of Biological Sciences playing a leading role in Singapore’s Life Sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is an international authority on terrorism.

The university is in a major expansion from 16,000 to 22,300 undergraduate students. During this expansion three new schools are being built – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the School of Art, Design and Media.

A traditional strength of the university is the high employment rate and high remuneration received by its graduates. The university is now in the process of realizing its New Undergraduate Experience initiative with a comprehensive curriculum, wide choices of options for students, vibrant campus life and international experience.

Strong international relationships and collaboration programmes is a hallmark of the university. This includes the Singapore-MIT Alliance, Singapore-Stanford Partnership, Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management, Singapore – University of Washington Alliance in Bioengineering, Global Immersion Programme with Peking University, Tsinghua University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, University of Washington and Georgia Institute of Technology, among many other programmes in US, China, India, Japan and Europe.

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