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SIXTY PER CENT MORE ORGANISATIONS JOIN NTU CAREER FAIR

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Career Fair 2005 will see about 60 employers from the private and public sectors set up 85 booths to recruit graduating NTU students. This number marks an increase of over 60% from the previous career fair, showing that NTU students continue to be highly sought after by employers.

Out of the 60 organisations, about 20 are participating for the first time and they include Citibank, Singapore Telecommunications, United Parcel Services and Siemens Medical Instruments Pte Ltd. This year’s NTU Career Fair also sees the highest number of participating organisations since 2000.

So eager in their recruitment are some organisations, such as Tech Semiconductor, that requests were received for interview rooms, which will be provided.

Personal and on-the-spot career coaching will also be provided by a team of 9 career coaches at the fair.

Alongside the two-day Career Fair, NTU’s Office of Professional Attachments (OPA) is also holding a series of career talks for NTU students.

The fair and talks are open to both current and graduating students. They are part of a series of some 50 career services and activities organised by OPA each
year. Other initiatives include Networking Nights held in October 2004, and CareerMall@NTU, an online jobsite created for NTU students and alumni.

Over 6,000 NTU students are expected to attend the two-day fair held on 2 and 3 February 2005 at NTU.

Says Mr Ng Boon Hwang, Director, OPA, “Our career activities have always seen a good turn-out by employers. It is no wonder that NTU students have always enjoyed excellent career prospects and been highly sought after by employers.”

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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.