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NTU AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY BRIDGE SINGAPORE AND SILICON VALLEY WITH GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE

High profile entrepreneurs and technopreneurs will share their experiences at the Global Entrepreneurship Conference 2005, jointly organised by Stanford Asia Technology Initiative (Stanford University) and Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre on 2-3 September 2005.

The conference is hosted by alumni from the NTU’s Technopreneurship and Innovation Program (TIP), an innovative 16-week fast-track graduate diploma in entrepreneurship.

Luminaries from Silicon Valley and Singapore will attend the two-day conference and engage the participants with highly-successful models of entrepreneurship adopted by Silicon Valley, and how they can be adapted for Singapore.

Titled “Forging Alliances: A Silicon Valley Singapore Synergy”, this year’s conference seeks to showcase the latest business and technological advents both in Singapore and Silicon Valley, and also to serve as a powerful launching platform for companies interested in tapping directly into the emerging financial and trade centres of Asia.

Over two days, eminent leaders from industry, academia and government will give speeches and lead panel discussions. Guest-of-honour Dr Tan Sze Wee, Nominated Member of Parliament, and managing director and CEO of Rockeby Group, will be sharing his experiences in the biotechnology field. Mr Bobby Chao, co-founder and chairman of
DragonVenture, will be speaking from the Silicon Valley venture capitalist’s point of view on the significant investment opportunities in Singapore and the region. Mr Chao is also one of the founders of Cadence Design Systems, a US$4bn Nasdaq-listed company, and will share his experiences on creating a start-up from scratch.

Professor Dr Tan Teng Kee, director of Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre and Mr Roderick Chia, a graduate of NTU’s TIP will be sharing their views on forging entrepreneurship across generational divide. Mr Kannan Pashupathy, director of international programs, Google, will give a presentation on Google’s interests in Asia Pacific, Singapore’s entrepreneurship potential and talent development in the region.

Other topics include:
- Industrial Alliances in Technology: An Interdisciplinary Experiment
- Capturing Value in Asia

An opening dinner reception cum networking session on 2 September and the conference on 3 September will provide participants the opportunity to interact with successful professionals in Silicon Valley, as well as enthusiastic budding entrepreneurs.

About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution.

Our university has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 universities in the world. We have a strong engineering college ranked among the best globally, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programmes in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative.

NTU has established three new schools – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. Together with a broad, comprehensive curriculum, NTU’s New Undergraduate Experience features a vibrant campus life, residential living, undergraduate research opportunities and international experience.

A traditional strength of the university is the high employment rate and high remuneration received by its graduates. Strong international relationships are also a hallmark of NTU. We have collaborations with more than 250 institutions worldwide, including MIT, Stanford University and Cornell University in the US, Peking University, Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiaotong University in China, Waseda University in Japan and many others in Europe and Asia.

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About Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre
Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre (NTC) was established in January 2001 as a joint venture between Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Economic Development Board. It serves as a focal point of technology entrepreneurship development within NTU and the region, where creativity and entrepreneurship will thrive, leading to the creation of new business ventures that will provide the new engine of growth for Singapore.

NTC is dedicated to technology entrepreneurship development in the region and aims to groom individuals with the gumption and business acumen to turn their novel idea into successful high-tech ventures. Its roles and functions include:

- Fostering and promoting the culture of innovation and technopreneurship through entrepreneurship education programs and activities.
- Establishing collaborative culture among the staff, students, alumni, venture capitalists and industrialists by encouraging synergistic interaction.
- Providing critical environment for innovations and technopreneurial start-ups and ventures.
- Generating resource-based knowledge and information through R&D and consulting services.

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**About the Technopreneurship and Innovation Programme**

The Technopreneurship & Innovation Program (TIP), flagship program of the Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre, is an innovative 16-week fast-track approach to entrepreneurship. Jointly conducted by NTU and the University of Washington (UW) Department of Bioengineering, TIP is a rigorous entrepreneurial program of real-life study and experiences which takes students through the entire stage of the venture creation process.

This revolutionary programme includes an intensive 10-week seminar-styled experiential learning at NTU, followed by a five-week immersion at UW, Seattle, where, studying alongside American students, students will undertake entrepreneurial studies and develop real business plans for emerging technologies under the guidance of inventors and Seattle-based entrepreneurs. Prior to that, TIP students will visit start-ups and corporations as part of a one-week corporate visit in Silicon Valley, San Francisco. Successful graduates are conferred a joint NTU-UW graduate diploma.

**About Stanford ATI**

Stanford ATI is Stanford University’s premier Asian technology program that provides a unique real-world entrepreneurial experience in the Pacific Rim. Having been in operation for over half a decade, Stanford ATI has partnered itself with corporations and organizations that share its vision of promoting technology innovation in Asia. Stanford ATI has worked and dealt with notable VC firms such as Sequoia, DFJ, Walden, large technology companies such as HP, Microsoft, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, and entrepreneurial organizations across the Pacific Rim such as TIE, the Hina Group, and Majulah Connection.

Stanford ATI enjoys international publicity from its sites in Asia, with over 30 national and international media outlets covering its summer fellowship program and conferences over the years. Currently there are Stanford ATI sites in Bangalore and Mumbai, India; Shanghai, China; and Singapore. Stanford ATI is supported by the School of Engineering at Stanford University and the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

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