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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 Jiao Tong University, University of Washington and Georgia Institute of Technology, among many other programmes in US, China, India, Japan and Europe.

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ABOUT THALES

Thales is an international electronics and systems group, serving defence, aerospace, services and security markets. The group employs 61,500 people worldwide and generated revenues of 10.3 billion in 2004. With industrial operations in nearly 30 countries, Thales is recognized as a world leader in cutting edge technology.

The aerospace, defence and security industries acknowledge Thales as pioneers of technological innovation, new design methodologies and ground-breaking organisational models. With 19,000 staff employed on internal research and development, Thales is supporting this leadership role. The Group invests approximately €1.9 billion per year in research & development and delivers an average of 250 inventions a year, filing 1,800 patents.

Thales Technology Centre Singapore Pte Ltd

Noting its long standing relationship with DSTA and DSO National Labs in the field of defence research, technology and development and the potential of growing this activity further, thanks to availability of a highly educated workforce, the Thales Group took the decision to set up Thales Technology Centre Singapore (TTCS) with the goal to serve as a focal point of all the Group R&D activity here, and with the ambition to grow it into a center of excellence for selected R&D areas, whether these are purely defence or dual use. As such, TTCS is one of the four corporate R&D centers and the first one venturing outside Western Europe. A Memorandum of Understanding between Thales and DSTA was signed on 31 May 2003 by the Chief Executive, DSTA, Mr Richard Lim, and Chairman and CEO, Thales Group, Denis Ranque.
In line with its multi-domestic policy implemented worldwide, TTCS intends, in a unique fashion specific to Singapore, to become part of the local defence technology ecosystem and contribute to Singapore’s capability in defence R&D. After two years of operation, and in spite of the competitive economic environment, TTCS is now clearly acknowledged as a promising vehicle for addressing the medium and long term most technology demanding requirements of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Each Thales corporate laboratory aims to develop into a centre of excellence for advanced R&D in selected areas. TTCS’s areas of R&D include Sensors & Components, Software Technologies, Signal & Data Processing, and Systems & Network.

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