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NTU’s Singapore Internet Research Centre organises annual Chinese Internet Research Conference

The Singapore Internet Research Centre at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will be hosting the fourth Chinese Internet Research Conference this year. Titled “China’s Internet and Chinese Cultures”, the conference focuses on the ways in which the Internet and other technologies interact with Chinese cultural and social life. This is the first time the conference is held in Asia and NTU will be hosting it in Singapore. It will run from 21 to 22 July.

This conference in Singapore is the fruition of efforts by NTU’s School of Communication and Information (SCI) to develop a research network on China’s internet.

The conference brings together top researchers from all around the world, including scholars from Beijing University and Harvard University. It also features keynote speaker, Isaac Mao, who is one of the forerunners in blogging in China, both through example and through his setting up of the first Chinese blog engine. Scholars, analysts, industry leaders, journalists and legal practitioners from around the world will gather to examine the impact of the Internet on Chinese culture.

Says Associate Professor Ang Peng Hwa, dean of SCI, "NTU had been involved with the conference from its inception three years ago in the USA. And although it’s a conference about China, this is the first time it is being held in Asia.

"China is already the second largest internet market in the world, after the USA. And it is poised to overtake the US in a few years. This conference is significant in underlining the research that we do at NTU in understanding the internet in what will be the largest internet market in the world in a few years."

Topics to be covered include the following:
- Chinese culture and new media technologies
- Bridging the political divide: the Internet and Cross-Straits Relations
- Chinese communities and the Internet
- "Internet pollution" and social impacts
- "Let a billion voices bloom"- e-government, e-democracy
- Addressing China's digital divide
- The Chinese diaspora and the Internet
- China and global governance (ICANN, WSIS etc)
- China and Asia's Digital Future (China's role in Internet development in Asia)

The conference will be conducted in English.

For more details, visit www.ntu.edu.sg/sci/sirc/chinaintconf.html

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About the Singapore Internet Research Centre

The Singapore Internet Research Centre is hosted at and has received initial funding from the School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. The centre initiates and conducts research related to the Internet across Asia, including East, Southeast, and South Asia. Faculty associates of the Centre engage in wide variety of collaborative research efforts with other researchers around the globe. Although the research efforts are primarily supported by faculty from NTU, it engages in a wide variety of collaborative efforts with researchers and institutions worldwide.

About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university has a beautiful garden campus and a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955.

NTU's 12 schools span diverse disciplines – from engineering and the sciences to art, design and media. The university has a strong engineering college focused on innovation, 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. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism issues.

Ranked among the top 50 universities in the world, NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Some examples of key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Carnegie Mellon University; world-class universities in Asia such as Beijing University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda, IIT of India; and top
European universities like Cambridge University, Imperial College, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, University of St. Gallen, University of Technology of Compiegne and the University of Technology of Troyes.

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