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NTU supports Sino-Singapore initiative for stronger bilateral ties

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is participating in a Sino-Singapore initiative aimed at broadening bilateral ties and fostering friendship and better understanding between students from Singapore and China.

This programme is significant because it is a mutual exchange programme for Singapore and China.

On 21 and 22 March 2004, NTU staff and students are hosting a delegation of students and officials from the People’s Republic of China under the Sino-Singapore Undergraduate Exchange Programme (SSUEP). This is the second time that NTU is participating in this programme.

Twenty-one NTU students will play host to a 55-member Chinese delegation of staff and students from the following leading Chinese universities:

- Beijing Language and Culture University
- Beijing Foreign Studies University
- Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
- Fudan University
- Shanghai International Studies University
- Nankai University

During the one-and-a-half day visit, NTU students will share with their counterparts the NTU undergraduate experience and introduce them to NTU’s vibrant academic and campus life.
Come this May, the same group of NTU students will be paying a reciprocal visit to China in the second leg of this year’s programme.

Says Mr Tan Kok Kuan, a final-year student at NTU’s School of Communication and Information, “Even as students, we recognize the importance of cultural exchanges and interaction in enriching our undergraduate experience. I look forward to experiencing China, the world’s largest economy, first-hand through this programme.”

Aside from the SSUEP, NTU has signed agreements with more than thirty Chinese universities since 1994 for academic, research and exchange activities.

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About the Sino-Singapore Undergraduate Exchange Programme

The Ministries of Education of the People’s Republic of China and Republic of Singapore signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 29 May 2002, in which both parties agreed to allow for an exchange of up to 50 outstanding university students annually. The objectives of the programme are to broaden bilateral ties and to foster understanding, collaboration and bonding between students from the two countries.

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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