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NTU GIVES STUDENTS EUROPE EXPERIENCE

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has set in motion plans to give its students exposure in Europe. This marks the start of the Europe leg of the university’s flagship Global Immersion Programme (GIP), which already has a presence in China and the United States.

NTU has arranged for five leading European universities in Troyes, Compiegne and Lyon in France, and in Lausanne and St Gallen in Switzerland to provide its students with the opportunity to spend a semester studying in Europe to gain first-hand perspective of European culture, industry and entrepreneurship. The five universities are:

France
- University of Technology of Troyes
- University of Technology of Compiegne
- Insa Lyon

Switzerland
- Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
- University of St Gallen
To kick off GIP Europe, NTU President, Dr Su Guaning and Dr Patrick Aebischer, President of Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 20 September 2005 (11pm local time). NTU will tap existing partnership agreements with the other universities for GIP Europe.

More European universities will also be added to GIP Europe in future phases.

Being exposed to a foreign language is part of the GIP experience. Students on GIP Europe will have such an opportunity, as most lessons will be conducted in French or German.

GIP Europe comes on the heels of GIP China and GIP United States, which saw more than 140 students pursuing stints in Beijing and Shanghai and over 50 students going to Atlanta and Seattle in the United States in January 2005.

Says Professor Er Meng Hwa, Deputy President, NTU: “We create opportunities for international exposure for our students because we believe they must ultimately play on the world stage. We also seek to groom international talent for Singapore, equally comfortable venturing out to Shanghai, Lausanne, Lyon or Seattle. Students who come to NTU will be spoilt for choice in their multi-country education.”

Plans for a partnership with a university in Mumbai, which will set in motion GIP India, are currently underway. Partnerships with other universities in Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand are also expected to follow.
About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution with 12 Schools, including three new schools -the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

NTU has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 in the world. Our strength in science and engineering is acknowledged globally. We have a business school with an MBA programme that is among the top 100 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 & Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism.

Our New Undergraduate Experience featuring a holistic education including residential living and international experience has received external endorsement for its comprehensive curriculum featuring a rich selection of minors.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg

About Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) (Switzerland)

Dubbed the MIT of Europe, EPFL has a rich history dating back to the 19th century. The university is located in the French-speaking region of Switzerland and 50 per cent of its teaching staff hail from other parts of Europe and America. This provides students with a global learning environment. For more information, visit www.epfl.ch/Eindex.html

About the University of St Gallen (Switzerland)

Founded in 1898, the University of St Gallen for Business Administration, Economics, Law and Social Sciences (HSG) began as a municipal business academy and in 1911 became a ‘business university’. The university continues today to pursue the original mission of providing students with a practice-oriented education. The university concentrates on the education of tomorrow’s leaders in business, public administration, law and teachers of business subjects at secondary schools. The HSG places great emphasis in its teaching on systems theory and the importance of broad, interdisciplinary approaches to all questions. For more information, visit www.unisg.ch/hsgweb.nsf/wwwPubhomepage/webhomepageeng?opendocument

About the University of Technology of Compiegne (France)

UTC was established as the first of three national public universities in the reputable Université de Technologie (UT) network. Started in 1972, it has a student population of 3,300. It also maintains strong links with industry such as Unilever, Yoplia, Shell, Renault, etc. For more information, visit www.utt.fr/uk/index.php
About the University of Technology of Troyes (France)

UTT is also part of the reputable UT network, which includes UTC and Université de Technologie de Belfort-Montbéliard (UTBM). Established in 1994 with three missions: education, research and transfer of technology, UTT is reputed for its ability to provide an education that matches the changing demands of industry. For more information, visit www.utc.fr/site-anglais/index.html

About Insa Lyon (France)

Founded in 1957, INSA-Lyon is part of the nation-wide network of fine institutes which produces 8 per cent of the engineering graduates in France each year. It places high importance in preparing its engineers for international careers and more than 77 per cent of its students spend part of their study aboard. It is also the first French University of Science and Technology to obtain the European Erasmus Master Mundus Label (symbol of European excellence). For more information, visit www.insa-lyon.fr/index.php