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NTU WINS PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATION AWARD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the second year running, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has been awarded the Innovative and Enterprising Agency Shield by The Enterprise Challenge (TEC) panel. The Shield is awarded to the most outstanding public organisation that supports its staff’s innovative efforts. NTU was selected in recognition of the University’s efforts in creating an environment for developing ideas and for its strong collaborative ties with other public agencies.

TEC of the Prime Minister's Office is an initiative that seeks to encourage innovative proposals that create significant improvements to the delivery of public services. The award selection process is stringently conducted by a panel that consists of distinguished professionals with years of experience in fields related to innovation.

Besides winning the Shield, one of NTU’s projects was also selected for the Innovator Award by TEC. The pilot project on the application of engineered wetland technology is a joint project with PUB and EnviroPro Ltd. The project utilizes innovative NTU patented biotechnology to develop a treatment process for water from surface runoff. This helps maintain high water quality in reservoirs.
Other TEC approved projects from NTU include:

- the biological treatment of industrial food waste (a joint project with JTC);
- the detection of latent fingerprints using a new optical technique (a joint project with SPF);
- ballast water treatment for marine industry;

and several more.

NTU’s Secretary to the University, Mr Anthony Teo, receives the Shield on behalf of the University. The award is presented by the Head of Civil Service, Mr Peter Ho, at the PS21 ExCEL Convention.

On NTU winning the Innovative and Enterprising Agency Shield, Mr Anthony Teo says: “It is especially uplifting as this is the second time in a row that NTU is receiving this award. We are happy and proud that NTU’s continuous pursuit of innovation in our research is being recognised. For the many outstanding individuals at NTU whose continued commitment to their work has kept us at the forefront of innovation and educational excellence, this award will be an added inspiration."

He adds, "NTU will continue to embrace innovation, embedding innovation in all our pursuits to provide the necessary support for our faculty, staff and our students to allow them to discover creative solutions that will benefit Singapore and beyond. This is congruent with Singapore’s ‘Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship’ thrust to build up research and entrepreneurial talent, and to begin research and innovation early, especially at the university level."

Ms Angela Chong, Manager, The Enterprise Challenge Unit, says: “The prestigious Innovative and Enterprising Agency Shield is awarded to the most outstanding public agency that provides an environment conducive for generating TEC innovations from its officers. This year, The TEC Panel has decided to confer the prestigious Innovative and Enterprising Agency Shield to Nanyang Technological University (NTU). The TEC Panel selected NTU in recognition of the University’s effort in creating a conducive environment for incubating ideas and its strong collaborative ties with other public agencies such as PUB, SPF and JTC.”

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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. With the comprehensive curriculum, vibrant campus life and international experience, the university is in the process of realising its New Undergraduate Experience initiative.

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.

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

About TEC

The Enterprise Challenge (TEC), an initiative driven by the Prime Minister’s Office, encourages radical innovations from both the private and public sectors by providing funding and test-beds for innovators to trial test risky, unproven innovations that bring about quantum leap improvements in the delivery of public services. TEC provides opportunities for private-public sector collaborations where the ideas from private sector innovators are test-bedded in public agencies, paving the way to implementation in the public sector if the trials are successful. The private sector innovators get proof of concept and a credible track record, which would facilitate the journey towards commercialization.

Each year, TEC presents awards to both innovators and public agencies to recognize their achievements and inspire other public officers/agencies to be more innovative and enterprising. For more information on The Enterprise Challenge, please visit www.tec.gov.sg

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