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NTU celebrates the graduation of its Class of 2006

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will celebrate the graduation of its Class of 2006 from today, 24 Jul 06 to 28 Jul 06.

The first of NTU’s Convocation ceremonies will see 93 graduands receive their Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biological Sciences degrees. This is the pioneer batch of Bachelor of Science graduands from NTU’s School of Biological Sciences (SBS).

Established in July 2001, NTU SBS supports Singapore’s life sciences initiative through producing graduates expected to fill the rapidly increasing demand for a high-quality workforce and researchers.

The four-year direct honours course offers broad-based training for students in biological sciences, incorporating NTU’s strengths and expertise in science and technology and business into the curriculum.

His Excellency, President S R Nathan, who is also Chancellor of NTU, will preside at NTU’s first convocation ceremony. Other guests at the first convocation ceremony include Minister for Defence, Teo Chee Hean, and Minister for Education and Second Minister for Finance, Tharman Shanmugaratnam.
There are eleven other pioneer batches of graduands this year, including the Master of Science in Technopreneurship and Innovation, an upgrade course for graduate diploma holders of the popular Technopreneurship and Innovation Programme, as well as the Master of Arts in Contemporary China, which aims to produce bicultural students and develop their expertise in China’s economic, political, and social and cultural development.

Of notable mention this year is the large number of graduands who are children or close relatives of dignitaries, including heads of state. These prominent members of the Class of 2006 include Mr Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono, son of the President of Indonesia, and Mr Da Silva Horta Maubere Lorosae, son of the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste. They are graduating from NTU's Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies 10-month Master of Science (Strategic Studies) programme. In addition, Mr Nguyen Minh An, son of the President of Vietnam, will graduate from NTU’s Master of Business Administration (Nanyang Fellows) programme.

A total of 15 ceremonies will be held over the five-day Convocation period, with more 6,500 students graduating. The number of undergraduates and graduates receiving higher degrees are 4,200 and 2,300 respectively.

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 Compiègne and the University of Technology of Troyes.

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