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NTU AND XIAN JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY TO JOINTLY PROMOTE RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND MANPOWER TRAINING
- First initiative in the form of doctorate co-supervision alliance programme

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Xian Jiaotong University (XJTU) to jointly promote research collaboration and research manpower training.

The first initiative under the agreement will take the form of a doctorate co-supervision alliance programme. This alliance programme provides for Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng) graduates, full-time Master of Engineering (M.Eng) / Master of Science (M.Sc) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) students of XJTU to pursue their doctoral studies jointly supervised by faculty of XJTU and NTU.

The alliance programme will begin with research candidates embarking on their Master degree programme in XJTU to proceed for their Doctorate studies in NTU. At NTU, the candidate’s doctoral studies will be jointly supervised by faculty of both NTU and XJTU.

Ph.D candidates selected by XJTU for the alliance programme will be offered a research scholarship upon enrolment as NTU students. Under this arrangement, the total number of research scholarships is capped at 15 per academic year.

Concurrently, XJTU will also select up to 15 Ph.D students registered with and receiving scholarship from XJTU, for co-supervision by faculty of both NTU and XJTU.
The agreement also involves research seminars between faculty members in both universities and possible research collaboration in all disciplines of engineering.

Says Professor Lim Mong King, Deputy President and Dean, College of Engineering, NTU: “The agreement formalizes the deep respect both universities have for each other and the enthusiasm both share for collaboration in education and research in key engineering areas beneficial to China and Singapore.”

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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, many established through its strategic alliances with 300 institutions in more than 45 countries, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, Cornell University, Cambridge University, and Beijing University.

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