Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

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NTU WELCOMES FRESHMEN IN ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) opens its doors to freshmen with 11 pioneer courses this year. This 50th anniversary year marks our new schools, Humanities and Social Sciences; Physical and Mathematical Sciences; and Art, Design and Media, going into full swing.

Freshmen from the following new courses will enter NTU this academic year:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Art, Design and Media
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry & Biological Chemistry
- Chinese
- English
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Physics & Applied Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

In addition, NTU’s flagship overseas programme, the Global Immersion Programme, has been expanded to cover new countries like France, Switzerland and India. These include renowned institutes such as Switzerland’s University of St. Gallen, INSA Lyon in France and the Indian Institute of Technology (Mumbai). The programme has already seen students going to four separate campuses – in Beijing, Shanghai, Seattle...
and Atlanta - since its inception in January 2005. Set up in collaboration with our partners, students undergo a tailored programme to absorb the culture and business practices in key economies around the world.

Freshmen and existing students can look forward to a wide array of exciting academic offerings this year as part of the new undergraduate experience. **Seven new minor programmes**, such as Public Administration and Pharmaceutical Engineering, add both breadth and depth to the students’ experience in NTU. A total of 23 Minor programmes are now available.

The events lined up to welcome freshmen into the university include the Freshmen Welcome Ceremony and the Heritage Walk. The Freshmen Welcome Ceremony, on 25 July 2005, gives freshmen an opportunity to meet the NTU President Dr Su Guaning and members of the faculty. Freshmen can also look forward to the revamped Heritage Walk on 28 July 2005, which allows them to learn about NTU’s rich heritage in a fun and exciting way. The event will see more than 1,000 students, staff and alumni competing in teams as they race around campus performing tasks and solving quizzes. The winners stand to win attractive prizes such as air tickets, wakeboard clinics and mp3 players. Dr Su will flag off the race.

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**About Nanyang Technological University**

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established international institution in tertiary education.

Our university has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. We began as Nanyang University, a private university set up with donations from people of all walks of life, from Singapore and the region. The university grounds, Yunnan Garden Campus, was donated by the Hokkien Clan Association as part of this campaign.

We were reborn as Nanyang Technological Institute, established on the same campus in 1981 with government funding to educate practice-oriented engineers for the burgeoning Singapore economy. In 1991 we became Nanyang Technological University with the absorption of the National Institute of Education.

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.
Undergraduate enrolment will swell from 17,500 to 22,300 with the establishment of three new schools – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

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 realising 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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