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Celebrating cultural diversity and showcasing GlobalNANYANG
Two events to kick-start the university’s 50th anniversary celebrations

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is celebrating its cultural diversity and showcasing its strong ‘GlobalNanyang’ attribute with the opening of the new International House, and the launch of a two-day International Cultural and Food Festival.

Located at the heart of campus, the new International House houses the International Students’ Centre, the International Relations Office and the Student Counselling Centre. The coming together of these offices, which provide services for international and internationally-bound students, will facilitate students pursuing an international education through programmes such as student exchanges and overseas attachment programmes.

The International Cultural and Food Festival, organised by the NTU Students’ Union, will host a dazzling myriad of musical and cultural performances, as well as more than 20 cultural exhibits and ethnic foodstuffs stalls. The festival, which received an overwhelming response when held for the first time last year, aims to raise the profile of international cultures in NTU as well as to encourage greater interaction between staff and students of different cultural backgrounds.

Home to over 5,000 international students hailing from countries ranging from Korea to Kazakhstan, NTU hopes offer our students on campus an invaluable international and vibrant campus experience.
Says Dr Su Guaning, President, NTU, “By nurturing our students to be international talent and entrepreneurial leaders, we hope they will benefit from the NANYANG experience, spread out and venture far afield, beyond their major disciplines and their home base.”

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“In a series of 50th anniversary events this year, we shall celebrate the diverse facets of this new, comprehensive university, reaching out to Singaporeans and foreign students alike”, says Dr Su.

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About Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang Technological University was recently ranked by the Times Higher Education Supplement at the 50th place globally and 7th in Asia, in its ranking of the 200 best universities in the world. The campus was originally developed for a Chinese language university, Nanyang University in 1955. In 1981, Nanyang Technological Institute was established on this campus to educate engineers for the rapidly developing Singapore economy. In 1991 Nanyang Technological University was inaugurated.

The university has a strong engineering school ranked among the best in the Commonwealth, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programs in the world, an internationally acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best Schools of Communications and Information in Asia, and a new (2001) School of Biological Sciences playing a leading role in Singapore’s Life Sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is an international authority on terrorism. The university is in a major expansion from 16,000 to 22,300 undergraduate students. During this expansion three new schools are being built – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the School of Art, Design and Media.

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 realizing 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.