A resounding welcome for NTU freshmen

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) holds its Freshmen Welcome Ceremony today, 26 July 2004 at the Nanyang Auditorium. The event will see NTU President, Dr Su Guanning, and the NTU community welcome some 5,000 freshmen to the NTU family.

Representatives from the student, staff and alumni bodies will give speeches to welcome the freshmen. The freshmen will for the first time recite the newly-crafted NTU Pledge. This pledge was written by the Dean of Students, Professor Koh Tai Ann, with input from the school deans and students. The ceremony culminates with the ‘light-up’ session, which symbolizes the vitality of the NTU undergraduate experience.

The Freshmen Welcome Ceremony is a highlight and the start of a week-long series of freshmen orientation activities. Other highlights of the freshmen orientation week include the Heritage Walk, a mass walk around NTU’s campus which will help forge even stronger friendships among students, staff and alumni. The NTU Student’s Union will also organize a Welcome Carnival, complete with stalls and live performances, to help integrate freshmen into the NTU community.

Besides the orientation activities, freshmen will be able to enjoy a host of student-centric initiatives:

- the upcoming student activities centre, located in the heart of campus
- a food centre run by NTU students
- a one-stop student services centre for added convenience
- a new International House to cater to the needs of the international student community
Says Mr Oh Yin Hao, a freshman at NTU’s School of Computer Engineering, “There are so many orientation and student activities lined up for us and I look forward to a colourful and vibrant school life. Who knows, with the new student activities centre coming up, I may even be able to help manage or organize events for my fellow students.”

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About Nanyang Technological University

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a top-tier university, ranked among the best science and technological universities in Asia. It has a business school that is consistently ranked among the top ten in Asia.

Established in 1991, the university has since been positioning itself to be a global university of excellence and is committed to its mission in Educating Leaders and Advancing Knowledge for Singapore and Beyond. NTU has an undergraduate and graduate enrolment of about 25,000 and an international faculty of over 1,500. It offers a broad-based curriculum, which focuses on the development of global views, entrepreneurship and adaptability, through the following schools:

1. College of Engineering, which consists of five schools:
   - Civil and Environmental Engineering
   - Computer Engineering
   - Electrical and Electronic Engineering
   - Materials Engineering
   - Mechanical and Production Engineering

2. Nanyang Business School
3. School of Biological Sciences
4. School of Communication and Information
5. School of Humanities and Social Sciences
6. School of Art, Design and Media (to be established by 2005)
7. School of Physical Sciences (to be established by 2005)

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