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FRESHMEN GET FEEL OF ROOTS

Over 2,000 students, staff and alumni experience first-hand the distinctive heritage and culture of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) at the Heritage Walk on 27 July 2004. NTU President, Dr Su Guaning, flags off the 2.3km walk at the university’s Yunnan Garden.

The Heritage Walk is an annual event organized by NTU to welcome freshmen and promote their sense of belonging to the university. It brings together various groups from NTU making it an excellent opportunity for the NTU family to bond and interact with one another.

Themed “Know the Past, Live the Present, Create the Future”, this year’s Heritage Walk introduces and familiarizes participants with landmarks within the campus, such as Yunnan Garden and the Nanyang Auditorium. Bus trips bring interested participants to the Nanyang Arch.

Associate Professor Tan Teng Kee, Chairman of the Freshmen Orientation Committee, tells the freshmen that it is a privilege to be part of NTU and part of the heritage. He shares, “The Heritage Walk helps the NTU community, and especially freshmen, appreciate the richness of our culture and heritage in the beautiful setting of NTU’s Yunnan Garden.”

NTU students play an active part in ensuring the success of this event. More than 10 student clubs and societies add to the festivities through robust cultural and sporting performances. Participants enjoy a mass breakfast at the Sports and Recreation Club, and end the Walk at Nanyang Auditorium, where participants...
browse through an exhibition on NTU's past, present and future, and booths to raise funds for charities such as the Handicapped Welfare Association, staged by two student clubs - the NTU Heritage Club and the NTU Welfare Services Club respectively.

Says Mr Allen Eng, President of the NTU Student’s Union, “The Heritage Walk allows me to learn more about NTU’s heritage and beginnings, and to understand its rich history and its phenomenal growth in past decades. Such insight makes me feel even closer to NTU.”

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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 Physical Sciences (to be established by 2005)
7. School of Art, Design and Media (to be established by 2005)

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