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NTU NURTURES NEXT GENERATION OF MARITIME LEADERS

All-rounders to receive inaugural scholarships

Mrs Zareena Sayeed, wife of the late Captain Muhammad Jalaluddin Sayeed, a pioneer in Singapore’s maritime industry in the 1960s, Neptune Orient Lines (NOL) Chairman, Mr Cheng Wai Keung, and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) President Dr Su Guaning, will jointly present the endowed NOL – Captain MJ Sayeed Scholarship to two recipients at the inaugural award ceremony today.

The endowed fund, amounting to US$300,000, was bequeathed by NOL, in memory of its founding Managing Director, Capt Sayeed.

Capt Sayeed is credited with drafting the first proposal to outline plans for a Singapore national shipping line in 1968. Capt Sayeed brought with him 29 years of maritime experience, making him an invaluable trove of knowledge to the young team at NOL then. Today, NOL has grown into a US$7 billion global transportation and logistics company.

The endowed scholarship aims to inspire and nurture talents for leadership positions within the global maritime industry. For this first year, two scholarships will be presented,
one to a Singaporean and the other to a Pakistani student, from NTU’s Master of Science (Maritime Studies) course.

The inaugural recipients of the scholarships are Mr Muhammad Azfar Khan from Pakistan and local scholar Mr Tam Wai Meng. Currently a Management Trainee with APL-NOL, Azfar’s passion for the conservation and protection of the environment saw him working with the World Wildlife Fund, and receiving a Presidential Award for conservation merit. Wai Meng has also served the community by working with youths at YMCA camps in countries as varied as South Africa and Russia.

Says Azfar, upon receiving the scholarship: “I am extremely honoured to be the first-ever recipient of this award named after my fellow-countryman and distinguished maritime pioneer, Capt MJ Sayeed.”

Adds Wai Meng: “Through this course at NTU, I hope to eventually play a leading role and make a difference in the global maritime industry.”

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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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