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NTU and NAFA to provide an accelerated path towards a degree for young fine arts talents

With the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) on 30 March 2006, outstanding NAFA students will be able to take Advanced Placement classes to accelerate their path towards an NTU degree.

NAFA graduates who are interested to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts at NTU can also embark on our Art, Design and Media school’s direct honours programmes in Digital Animation, Interactive Game Design, Digital Filmmaking, Product Design, Digital Photography, and Visual Communication. These programmes have been designed to meet the highest professional standards worldwide.

NTU also welcomes qualified NAFA graduates to take degree programmes in other areas. For example, an artist from NAFA may decide to take up NTU’s leading business and entrepreneurship programmes before embarking on exciting business ventures.

The MOU will also see NTU and NAFA exploring collaboration opportunities to develop research initiatives, contemporary educational programmes and services. NTU and NAFA are also looking at setting up joint working groups for consultation and cooperation in areas such as programme planning and joint research activities.

The collaboration will bring together NTU, known for its strengths in science and technology and who is developing niches in the arts, as well as NAFA, a leading arts institution dedicated to develop the creativity and artistic potential of talented youths.
“We welcome outstanding NAFA students to join us. They will not only gain a high level professional education, whichever field they should choose to study, they shall also gain a complete, holistic education to equip them for life. I am confident the NTU Undergraduate Experience will propel these outstanding students to blossom into true professionals for the high-tech and globalised world”, says Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU.

Mr Choo Thiam Siew, NAFA President, shares, “This Agreement signifies NAFA’s first tie-up with a reputable local partner university. The advance placement arrangement presents qualified NAFA Diploma holders with the opportunity to pursue a direct honours degree at NTU over a shorter span of three years. Its rigours will also broaden their intellectual capacity and enhance their career prospects.”

The MOU signatories are Dr Su Guaning, NTU President and Mr Choo Thiam Siew, NAFA President. Mr Chan Soo Sen, Minister of State for Education and NAFA Patron witnessed the signing.

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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.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg

About Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

The Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) is widely recognised as Singapore’s pre-eminent tertiary institution for artistic studies. It has produced a long line of Singapore’s most outstanding artists and designers since its inception in 1938.

NAFA currently delivers 17 Master’s and BA (Hons) / BA Degree programmes in collaboration with four prestigious universities from the United Kingdom and China. In addition, it offers 14 Diploma courses to over 2,000 full-time students in the visual arts, performing arts and fashion studies. Taught by a globally-experienced faculty, NAFA’s mix of high quality courses and innovative curriculum reflect the breadth of opportunities for talented individuals from within and outside Singapore.

Operational since July 2004, NAFA’s purpose-built new campus in the heart of the city boasts modern facilities, cutting-edge technology and a conducive environment which promise an enriching learning experience for all who pursue creative excellence.

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