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President S R Nathan officially launches NTU’s Wee Kim Wee School of
Communication and Information
School named in honour of the late president is poised to be a premier
international school of communication and information in Asia

Nanyang Technological University is launching its Wee Kim Wee School of
Communication and Information, named in honour of Singapore’s late President, Dr Wee
Kim Wee, who was also a respected and renowned journalist and diplomat.

The Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information will be officially launched
this evening by President SR Nathan. Mrs Wee and representatives of the Wee family
will witness the launch. NTU Board of Trustees Chairman Mr Koh Boon Hwee, NTU
President Dr Su Guaning, and Chairman of the Wee Kim Wee Legacy Fund Committee
Mr Kwee Liong Keng will also be present.

Dr Wee Kim Wee dedicated 40 years of his life to journalism, building a distinguished
legacy of a tireless journalist who served the nation and its people.

As Dr Wee said in his book, *Glimpses and Reflections*, “Journalism has given me so
much and more, allowing me to meet kings and emperors, famous Hollywood actors and
actresses to taxi drivers and sweet potato sellers. This moulded me into a diplomat
without training and prepared me for the duties of Head of State that I performed without
difficulty.”

The Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information will be firmly guided by Dr
Wee’s life-long passion for journalism, his spirit and the values of journalism he
espoused and lived by. The school's programmes aim to break new ground, reflect the
growing importance of Asia, and imbibe both the spirit of inquiry of Western journalism
and the social responsibility of Asian values.

Students and graduates of the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information
will not only have a cutting-edge education in media and communication, but also be
imbued with the esteemed qualities of Dr Wee – sincerity, integrity, to report without bias
while keeping national interests at heart.

NTU President Dr Su Guaning said, “When Dr Wee passed away last year on 2nd of May,
there was a tremendous outpouring of emotion and grief in the nation. Sharing in the
collective grief, we in NTU thought the best way to remember Dr Wee is to establish the
best school of journalism, unique to the world and to Asia, reflecting the values held by
Dr Wee. Together with the Wee family, we developed a shared passion and drive to
ensure that the legacy of Dr Wee Kim Wee will continue in a vibrant university
environment, inspiring generations of young people.”

In memory of Dr Wee Kim Wee, a group of community leaders led by Mr Kwee Kiong
Keng, Managing Director of Pontiac Land, came together to establish the Wee Kim Wee
Legacy Fund. They have raised more than S$27 million, inclusive of government-
matching, to benefit programmes and students of the Wee Kim Wee School of
Communication and Information for perpetuity.

Students from the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information can look
forward to increased opportunities for global exposure and experience. The Fund will
help support programmes such as GO-FAR (Going Overseas For Advanced Reporting),
as well as overseas internships and exchange programmes.
Teaching and research will also be strengthened through hiring of world-class faculty and developing top-notch researchers to boost the standing of the school and enhance the learning experience for students.

During the event, President Nathan will launch the commemorative book on the late Dr Wee, titled *On the Record, The Journalistic Legacy of President Wee Kim Wee*, published by NTU. A copy of the book will be presented to all present at the event.

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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 has 4 colleges, comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology innovation, enjoys wide renown and currently ranks fourth in the world in engineering publications. The College of Science is at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences and science initiatives, while the Nanyang Business School (which is the College of Business) offers one of the world's top 100 MBA programmes. The tentatively-named College of Humanities and Arts boasts Singapore’s first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, will be inaugurated in 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on terrorism.

NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute.

Ranked among the top 50 universities in the world, NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Some examples of key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Carnegie Mellon University; world-class universities in Asia such as Beijing University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda, IIT of India; and top European universities like Cambridge University, Imperial College, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, University of St Gallen, University of Technology of Compiègne and University of Technology of Troyes.

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