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National Library Board and Nanyang Technological University, School of Communication and Information, Build Strategic Partnership to Facilitate Knowledge Sharing in Library and Information Science

Singapore, 6 March 2006 - National Library Board (NLB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Nanyang Technological University, School of Communication and Information (NTU SCI) to produce an e-publication that will help facilitate knowledge sharing in the field of library and information science between the professional academic communities in Singapore.

“The partnership brings together the strengths of both NLB and NTU SCI in a synergistic manner to benefit all parties. Through this collaboration, we want to position Singapore as the leader of library and knowledge education and innovation as well as to promote research in libraries and showcase libraries in Singapore. But more than anything, we want our libraries to be a stepping stone to lifelong learning, where information is delivered in a seamless and affordable manner to all,” said Ms Ngian Lek Choh, Director, National Library.

Under this MOU, NLB and NTU SCI will jointly publish an online journal on knowledge science best practices and management for Singapore and this will be extended in stages to the overseas library and information community.

Professor Ang Peng Hwa, Dean of SCI said, “By working with NLB, our staff and students will gain easy access to a wealth of information and resources to remain competitive in the knowledge sciences field. It is our hope that this collaboration will serve the wider community overseas in time to come.”

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About National Library Board

Established on 1 September 1995, the National Library Board (NLB)’s mission is to provide a trusted, accessible and globally-connected library and information service so as to promote a knowledgeable and engaged society. NLB oversees the management of the National Library, including the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, three regional libraries, 19 community libraries, 18 community children’s libraries, as well as over 30 libraries belonging to government agencies, schools and private institutions. Through its innovative use of technology and collaboration with strategic partners, NLB ensures that library users have access to a rich array of information services and resources that are convenient, accessible and useful. More information on NLB can be found on www.nlb.gov.sg.

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