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NTU SETS RECORD 168KM RUN ROUND SINGAPORE

Record setting run as part of NTU’s 50th anniversary celebrations

As part of Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) 50th anniversary celebrations, the university will be holding a 168km run event, entitled Run Round Singapore. This run, which is equivalent to four full-marathons, will be the first-of-its-kind in Singapore.

Four alumni from the university, as well as two staff members and two students, will bravely attempt to complete the full 168km. They are:

- Mr Lim Nghee Huat (林义发) from the Class of 1975
- Mr Inderjit Singh (殷吉星) from the Class of 1985
- Mr Yong Yuen Cheng (杨渊菁) from the Class of 1997
- Mr Adrian Mok (莫岳麟) from the Class of 1999
- Dr Goh Chor Boon (吴祖文), Associate Dean, National Institute of Education (NIE), NTU
- Mr Teng Teck Hou (邓德豪), Project Officer, Temasek Laboratories @ NTU
- Mr Liow Yi Hao (廖毅豪), 1st year student at Nanyang Business School, NTU
- Ms Sumiko Tan Sok Hue (陈淑慧), 1st year student at NIE, NTU

More details of the runners are provided in the fact sheet.

The idea of a record-breaking run around Singapore was first mooted by Mr Lim, an active runner and accomplished sportsman since his university days. Says Mr Lim “I am proud to play a role in this historic university event. This run is a personal achievement, as well as an invaluable opportunity for the alumni, staff and students to partake in an event that allows us to celebrate the university’s 50th anniversary together.”
The eight runners started training since beginning 2005 and have undergone physical fitness checks by qualified doctors to certify their fitness levels. Dr Teh Kong Chuan, the Medical Advisor to Run Round Singapore 2005, lends his expertise from his position as Director, Sports Medicine & Sports Science Division from Singapore Sports Council.

Relay runners will also accompany the 168km runners along the route, which comprises 50 stations. Each relay distance average 3.4 km. A baton will be passed through selected runners in each leg of the relay, to signify the university’s progress through its 50 years of history and heritage. Some 5000 NTU students, staff, alumni, friends and supporters of the university as well as members of the public are expected to participate in the relay.

The run will be flagged off by Dr Su Guaning (徐冠林), President of NTU on 1 October 2005, 9am in front of the former Nanyang University Administration Building. Runners are expected to return to NTU’s Sport and Recreation Centre in the afternoon of 2 October 2005. A grand carnival, with an expected turnout of 4,000 alumni, staff, students, supporters and their families will welcome the runners. Guest-of-Honour Minister for Transport & MP for Hong Kah GRC, Mr Yeo Cheow Tong (姚照东) will officiate the finale.

In conjunction with Run Round Singapore, the university is also encouraging donations to its endowment fund to benefit future generations of the university. Pledge cards will be disseminated to the university community.

Says Dr Su, “The 168-km Run Round Singapore 2005 aims to strengthen ties among all members of the university community - students, staff and alumni. Apart from our volunteer runners who are bravely attempting to run the full 168km distance, we also have 50 relay stations lining the island-wide route. This is truly an event that will set a new record-both in terms of scale and ambition.”

Run Round Singapore has the support of Singapore Sports Council, Singapore Pools, People’s Association, SouthWest Community Development Council, MediaCorp, Singapore Amateur Athletic Associations, Health Promotion Board, and National Parks Board among others.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the relay segment of Run Round Singapore can access this website: www.ntu.edu.sg/RunRoundSIN

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Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution.

Our university has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 universities in the world. We have a strong engineering college ranked among the best globally, 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.
NTU has established three new schools – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. With the comprehensive curriculum, vibrant campus life and international experience, the university is in the process of realising its New Undergraduate Experience initiative.

A traditional strength of the university is the high employment rate and high remuneration received by its graduates. Strong international relationships are also a hallmark of NTU. We have collaborations with more than 250 institutions worldwide, including MIT, Stanford University and Cornell University in the US, Peking University, Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiaotong University in China, Waseda University in Japan and many others in Europe and Asia.

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