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NTU CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is celebrating another year of excellence this year as it holds its Convocation for its graduating students. Some 5,426 students will graduate at NTU's convocation ceremonies this year. Of this, 4,237 will receive undergraduate degrees while 1,189 will receive higher degrees.

A total of eleven ceremonies will be held at the Nanyang Auditorium over six days, from 12 to 17 July 2004. His Excellency, President S R Nathan, who is also the Chancellor of NTU, will preside at the first Convocation ceremony. Several Ministers and senior officials will also be attending the ceremony, including Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for Security and Defence, Dr Tony Tan as well as Acting Education Minister, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

NTU Deputy President, Professor (Prof) Er Meng Hwa, shares: “We are very proud of our students and are very excited by their achievements. Some graduates have chosen to pursue further studies while others have either found jobs or started their own companies. We hope the education and their experience at NTU will come in useful in whichever path they choose to embark on.”

This year also sees the pioneer batch of students graduating from the following courses:

• Master of Science degree in Environmental Science & Engineering under the Singapore-Stanford Partnership
• Master of Science degree in Bioinformatics
• Master of Science degree in Technology and Operations Management
• Master of Science degree in Knowledge Management
Another first is the presentation of degree scrolls by the NTU Council Chairman and council members. In previous years, only the Chancellor and the pro-chancellors presented degree scrolls. This is aimed at fostering a closer relationship between the NTU council and our student body.

“The number of graduates that we produce is expected to increase over the years as our university develops into a fully comprehensive university. Our pioneer batch of students from the School of Biological Sciences will graduate next year. We have set up the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and School of Art, Design and Media. The School of Physical Sciences will also be established by 2005. With these initiatives, we can expect more graduates of different disciplines graduating from NTU in the coming years”, adds Prof Er.

As part of the convocation festivities, the NTU Students’ Union will organise the 2004 Convocation Ball on 24 July for their graduating seniors. This ball, to be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia, will be graced by His Excellency, President S R Nathan.

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About Nanyang Technological University

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a top-tier university, ranked among the best science and technological universities in Asia. It has a business school that is consistently ranked among the top ten in Asia.

Established in 1991, the university has since been positioning itself to be a global university of excellence and is committed to its mission in Educating Leaders and Advancing Knowledge for Singapore and Beyond. NTU has an undergraduate and graduate enrolment of about 25,000 and an international faculty of over 1,500. It offers a broad-based curriculum, which focuses on the development of global views, entrepreneurship and adaptability, through the following schools:

1. College of Engineering, which consists of five schools:
   - Civil and Environmental Engineering
   - Computer Engineering
   - Electrical and Electronic Engineering
   - Materials Engineering
   - Mechanical and Production Engineering
2. Nanyang Business School
3. School of Biological Sciences
4. School of Communication and Information
5. School of Humanities and Social Sciences
6. School of Art, Design and Media
7. School of Physical Sciences (to be established by 2005)

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