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NTU and Temasek Foundation launch inaugural TF-NTU LEaRN Programme

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Temasek Foundation (TF) have partnered to collaborate on the Temasek Foundation-NTU Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking Programme (TF-NTU LEaRN Programme).

The TF-NTU LEaRN Programme is launched with a fund of S$980,000 from Temasek Foundation. This is the first time that a private Foundation is offering 100 awards for students on exchange programmes.

This initiative leverages the strengths of NTU and Temasek Foundation in a joint effort to provide a total experiential learning programme through regional immersion for award recipients from Asia and Singapore.

The programme aims to enrich the leadership capacity of its award recipients through inbound and outbound immersion opportunities.

The Inbound Immersion Awards will be offered to 60 students from NTU’s partner universities in Asia to promote a balanced understanding of Singapore. The total experiential learning platform which is the hallmark of the TF-NTU LEaRN Programme offers them the chance to interact and engage with the Singapore community through host families and community service learning, building friendships and lasting ties with Singaporeans.

The Outbound Immersion Awards will enable 40 NTU undergraduates to study, undergo professional attachment and community service learning in China, India and other countries in ASEAN. They will have a head start in gaining cross-cultural intelligence, developing regional connections and in honing their leadership skills.

NTU President Dr Su Guaning said, “I have always believed in the benefits of a well-rounded, multi-disciplinary education. The TF-NTU LEaRN Programme will add an important dimension to undergraduate education. Through regional immersion, the programme aims to nurture leaders who are socially and culturally aware. Such a
programme is in line with NTU’s goals as a great university which contributes to society and mankind not only through research, but also through nurturing future leaders.”

Chairman of Temasek Foundation, Mr Goh Geok Khim, said, “Taken as a whole, the LEaRN Programme fits well into the mandate of Temasek Foundation, which is to contribute to communities in Asia, including Singapore, to invest in future generations through education and knowledge, and to build bridges among people of diverse cultures.

“The LEaRN Programme also harnesses the expertise and leadership of NTU in strategising, planning and organising a meaningful programme for young Asians who will take on leadership, managerial and specialist roles in the future.”

“We are honoured that Temasek Foundation has chosen NTU as one of their first partners. We thank Mr Goh Geok Khim and the Temasek Foundation for taking the lead to advance educational programmes that seek to build capabilities and capacities of youth from Asia and Singapore”, added Dr Su.

The annual 100 award recipients from NTU and universities in Asia will be immersed in extraordinary experiences that will sharpen and mould their innate leadership abilities through dialogue groups, cultural events, student activities, athletic teams and campus clubs.

Equipped with both academic strength and an enriched total experiential learning from the study, work and cultural immersion programmes, these students will return to their home countries prepared to join the new generation of international leaders.

The TF-NTU LEaRN Programme adds to NTU’s current suite of global immersion programme and overseas exchange programmes.

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the top 20 technological universities. The university has two campuses in Singapore. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU’s main campus, is located in the southwestern part of Singapore. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore’s biomedical research hub, Biopolis; and the new infocomm and media hub, Fusionopolis.
NTU has four colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore’s life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world’s top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences 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, a top journalism and media school in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, was inaugurated on 1 January 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism. NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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