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Nanyang Technological University host visits from two top universities to
discuss collaborative opportunities

26 November 2007 – University of Alberta

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) play host to Professor Indira Samarasekera, President of University of Alberta and her delegation, accompanied by Canadian High Commissioner Professor Alan Virtue.

The guests are taken on a guided tour of NTU’s Nanocluster as part of the two universities’ plans to explore partnership opportunities in the research of Nanotechnology. For University of Alberta which is located in the oil-producing state of Canada, research into energy is also one of its priorities. This is another area for possible tie-ups between NTU and the University of Alberta, both well-known for their research in Environmental engineering.

This visit is special for Prof Samarasekera as she meets NTU President, Dr Su Guaning, who is also an alumnus of University of Alberta. Both presidents sign a general Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU includes a statement of intent for both parties to collaborate on research into nanotechnology.

There are also plans to hold a Nano-symposium at the University of Alberta in 2008 being its centennial year

28 November 2007 – Imperial College London

Sir Richard Sykes, Rector of Imperial College, London and his delegation will be visiting Nanyang Technological University (NTU) on 28th November 2007.

As part of the visit programme, they will visit NTU’s research centres and clusters and interact with the Imperial College Alumni currently at NTU and NTU students. Chairman NTU, Mr Koh Boon Hwee is also an alumnus of Imperial College, London.
NTU is also looking to explore collaborative opportunities in engineering research with Imperial College London - reputed as one of the best engineering schools in Europe and the world.

Dr Su, President of NTU affirmed the importance of international collaborations, “We are definitely pleased to be able to collaborate with these two esteemed institutions which have gained world-wide recognition for their academic excellence in engineering, technology, biomedicine and Nanotechnology."

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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 info comm 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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