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Nanyang Technological University discusses research collaboration with new ETH Zurich President

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) played host to Professor Ralph Eichler, the new President of ETH Zurich. ETH and NTU are both globally recognised for their strengths in science and engineering. ETH Zurich has an outstanding research record and has consistently been ranked as one of Europe's leading universities. ETH and NTU are exploring opportunities for leveraging their respective strengths in water and environment research.

Professor Ralph Eichler, who was recently elected by the Swiss Federal Council to head ETH Zurich, was briefed on NTU's research and was taken on a guided tour of its research centres and laboratories. These included the fuel cell laboratories and the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI). He was given an insight into the concept and structure of the NEWRI ecosystem and its member research units as well as the Ecosystem's emphasis on carrying out research through translation, development, and application by the industry.

As part of NTU's plans to increase its international outreach, NEWRI is pursuing Research & Development collaboration with units within the ETH Domain. These include ETH Zurich and EAWAG - the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology. The areas of research interest include water resources, sensing, water quality, water and used water management.

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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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