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NTU's RSIS successfully raises $40 Million in Endowment Fund campaign

S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), one of the autonomous entities at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), has successfully raised $40 million for its endowment fund campaign.

The fundraising campaign, which is headed by NTU's Pro-chancellor Chandra Das, with Mr Wong Kan Seng, Deputy Prime Minister, and two former ministers, Mr S Dhanabalan and Mr Othman Wok as advisers, has received tremendous support from corporations, foundations and individuals.

The $40 million raised, which includes dollar-for-dollar matching from the Singapore government, will go towards strengthening RSIS' already burgeoning global reputation as Asia Pacific's leading institution for teaching and research on strategic issues, and as a key node in the global and regional network of scholars, universities and think-tanks.

Says Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean of RSIS: “In the years ahead, we will use earnings from the RSIS Endowment Fund to engage world-class scholars to teach and undertake research at RSIS, send promising young staff to complete their PhD programmes in other universities as well as award scholarships to talented students pursuing their studies with us.”

To date, RSIS has already set up two professorships with the endowment fund – The Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations and The NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations.

RSIS was inaugurated in January 2007 at NTU. It incorporates the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), Centre of Excellence for National Security, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, Centre for the Advanced Study of Regionalism and Asian Non-Traditional Security Consortium.

“The endowment raised by RSIS will give stability in supporting the School in its mission, to grow and to flourish,” says Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU. “The generous support we received reflects the confidence that the world has in the School. I am certain RSIS will grow from strength to strength and make major contributions to NTU’s standing as a top-tier research university with a multi-cultural reach.”

In recognition of the donors’ contribution to RSIS Endowment Fund Campaign, NTU is hosting an appreciation dinner at the Istana on 31 March 2008. Mr S R Nathan,
President of the Republic of Singapore, Patron of the RSIS Endowment Fund and NTU Chancellor, is the guest-of-honour.

Distinguished donors of this Fund – Singapore Totalisator Board, Lee Foundation, Lee Seng Tee, Ngee Ann Kongsi, PAP Community, Temasek Foundation and the NTUC Group – will receive a token of appreciation from President Nathan, who is the founding director of IDSS.

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Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the top 25 technological universities in the world. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU’s main campus, is located in the south-western 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, namely:
• The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business), the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 50 of the Financial Times Global MBA 2008 rankings
• The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation and a research output among the top four in the world
• The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, home to 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 College of Science which offers Singapore’s only direct-honours bachelor’s degree programmes in the biological, and physical and mathematical sciences

The S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of two autonomous institutes of NTU, is 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.

As Singapore’s main science and technology university, NTU makes significant contributions to the nation’s renewed drive for research and innovation spearheaded by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF). NTU’s strengths in biomedical sciences, environmental and water technologies, and interactive and digital media mirror the NRF’s research focus.

NTU has a strong and broad international reach covering academic and research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Carnegie Mellon University; Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; and Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, and Indian Institute of Technology.
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