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NTU considers setting up graduate school in one-north

Mr S R Nathan, President of Singapore, Chancellor of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and patron of the NTU Alumni Club, officially opens the university’s second campus in Singapore, NTU@one-north, and the NTU Alumni Clubhouse, on 8 May 2007.

The one-north campus, with educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is situated right next to the Biopolis, Singapore’s biomedical research hub, and the upcoming Fusionopolis, a new epicentre of info-communications and digital media.

With the strategic location of the one-north campus in the research hub of Singapore, NTU is considering setting up a graduate school at one-north.

NTU’s Provost, Professor Bertil Andersson, Trustee of the Nobel Foundation and distinguished life scientist, has been tasked by President of NTU, Dr Su Guaning, to develop a feasibility study for NTU to establish a graduate school in one-north.

Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, said, “Such a graduate school can better synergise the university with the considerable national resources invested in the Biopolis and Fusionopolis. It will also facilitate collaboration with the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Campus for Research Excellence and Technological Enterprise (CREATE) campus located near one-north, as well as the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and Singapore General Hospital situated in the vicinity.

“The graduate school will tap the resources available in one-north, and work to the benefit of NTU and parties already present there. To be successful, it must operate with the Yunnan Garden campus as a base, with its unique residential university advantages of leadership development and environment conducive to study, while extending our reach and presence to the Biopolis, Fusionopolis and others.”
With his extensive set of experiences and accomplishments in academe and research, Prof Andersson is well positioned to unleash the potential of NTU as the major science and technology university of Singapore.

Mr Philip Yeo, Chairman of SPRING Singapore, and Senior Advisor for Science and Technology to the Minister for Trade and Industry, has also agreed to advise the university in the feasibility study. Mr Yeo brings with him the reputation of building the Biopolis in world record time, and an unwavering dedication to economic development and talent cultivation.

NTU@one-north – Home to research, alumni and continuing education

As the main science and technology university of Singapore, a close relationship with the one-north community is crucial. With the opening of the one-north campus, NTU has established itself as a member of the one-north community.

The university aims to expand its presence at one-north, to collaborate with A*Star research institutes and the international research partners under the National Research Foundation (NRF) CREATE initiative, and to provide its students access to the critical mass of research at one-north.

As the University’s initiatives take fruit, NTU would take its rightful place alongside institutions like MIT and ETH as technological universities known throughout the world for excellence, leading edge research and innovation.

At the same time, the one-north campus will serve as a home for all of NTU’s alumni. Its proximity to the city means that it is more convenient for alumni to gather and connect with the university.

The one-north campus also allows NTU’s evening and part-time students better access, so that the university can better deliver its continuing education programmes, through the Centre for Continuing Education and Confucius Institute of NTU also located at the new campus.

Besides the new campus at one-north, NTU’s main campus in Singapore is the Yunnan Garden campus. Home to NTU’s four colleges, the 200-ha residential, garden campus also houses Singapore’s largest on-campus residence infrastructure, including 16 halls of residence. In addition, NTU has other campuses in US, Europe, India and China hosted by well-known partner universities, such as Georgia Institute of Technology in the US, University of St Gallen in Switzerland and Indian Institute of Technology and Peking University in Asia. Students spend from 6 months to a year at these campuses as part of their global immersion programmes.

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science, engineering, business, humanities, arts and social sciences. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has 4 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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