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YUNNAN GARDEN CAMPUS

The Nanyang Technological University has two campuses – Yunnan Garden Campus and NTU@one-north. The campus located in the south-western part of Singapore, near the Jurong West extension area is known as the Yunnan Garden Campus.

APT LANDMARK

The Nanyang Technological University’s Yunnan Garden was constructed in 1954.

The Yunnan Garden was a major landmark of the Nanyang University’s landscape when construction works started in 1954.

The Garden is dotted with many octagonal-shape pavilions to add vibrancy to the Nanyang University.

The Garden was a popular gathering ground for important ceremonies during the Nanyang University days, where it witnessed the first graduation of the University. Many activities are held at the Yunnan Garden in present days. Some examples include Freshmen Orientation Camps, annual Mid-Autumn Festival, guided nature walks by the NTU Earthlink, tree planting during NTU Alumni Day in 2004 and NTU 50th Anniversary in 2005 by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.
KEY ARCHITECTURAL ICONS AND LANDMARKS

Nanyang University Memorial

The construction work on the grand and distinctive Arch of Nanyang University started in October 1954 and was presented to the public soon after. It stood at the entrance of the University, extending its arms to welcome new students to the new University.

However, the Pan-Island Expressway has since separated the original Arch from the University grounds. A replica Arch was constructed in the Yunnan Garden and unveiled on 17 May 1995 by then Minister for Information and the Arts, Brigadier General George Yeo.

Nanyang University Memorial

In the garden grounds, there is a Memorial erected to pay tribute and to show appreciation to all donors of Nanyang University, as well to commemorate the completion of the first-phase building programme.

The Memorial was unveiled on 30 March 1958 by His Excellency, the Governor of Singapore, Sir William Goode, with Mr Tan Lark Sye, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Nanyang University in attendance.

Both the Nanyang University Arch and the Nanyang University Memorial were declared national monuments in 1998.
DID YOU KNOW?

Eight huge Chinese characters found on the slopes in the garden leading to the Chinese Heritage Centre read “自强不息 力求上进” (zi qiang bu xi, li qiu shang jin), described in English as ‘To thrive in adversity, to strive and improve oneself constantly’. The words depict the spirit of ‘can-do,’ which is evident among the tens of thousands of Nanyang University alumni worldwide.

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The Yunnan Group of restaurants was founded in the 1970’s as a cafeteria catering to lecturers and students at Nanyang University. The cafeteria was located adjacent to Yunnan Garden, thus named Yunnan Garden Cafeteria. By 1979, the business was converted into a chinese seafood restaurant and renamed Yunnan Garden Restaurant. Today they are still serving the University’s community through their branch Yunnan Garden @One-North.