2 in 3 NTU graduates found jobs even before graduation

SINGAPORE - Two in three graduates of this year’s cohort at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) found jobs even before they graduated.

This was similar to the employment rate of the previous cohort of graduates, according to a preliminary survey by the university done in June.

The survey results were announced in a media release today.

Over seven days, 5,934 students are set to receive their bachelor’s degrees.

Among them are the pioneer batch of students who pursued a double degree in Accountancy and Business.

All 115 of them found jobs even before they graduated. In terms of salary, the top 10 per cent are drawing an average of $7,145, which is almost double what their peers get on average $3,546.

NTU said its graduates received two job offers on average before accepting their first position.

23-year-old Evelyn Lee, who graduated with a double degree in Accountancy and Business, will be heading to New York City to work as a research analyst in an advertising firm.

“This opportunity will only open more doors for me in the future, like the experience overseas ... In one of the most important cities in the world. I feel that I can bring this experience back to Singapore in the future,” she said.

NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said this year’s graduating batch also set a new record in giving back to the university.

More than 82 per cent of those who were invited to make a class gift responded positively, up tenfold from the 8 per cent participation rate in 2005.

The university said many chose to give to the School Advancement Fund to help their school seize emerging opportunities in education and research. CHANNEL NEWSASIA