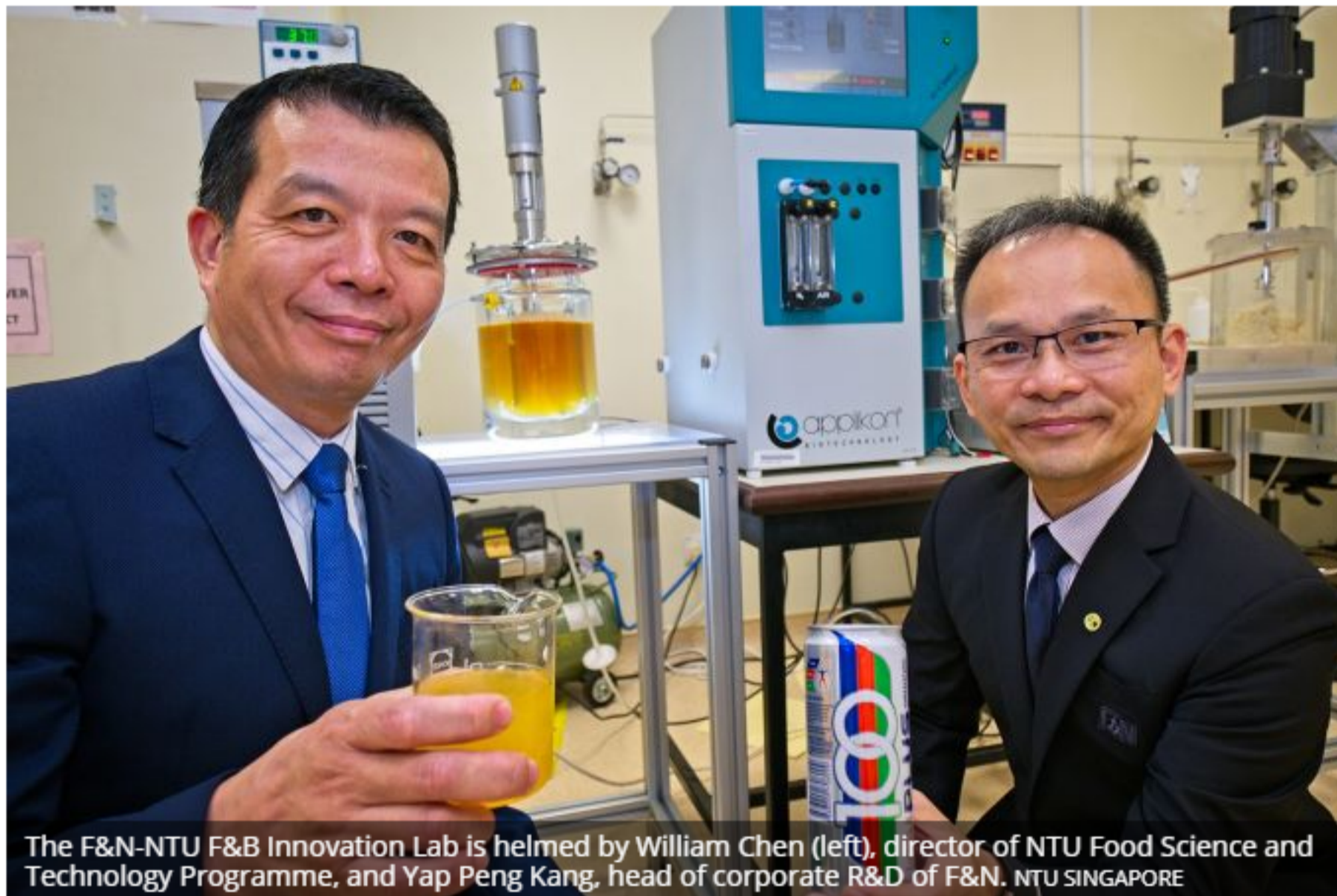


# Fraser and Neave plans to bottle healthier drinks in four-year university tie-up

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The F&N-NTU F&B Innovation Lab is helmed by William Chen (left), director of NTU Food Science and Technology Programme, and Yap Peng Kang, head of corporate R&D of F&N. NTU SINGAPORE

MAINBOARD-LISTED drinks maker Fraser and Neave (F&N) has launched a four-year research tie-up to look into developments such as healthier products, with a new laboratory opened on Monday.

Singapore-based F&N, which is majority-owned by Thai Beverage, produces the Seasons brand of iced teas, flavoured sodas in the Sparkling Drinks range and Ice Mountain bottled water, among other beverages.

New recipes could be under way, based on potential findings from research at the new F&N-NTU F&B Innovation Lab at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) - which was set up in an arrangement billed as F&N's first long-term joint research partnership with an academic institution.

Some 30 researchers will carry out work that could be used by either F&N or other players in the fast-moving consumer goods industry, with product freshness and environmentally-friendly packaging among the research projects that have already been put on the table.

*The Business Times* understands that both parties are making in-kind contributions to set up the facility, with the funding - an undisclosed amount - coming entirely from F&N.