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Massive genome mapping project in Asia reveals large genetic diversity



(From left) Nanyang Technological University's Professor Stephan C. Schuster and Assistant Professor Hie Lim Kim, and executive chairman of GenomeAsia 100K Mahesh Pratapneni with DNA sequencers at NTU. PHOTO: NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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SINGAPORE - An Asia-wide genome mapping project has discovered at least 10 ancestral lineages within Asia, revealing a large genetic diversity that far exceeds other areas such as northern Europe, which only has a single ancestral lineage that traces back to one common ancestor.