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International Olympic Committee President, Dr Jacques Rogge visits Nanyang Technological University

The President of the International Olympic Committee, Dr Jacques Rogge, will be at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Yunnan Garden campus on 5 April 2008 to unveil an Olympic Mural and visit a student residence Hall. NTU Provost, Prof Bertil Andresson and NIE Director, Prof Lee Sing Kong will host the visit.

The unveiling ceremony will be held at National Institute of Education, NTU. The art glass mural, commissioned by NIE’s Singapore Olympic Academy, depicts the noble Olympic Spirit. It showcases 15 iconic images that signify and celebrate Singapore’s athletic spirit and sportsmanship at the Olympics over the decades.

Dr Jacques Rogge will proceed to Hall of Residence 3 next to meet the Dean of Students and student representatives for a tour of the facility. One of the latest additions on NTU’s main campus, Hall 3 is the first to utilise a state-of-the-art security lock system, lift access for every level and air-conditioned rooms.

For more details on Singapore Olympic Academy and the Olympic Mural, refer to Annex A and B.

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About Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the top 25 technological universities in the world. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU’s main campus, is located in the south-western part of Singapore. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore’s biomedical research hub, Biopolis; and the new infocomm and media hub, Fusionopolis.
NTU has four colleges, namely:

• The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business), the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 50 of the Financial Times Global MBA 2008 rankings
• The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation and a research output among the top four in the world
• The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, home to 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 College of Science which offers Singapore’s only direct-honours bachelor’s degree programmes in the biological, and physical and mathematical sciences

The S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of two autonomous institutes of NTU, is 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.

As Singapore’s main science and technology university, NTU makes significant contributions to the nation’s renewed drive for research and innovation spearheaded by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF). NTU’s strengths in biomedical sciences, environmental and water technologies, and interactive and digital media mirror the NRF’s research focus.

NTU has a strong and broad international reach covering academic and research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Carnegie Mellon University; Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; and Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, and Indian Institute of Technology.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg.

**About The National Institute of Education, Singapore**

The National Institute of Education, Singapore (NIE) is an institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

NIE provides all levels of teacher education, ranging from initial teacher education programmes to further teacher preparation for serving teachers, departmental heads and principals. It also offers postgraduate programmes which lead to the award of higher degrees in Arts, Education, Physical Education and Science. Other specialised programmes which train pre-school and kindergarten teachers, teachers of special schools and staff of institutes of higher learning are also conducted by NIE.

As the national teacher education institute in Singapore, NIE is critical in transforming the teacher preparation system to meet changing needs of the education system. It also plays an important role in providing educational research and consultancy services to the Ministry
of Education and schools. In line with the mission of the Ministry, which is to mould the future of our nation, NIE’s vision is to be “An Institute of Distinction”.

For more information, please visit www.nie.edu.sg.

**Annex A:**

**About The Singapore Olympic Academy**

The Singapore Olympic Academy (SOA) was set up in 1994 as the educational arm of the Singapore National Olympic Council. The Academy has the twin aims of promoting Olympic Studies and Olympic Education in Singapore Schools and within the wider community as a whole.

The Principal of the SOA is Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang, who has been charting the Olympic Education path with several initiatives involving schools with projects like ‘Breakfast with the Olympians Programme’. Under the stewardship of Mr Harry Tan, SOA’s Head of Olympic Education, we have been able to make considerable impact on the school scene. Mr C. Kunalan, the Secretary of SOA, gives regular talks about Olympism in schools. Over the last 14 years, SOA has been undertaking several educational projects, which have attempted to bring children in Singapore Schools closer to the principles of Olympism.

All first year Physical Education students attend lectures on Olympism as part of their Introduction to Physical Education and Sports module.

The SOA has also published original research relating to Olympic issues. More than fifty articles and presentations at international conferences have featured Olympic themes emanating from Singapore. These have been mainly authored by Dr Nicholas G. Aplin, the Head of Olympic Studies. The publications, which are listed in annex one, have reached the general public, international audiences and sports enthusiasts in schools and National Sports Associations (NSAs).

The Singapore Olympic Academy has been hosting an International Annual Academic Session for young participants, run along similar lines to the sessions organized by the IOA. Each year around 100 participants from the graduating batch of the Physical Education Department of National Institute of Education, join participants from ASEAN and Asian countries to hear exciting keynote addresses on Olympic History and Education. Representatives from NSAs, officials, and Olympians have always been invited to the sessions.

The Academy has also been sending participants to the various educational sessions at the IOA in Olympia. To date we have 34 alumni of Primary and Secondary school teachers, Head of Departments and School Principals.

The alumni are our links with the schools in our effort to promote Olympic Education. Several Primary and Secondary schools in Singapore have embraced and launched Olympic Education programmes in their schools. The SOA comes under the aegis of the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and is directed by a Board of Governors. The Chairman of the Board is Mr Ng Ser Miang, Vice President of the SNOC and a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
The day to day running of SOA is executed by an Executive Committee made up by the following:

**Structure of SOA Executive Committee**
Principal - Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang
Head of Olympic Studies - Dr Nick Aplin
Head of Olympic Education - Mr Harry Tan
Honorary Secretary - Mr C Kunalan
Executive Officer - Miss Jocelyn Hoz

**Annex B:**
**About the Olympic Mural**
This art glass mural depicts the noble Olympic Spirit. The 15 iconic images encapsulate Singaporeans’ sporting aspirations. Their vision of striving towards excellence is symbolically represented by a glowing bronze flame. The energy generated is delicately illustrated with layers of shimmering glass against a backdrop of glittering mosaic components of exotic youthful colours. A sea of bright red and gold emerges as the unifying factor in the singular determination and mission, as well as the harmony generated from the diversity of continuous effort, in reaching towards higher ideals.

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