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NTU hosts Guangdong senior officials led by Party Secretary Mr Wang Yang

About Party Secretary Wang Yang and NTU dons

Mr Wang Yang
Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Guangdong Provincial Committee
Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee

Mr Wang Yang is the Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Guangdong Provincial Committee. He is also a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

As the Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee from December 2005 to December 2007, Mr Wang initiated many reforms during his tenure in Chongqing and was well-regarded as a dynamic leader. After becoming Guangdong Party Secretary in December 2007, he has been quick and relentless in highlighting the shortcomings of Guangdong's development and likely bottlenecks in spite of its ranking as the number one economic province in China for many successive years.

Launching a campaign to emancipate the mind, he is driving Guangdong to learn domestically from the Yangtze Delta provinces and internationally from advanced countries and economies, including Singapore, to break new ground in the next phase of its development.

Mr Ngiam Tong Dow
Adjunct Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU

Mr Ngiam Tong Dow is currently teaching as an Adjunct Professor at the Master of Public Administration programme of NTU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Prior to this, he was the Chairman of Surbana Corporation Pte Ltd.

Mr Ngiam served the elite Singapore Administrative Service for more than 40 years. His vision, foresight and leadership in economics and finance helped transform Singapore into a text-book case in development economics. As a top civil servant, he worked closely with the founding political leaders and was a driving force that helped build the Singapore we see today. He laid the foundation for local industries, invested heavily in manpower training,
championed technical education as a pathway to jobs, and established the first petrochemical complex. He held chairmanships at the Economic Development Board, DBS Bank, and Central Provident Fund (CPF) Board. He also helmed various ministries, including Finance, Communications, Trade and Industry, National Development and the Prime Minister's Office.

Professor Lim Chong Yah
Albert Winsemius Chair Professor, NTU
Director, Economic Growth Centre, NTU

Professor Lim Chong Yah serves as Professor of Economics and Director of Economic Growth Centre at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of NTU. He is a prominent economist and academic researcher with an impressive record of academic publications, exceeding 160 in numbers. For his distinguished and invaluable many-faceted contributions to higher education, scholarship, research and publication, and to society and particularly to NTU as an educator, researcher, economist and author, Prof Lim was appointed the Albert Winsemius Chair Professor in 2005.

Professor Lim has also played an important role outside the academia. He contributed much to the economic development of Singapore as founding Chairman of National Wage Council for over 29 years. He was also founding Chairman of the Skills Development Fund Advisory Council from 1979 to 1982 and served as President of the Economics Society of Singapore from 1973 to 1991. Regionally, he was the initiator and founder of the Federation of ASEAN Economic Associations (FAEA). His private sector experience includes serving on the boards of directors of various banks and organisations.

Professor Tan Kong Yam
Director, Asia Research Centre, NTU
Professor of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU

Professor Tan Kong Yam is the Director of Asia Research Centre and Professor of Economics at NTU. A well-known figure in China, he is also an advisor to Temasek Holdings and the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) on China.

From 2002 to 2005, he was a senior economist at the World Bank office in Beijing where he worked on issues of macro stabilisation, integration of the fragmented domestic market, banking reform, international trade and investment as well as regional inequality. In 2004, he became a member of the World Bank expert group on the eleventh five year plan (2006-2010) for the State Council in China, providing. The expert group advised the Chinese government on urbanisation, regional inequality, innovation policy, energy and water policy, as well as strategies on banking reform.

Prior to this, he was the chief economist of the Singapore government at the Ministry of Trade and Industry from 1992 to 2002. During his years in the Singapore government, his main contributions to public policies included formulating policies to combat the national recession, designing the framework for the management of the Singapore dollar exchange rate, a basket system that was later adopted by China. He was also instrumental in formulating the long term investment strategy of the Government Investment Corporation of Singapore (GIC) by linking it to the long term demographic structure of the country.
About NTU's China-focused Master's degree programmes

**Master of Science in Managerial Economics**  
*Offered by: School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU*  
管理经济学硕士课程  
南洋理工大学人文与社会科学学院

Introduced in 1998, the Master of Science in Managerial Economics (MME) programme is a one-year, full-time programme that provides participants with a thorough understanding and appreciation of economic policy management and business strategies in East Asia, with special focus on Singapore. This interdisciplinary programme focuses on strategic thinking and planning, and assesses public and corporate policy effectiveness. The MME programme provides opportunities for participants to network with government officials and business leaders in Singapore.

**Master of Public Administration**  
*Offered by: School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU*  
公共管理硕士课程  
南洋理工大学人文与社会科学学院

Following the success of the MME programme, the Master of Public Administration (MPA) programme was launched in 2005 to examine best practices in public administration in Asia to enhance participants’ skills in decision-making, governance, and policy design and implementation. There are special lectures by retired government officials and renowned academics and professionals. The participants are equipped with the know-how to develop and implement strategic policies to meet the challenges in their countries, and enhance their effectiveness as public administrators.

**Nanyang EMBA**  
*Offered by: Nanyang Business School, NTU*  
南洋高层主管工商管理硕士课程  
南洋理工大学商学院（南洋商学院）

With a focus on China and the Asia-Pacific environment, the Nanyang EMBA programme is popular with senior executives from China and the region. Launched in 2002, it sets out to cultivate a new league of Asian business elites and pacesetters with an incisive understanding of the global economy, keen analytical skills, broad cultural sensitivity and clear strategic vision for leadership in the new economy. The 18-month programme, which NTU runs with Shanghai Jiaotong University, continues to be the most highly rated joint overseas EMBA programme in China.

**Master of Science in Technopreneurship and Innovation**  
*Offered by: Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre, NTU*  
创业与创新硕士课程  
南洋理工大学科技创业中心

The Master of Science in Technopreneurship and Innovation programme (MSc TIP) (Chinese) was launched in 2006 to meet the increasing needs for entrepreneurship education arising from the booming entrepreneurship activities in China. The programme allows budding technopreneurs to learn and conduct research while having active interaction with entrepreneurs, innovators, intellectual property attorneys, venture capitalists, private investors, business leaders and relevant government agencies. Some of them have started their entrepreneurship journey.

**Master in Educational Administration**  
*Offered by: National Institute of Education*  
教育管理硕士课程  
国立教育学院
The Master in Educational Administration programme, offered by the National Institute of Education (NIE) in 2006, is an inter-disciplinary programme to develop professionalism in effective management of schools and education institutes in an environment which is increasingly market-driven. Leveraging NIE’s unique expertise in research and professional practice, the programme is designed for an international body of senior professionals in China. It offers an opportunity for a cross-cultural and global perspective on professionalism in education.

**Master of Science in Finance**  
**Offered by: Nanyang Business School, NTU**  
金融硕士课程  
南洋理工大学商学院（南洋商学院）

Introduced in 2007, the Master of Science in Finance programme is designed to provide participants with the practical skills and essential theoretical underpinnings of finance for a successful career in financial institutions. Targeted at executives in finance, business and management fields, the programme focuses on developing analytical skills in formulating and implementing financial solutions and strategies in an investment and trading environment. Courses are taught using real-world data and cases in a simulated financial market.

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