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NTU starts new research centre for optics and lasers

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NANYANG Technological University, in partnership with the Economic Development Board, yesterday launched a new research centre, the Centre for Optical and Laser Engineering (Cole), that will focus on research with commercial applications.

With some \$10 million already in its kitty, Cole has started on four research projects, while eight companies have made commitments to be industry partners with the new research centre.

The centre's two-fold missions are to work closely with local small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in research and development, and to build a stronger optical and laser engineering talent pool in Singapore.

Research collaboration with Cole is of great use to local SMEs, said Zhu Chuangui, general manager of Sunny Instruments, an SME working with Cole on the development of a miniaturised scanning laser doppler vibrometer.