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NTU, Georgia Institute of Technology and IDA collaborate on two new integrated programmes in infocomm

- supported by up to 100 IDA scholarships to groom infocomm talent

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) are collaborating on two integrated programmes where an NTU student can graduate with both a Bachelor of Engineering degree from NTU and a Master of Science degree from Georgia Tech in as little as four to four and a half years, instead of the usual five to five and a half years.

Selected students will be supported by Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)’s National Infocomm Scholarships. IDA will provide up to 100 scholarships over 5 years, beginning from 2007.

The integrated programmes aim to encourage top students to pursue a career in the infocomm industry, and support Singapore’s strategy to build a pool of infocomm professionals in leadership positions.

Under the programmes, the students will spend three years in NTU and one to one and a half years in Georgia Tech, one of the top US universities with highly rated computer science and electrical & computer engineering graduate programmes. The first intake is targeted for academic year 2007.

Students can either pursue a Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science) and a Master of Science (Computer Science), or a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) and Master of Science (Electrical and Computer Engineering).

In the first three years, the students will acquire a broad-based foundation in infocomm, ranging from wireless communications, computer security, computer game programming to integrated circuits design, together with electives in business, management and humanities. In Georgia Tech, the scholars will further hone their infocomm expertise, with courses ranging from intelligent systems, human-computer
interaction, broadband networking to satellite communications. The diversity and flexibility of the curriculum provides comprehensive all-rounded education, preparing the scholars for diverse career opportunities in the industry upon graduation.

The scholars can also look forward to internships with one of the 16 sponsoring companies, and will enjoy the opportunity to work in the company after their graduation. Sponsor companies include IBM, Microsoft, Oracle and Intel, among others.

Says Professor Er Meng Hwa, Acting Provost, NTU, "We are pleased to partner Georgia Tech and IDA on not one, but two integrated programmes that will groom top students for the infocomm industry. Both NTU and Georgia Tech have established strengths in infocomm education and research, and with IDA’s supporting scholarships, I am confident this collaboration will produce world-class graduates who will make significant contribution to the infocomm industry both in Singapore and beyond."

Adds Dr. Gary Schuster, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Tech, "As part of our mission to define the technology research university of the 21st century, Georgia Tech prepares our students to work as part of an international team that shares ideas and resources across the globe. We are thrilled to extend our knowledge and expertise in computing and electrical engineering through this relationship with the Nanyang Technological University. By leveraging the world-class faculty, programmes and facilities at both NTU and Georgia Tech, this collaboration will enable computing undergraduates to establish a lifelong learning platform for an international setting."

Mr Chan Yeng Kit, Chief Executive Officer, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore said, "This collaboration is significant for Singapore’s infocomm industry because a pool of infocomm talent specialised in the computer science, computer engineering, electrical and electronic engineering domains will be groomed through these integrated programmes, to spearhead the growth of our infocomm industry."

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has 4 colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore’s life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world’s top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities and Arts boasts 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 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, will be inaugurated in 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as 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.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation’s premiere research universities. Ranked eighth among U.S. News & World Report's top public universities, Georgia Tech’s 17,000 students are enrolled in its Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Management and Sciences. Tech is among the nation's top producers of women and African-American engineers. The Institute offers research opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students and is home to more than 100 interdisciplinary units plus the Georgia Tech Research Institute. For more information about Georgia Tech, please visit www.gatech.edu.

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