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The Ngee Ann Kongsi gifts S\$12.5 million to NTU Singapore to nurture the next generation of TCM leaders

The **Ngee Ann Kongsi** has pledged a gift of S\$12.5 million to **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)** to advance traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) education at the University and build a local pipeline of TCM professionals who can serve the needs of our population.

Disbursed over five years, the gift from the non-profit philanthropic organisation will fund scholarships, bursaries, clinical training, and community outreach efforts as part of NTU Singapore's Bachelor of Chinese Medicine programme.

The gift was formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between **NTU Chief Development Officer Ms See E'jin** and **The Ngee Ann Kongsi Vice President Mr Lie Kee Pong** at The Ngee Ann Kongsi Members' Gala Night. **Minister for Health Mr Ong Ye Kung**, the event's Guest-of-Honour, presided over the signing.

Professor Ho Teck Hua, President of NTU, said: "NTU deeply appreciates this generous gift from The Ngee Ann Kongsi. It reflects their longstanding support for education and their confidence in the quality of our Bachelor of Chinese Medicine degree programme. This transformative gift will significantly strengthen our ability to train high quality TCM professionals to address Singapore's evolving healthcare needs."

Dr Wu Chiaw Ching, President of The Ngee Ann Kongsi, said: "We are proud to contribute to the future of healthcare in Singapore by supporting NTU's efforts to train the next generation of TCM leaders. This partnership underscores our ongoing commitment to advancing education and healthcare in Singapore."

Nurturing the next generation of TCM leaders

With TCM set to play a more prominent role in Singapore's healthcare landscape, there is a need to build a pipeline of TCM practitioners.

With the gift, NTU will establish **more scholarships** to attract bright and motivated individuals to the Chinese Medicine degree programme, as well as **bursaries** to support and encourage financially disadvantaged students from diverse backgrounds to pursue a career in TCM.

The gift will also be used to **enhance the programme's practical learning components** to ensure that students accumulate hands-on experience and receive expert guidance throughout their studies. With the gift, NTU TCM students can look forward to **more overseas clinical training opportunities**.

In addition, NTU will also use the gift to run a **TCM outreach programme** that serves the community and prepares NTU's students to become better TCM practitioners in the future.

Under the outreach programme, second- and third-year TCM students will conduct consultations to seniors in their neighbourhoods. Conducted under the supervision of experienced TCM practitioners, these consultations will allow students to apply their theoretical knowledge and develop empathy for patients.

Finally, the gift will be used to **support the Clinical Training Programme**, a full-time one-year structured clinical training programme that prepares new TCM practitioners for the transition to clinical practice through clinical rotations.

Associate Professor Linda Zhong, Programme Director of the Bachelor of Chinese Medicine programme, said: "NTU's Chinese Medicine degree programme was launched last year with a comprehensive curriculum that equips students with both Chinese medicine and basic Western medicine knowledge. The support from The Ngee Ann Kongsi will help us bolster the programme with more clinical training opportunities – both locally and overseas – and opportunities to interact with patients in the community. This creates a holistic education for our students and guides them to become confident, effective, and empathetic TCM practitioners."

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 35,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Business, Computing & Data Science, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Medicine, Science, and Graduate colleges.

NTU is also home to world-renowned autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

Ranked amongst the world's top universities, the University's main campus is also frequently listed among the world's most beautiful. Known for its sustainability, NTU has achieved 100% Green Mark Platinum certification for all its eligible building projects. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a medical campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

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