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### **NTU Singapore and Indonesia step up cooperation with new Master's scholarship programme**

Indonesia's Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (MoECRT) and the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP), together with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) are launching a new scholarship for Indonesian students taking up Master's degrees in NTU.

The **Indonesia – NTU Singapore Talent Programme (INSTEP) scholarship** will support Indonesian students coming to NTU to pursue a full-time Master's by Coursework or Master's by Research degree.

The scholarship is funded by NTU and the Indonesian government through its MOECRT and the LPDP, a public service agency under its Ministry of Finance. It is slated to start in August 2024.

**MoECRT Director General of Higher Education, Research and Technology Professor Abdul Haris, LPDP President Director Dr Andin Hadiyanto and NTU President Professor Ho Teck Hua** marked the launch of the scholarship at a ceremony held at NTU today.

Also present were Singapore Education Minister **Mr Chan Chun Sing** and Indonesia Minister of Education, Culture, Research and Technology **Mr Nadiem Anwar Makarim**.

**NTU President Professor Ho Teck Hua** said: "The INSTEP scholarship was created to attract the best and the brightest students from Indonesia to NTU Singapore. We are confident that the programme will produce a diverse group of bicultural graduates who will be able to work in areas of mutual benefit to both countries. They will be the champions of a closer relationship between Indonesia and Singapore."

**Director General of Higher Education, Research and Technology of Indonesia's MoECRT, Professor Abdul Haris**, said: "The new INSTEP scholarship represents a significant milestone in our efforts to elevate the quality of higher education and foster international collaboration. By enabling our brightest minds to further their education

through Master's programmes, we are not only investing in their future, but also in the future of Indonesia. This programme will bridge cultures, drive innovation, and further strengthen the knowledge transfer process and educational collaboration between Indonesia and Singapore."

**President Director of LPDP, Dr Andin Hadiyanto**, said: "The INSTEP scholarship marks a significant milestone in our efforts to foster academic collaboration between Indonesia and Singapore. By supporting this initiative, LPDP aims to empower Indonesian scholars to become catalysts for positive change, driving innovations, and progress in their respective fields upon their return to Indonesia. I hope this programme will continue to thrive, fostering greater collaboration between our nations and contributing to the advancement of human capital development in Indonesia."

NTU currently has about 4,700 Indonesian alumni. The INSTEP scholarship aims to fund up to 200 students yearly and will boost the total number of Indonesian alumni to 300 students per year, creating a pool of graduates who can understand the culture, governance and business opportunities in both Singapore and Indonesia.

INSTEP is the latest in a series of agreements between NTU and Indonesia in strengthening educational, research and industry ties.

In April, NTU and LPDP deepened their cooperation with two new postgraduate scholarships to foster greater collaboration between Singapore and Indonesia in the area of higher education.

The **LPDP-NTU Graduate Scholarship** funds eligible Indonesian PhD students, while the **LPDP-NTU Fellows MBA** supports eligible Indonesian students for the Nanyang Fellows MBA (Master of Business Administration) programme at Nanyang Business School.

The INSTEP scholarship also aims to complement the **Indonesia-NTU Singapore Institute of Research for Sustainability and Innovation (INSPIRASI)**, a five-year collaborative research programme launched last year by NTU and Indonesia's MOECRT focusing on climate change and sustainable development.

The INSPIRASI office at NTU was also officially opened by both Education Ministers following the INSTEP launch ceremony.

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### ***About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore***

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Medicine, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, 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 (NEWRI) 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.

For more information, visit [www.ntu.edu.sg](http://www.ntu.edu.sg)

### ***About the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, Indonesia***

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, Indonesia (MoECRT) is a government ministry which organises early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, higher education and community education affairs and the management of culture within the Indonesian government.

Under the government flagship education reform initiative, named *Merdeka Belajar* or Emancipated Learning, MoECRT attempt to transform the education system to be more inclusive, by providing flexibility for schools to define the most appropriate learning experience that fits the needs of the students and to promote learning as inseparable parts of everyone's lives.

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### ***About Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan or LPDP), Indonesia***

Since its establishment in 2012, the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) has managed an Endowment Fund in the Education Sector, which has reached IDR 154.11 trillion as of March 2024. LPDP currently provides support to 45,577 scholarship awardees in pursuing their education at prestigious universities worldwide.

The Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education directs its efforts to create future leaders from across fields. The management of the education endowment funds ensures the sustainability of educational programs for future generations as an intergenerational responsibility and fostering strategic and practical research through dedicated funding.

With prudent governance and adherence to various technical regulations, LPDP has been entrusted with the role of a Government Investment Operator (OIP). In addition, LPDP is set to expand its investment reach through a global network scheme.

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