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Commencement of Pioneer Batch of TUM Asia's first Bachelors Programme

Prospects positive for graduates from the TUM Asia – SIT Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology programme

21 students from TUM Asia's Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology, received their degrees today from Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President of Technische Universität München (TUM), TUM Asia's parent campus in Germany. The degree programme by TUM Asia is held in partnership with Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) – slated to be Singapore's 5th Autonomous University. Over 100 students from TUM Asia's Master's and Bachelor's programmes attended the commencement ceremony held at Town Plaza Auditorium, CREATE Tower on 24 July 2013.

Their milestone was witnessed by many honoured guests from TUM Asia's educational and industrial partnerships. Among them were Mr Peter Meinshausen, President (SEA, Australia & New Zealand Region), Evonik Degussa (SEA); Mr Ulf Schneider, Managing Director, Lantiq Asia Pacific; Dr David Woon, Head of Operations, EADS Innovation Works South Asia, and Mr Jochen Wolle, Director (R&D Test & Measurement), Rohde & Schwarz Asia. Also gracing the event was Mrs Angelika Viets, Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Singapore. TUM Asia, the first German academic venture abroad, was established by TUM, one of Europe's top engineering universities, to bring German engineering to Asia.

Prospects for TUM Asia's graduates are looking positive. Many have been offered positions in the industry, and several of the graduates are considering pursuing a Master's degree with TUM Asia. Students who successfully complete their Master's or Bachelor's programmes locally are awarded the same degrees as their German counterparts in TUM, with no differentiation of local or German campuses. Said Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President of TUM, "Our objective, when we set up TUM Asia, was to bring German engineering education to Singapore and the region. Our partnerships with local institutions, like SIT, has enabled us to start more engineers on the path to a successful career from an earlier stage. I am very proud of our graduates, who I believe will all be playing a role in improving the way we live, the way engineers have always done."

"We are very proud that our pioneer SIT-TUM graduates have done well academically under a demanding new environment and pedagogy. We are also extremely heartened that they are very much in demand and more than half of our graduates have secured employment prior to graduation," said Professor Ting Seng Kiong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost at SIT.

Yue Chao, the top graduate from the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology noted: "Many potential employers reacted very positively to my TUM degree. While I am looking forward to starting work, I hope to pursue a Master's degree with TUM after a few years."

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About Technische Universität München (TUM)

Technische Universität München (TUM) is one of Europe's leading universities. It has roughly 500 professors, 9,000 academic and non-academic staff, and 32,000 students. It focuses on the engineering sciences, natural sciences, life sciences, medicine, and economic sciences. After winning numerous awards, it was selected as an "Excellence University" in 2006 and 2012 by the Science Council (Wissenschaftsrat) and the German Research Foundation (DFG). In both international and national rankings, TUM is rated as one of Germany's top universities and is dedicated to the ideal of a top-level research-oriented entrepreneurial university. The university's global presence includes offices in Beijing (China), Brussels (Belgium), Cairo (Egypt), Mumbai (India) and São Paulo (Brazil). The German Institute of Science and Technology (GIST - TUM Asia), founded in 2002 in Singapore, is the first campus of a German university abroad.
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About TUM Asia

As the first German academic venture abroad, TUM Asia opened its doors in Singapore in 2002. German in its roots and Asian in its approach, TUM Asia combines an emphasis on industry readiness and innovation with a distinct dedication to be relevant to Asia and its development. TUM Asia has seen more than 300 global graduates come through its Master programmes, including graduates from Asia and Europe.

TUM Asia currently offers five Master of Science programmes. The Industrial Chemistry, Integrated Circuit Design, Microelectronics and Aerospace Engineering programmes are jointly offered with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or National University of Singapore (NUS) – two of Asia's top universities – while the Transport and Logistics programme is offered exclusively by TUM Asia. Our international faculty hail from Germany and more, and their wealth of knowledge from various fields provide a spectrum of experience for the students to glean from.

Recognising the demand for engineering excellence in Singapore, TUM Asia partnered Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to offer Bachelor of Science programmes in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology and Chemical Engineering in 2010. It has also set up TUM CREATE in June 2010 to propagate research programmes, where scientists and researchers from both Germany and Singapore can work together for the advancement of science and technology. With the support of the National Research Foundation of Singapore (NRF), researchers at TUM CREATE focus on developing innovative systems that incorporate safety and reliability with functionality and energy efficiency in electric vehicles.



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