

MEDIA RELEASE

LEADING GERMAN ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SINGAPORE WITH NEW SCHOLARSHIP

- *Exclusive undergraduate and post-graduate scholarships for Singaporeans*

Singapore, 24 April 2015 – TUM Asia, the Asian campus of Germany’s leading engineering university, Technical University of Munich (TUM), marked the opening of its new campus at the SIT@SP Building at Singapore Polytechnic today. More than 130 staff, students and guests were joined by Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Singapore, His Excellency Dr Michael Witter; Vice President for External Relations, Singapore Institute of Technology, Associate Professor Yee Fook Cheong; Deputy Principal of Singapore Polytechnic, Mr Lim Peng Hun; Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation at TUM, Professor Thomas F. Hofmann; and Managing Director of TUM Asia, Dr Markus Waechter, who announced the launch of the TUM Asia – SG50 Scholarship for four Singaporeans.

TUM Asia, the first German academic venture abroad, was established by TUM in 2002, one of Europe’s top engineering universities, to bring German engineering to Asia. To date, over 1,000 students have graduated from its undergraduate and graduate programmes

Exclusive Scholarships for Singaporeans

In commemoration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Germany, TUM Asia also announced a new TUM Asia – SG50 Scholarship. The new Scholarship will be exclusively awarded to four Singaporeans: two who enrol in the Masters programmes, and two for those enrolling in Bachelor programmes. The Scholarship, which will fully cover the tuition fees of the scholars, is also TUM Asia’s commitment to empower the next generation to shape the future through holistic and practical education, combining German engineering and Asian relevance. This is the latest in a series of scholarships offered by TUM Asia, which has awarded more than 350 scholarships to its post-graduates and undergraduates over the years. The Scholarship, applicable only to the August 2015 admission intake, is open for application from now till 15 May 2015 for post-graduates applicants and 15 June 2015 for undergraduate applicants.

“Even as the nation celebrates 50 years of independence, we also want to remember the importance of the engineer’s role in shaping Singapore to the way it is today. As such,

TUM Asia is looking forward to offering our new scholarships to four deserving Singaporean undergraduates and post-graduates, who have the potential to excel in their future engineering careers and become creators of tomorrow,” said Dr. Markus Waechter.

New and enhanced post-graduate engineering programmes

In recognising the need for engineers of tomorrow, TUM Asia has also recently launched a new graduate programme in Power Systems & Energy Management, which will open for applications in the fourth quarter of 2015, with classes commencing in August 2016. TUM Asia has also enhanced its Master of Science in Green Electronics programme (previously known as Master of Science in Microelectronics), which is offered as a joint degree by TUM and Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The Master of Science in Power Systems & Energy Management programme aims to nurture next generation engineers and managers in energy field who can contribute to the sustainability of the power industry and improve energy efficiency, while the Master of Science in Green Electronics programme aims to educate next generation semiconductor researchers and engineers to work in the research areas of novel electronic/optoelectronic devices and systems, with particular focus on the energy, sensing, monitoring and manufacturing fields.

“My experience at TUM Asia has been an extremely rich and fulfilling journey, as the curriculum they offer is robust and highly applicable to the industry, and my TUM degree has been highly favoured by my potential employers. I look forward to pursuing my Master’s at TUM in future and I know it will stand me in good stead as an engineer,” said Tan Qi Sheng, who will soon graduate from TUM Asia with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology. He is looking to further his studies in the Power Systems & Energy Management post-graduate programme.

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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 800 global graduates come through its Master programmes, including graduates from Asia and Europe.

TUM Asia currently offers six Master of Science programmes. The Industrial Chemistry, Integrated Circuit Design, Aerospace Engineering and Green Electronics programmes are jointly offered with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or National University of Singapore (NUS). The Transport and Logistics and Power Systems & Energy Management programmes are 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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