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TUM and TUM Asia strengthen networks in Singapore

More collaborations with NUS and SIT, scholarship grants, and launch of TUM Asia Alumni Chapter

Singapore, 22 June 2016 – The Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany’s leading engineering university, and its Asian campus TUM Asia, have further reinforced the strong ties between Germany and Singapore through new partnerships with the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and the National University of Singapore (NUS). These were witnessed by President of TUM, Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann on 21 and 22 June 2016, during his trip to Singapore. On his two-day visit, Professor Herrmann also graced the launch of the TUM Asia Alumni Chapter.

Deeper partnership with SIT and NUS

To engage in further exchange of expertise, TUM and SIT have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 21 June to cooperate in the areas of Telematics and Entrepreneurship. The MoU was signed at the residence of Dr Michael Witter, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Singapore. The MoU follows two successful Bachelor of Science degree programmes jointly offered by TUM and SIT.

TUM and NUS also penned an agreement on 22 June to launch the first German NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) programme. The NOC programme enables NUS students to pursue an entrepreneurship experience in a start-up overseas. Students from both universities will get to enjoy fruitful entrepreneurial and cultural exchanges as they collaborate with their counterparts. “TUM has had a long-standing trusted partnership with NUS for close to 20 years. With both institutions truly dedicated to

entrepreneurship education, the NOC programme is an excellent opportunity to further deepen our strong collaboration,” said Professor Herrmann.

Industry Scholarships for TUM Asia students

As part of TUM Asia’s effort to ensure relevance of its graduates with industry needs, TUM Asia and Pan Asia Logistics – a local logistics solutions provider founded by Germans – have also partnered to launch the Pan Asia Logistics-TUM Asia Education Grant. The grant, worth S\$10,000, is awarded to students for outstanding academic achievements, and aims to inspire them to continue striving for academic accomplishments. The grant was presented by Professor Herrmann to Zhang Ruixian from the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Information Technology. Another similar grant will be presented to a student from TUM Asia’s Master of Science programme next year.

Launch of TUM Asia Alumni Chapter

Witnessing the launch of the TUM Asia Alumni Chapter, Professor Herrmann also addressed more than 130 TUM and TUM Asia alumni and staff at the TUM Alumni gathering in Singapore on 22 June. Among them was Thomas Heinzerling, Head of Operations South Asia & ASEAN at The Linde Group. The TUM Asia Alumni Chapter aims to be a platform for connecting more TUM Asia graduates, and provide more opportunities for meaningful engagement to increase awareness, pride, participation, volunteer involvement, and philanthropic commitment to TUM.

“We are happy to see that our alumni are able to make their mark anywhere in the world, and that we enjoy a strong alumni network globally. Singapore is a special destination for TUM because we have a campus here, which has seen over 1,200 graduates. We also have a research group and a branch of the TUM Graduate School here. I am glad to hear about our alumni’s exciting careers in Asia, and hope that this new Alumni Chapter will serve to fortify the entire TUM Alumni network,” said Professor Herrmann. TUM currently has over 50,000 alumni around the world.

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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 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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