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NTU graduates get a head start

Students graduating from Nanyang Technological University this year are well-equipped for the challenging job market, thanks to the rigorous training that they have received and the extensive links that the university enjoys with the industry, discovers **Yeo Suan Futt**

Global perspectives with an Asian focus

NTU'S NANYANG MBA enhances the competencies of participants by equipping them with global perspectives on management issues with an Asian focus, which made a world of difference to Geo Koshy's career and personal development.

He says: "In my cohort, we had participants from 21 countries, with different work experiences and perspectives."

"I believe my life has been enriched tremendously as a result of the diversity of cultures, backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of both faculty and participants."

After obtaining his MBA, Geo was invited by Procter & Gamble Asia to join the company, which he interned with while pursuing his MBA.

He is now a Team Manager of Customer Service Operations for the Japan and Korea teams.



Employers laud NTU graduates

Our experience with NTU students over the past few years has been extremely positive. We believe that the rigorous, comprehensive and practical curriculum that NTU provides its students develops them into mature, critical thinkers with sound professional knowledge and the right blend of people and communication skills. This, in turn, gives the students a good head start in their professional careers, especially in challenging work environments like ours.

Mr Jay Kelly

Associate Director of Human Resource
Procter & Gamble (S) Pte Ltd

BP runs a very select graduate trainee programme...What differentiates NTU graduates is that they are very well-rounded. They display leadership potential and more importantly, the eagerness to learn. We look forward to taking in more NTU graduates into our trainee programme.

Ms Aileen Tan

HR Director, Eastern Hemisphere, Integrated Supply & Trading
BP Singapore Pte Ltd

Multiple job offers

FOR Fann Rui Yang, who majored in Biological Sciences with a minor in Communications, undergraduate life was more than just studying.

He was actively involved in the NTU Students' Union and was also the Ambassador for the NTU I GAVE programme.

Rui Yang received three job offers even before graduation — a research assistant, a wealth management consultant and a management associate with a financial company.

"Securing a job right now is more challenging due to the economic crisis."

"My involvement in various co-curricular activities has definitely helped develop my communication and leadership skills, which proved to be an asset in my job search," he says.



Support for research

SUI Jianjun is a living example of one whose passion for research has led to the accomplishment of even greater things.

Having completed his doctorate within three and a half years, he is now working on proteomics-based biomarker identification for effective drug dosing, a project funded by the Ministry of Health.

Currently a research associate at NTU's School of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering, Jianjun says: "The postgraduate degrees offered by NTU are comparable to those offered by other top universities worldwide. But more importantly, the university provides the right people-centred support structure and collaborative environment that inspires and supports research."

"NTU has taught me the virtues of hard work. It has also taught me to work smart, be objective and be fully committed to my responsibilities. With these qualities, I am confident that I will succeed in whatever I do."



Best of both worlds

FERNANDEZ Stephen Frederick graduated with First Class Honours in English Literature from NTU's School of Humanities & Social Sciences. He is also the proud recipient of the University Scholars Award and Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal.

He says: "The NTU education offers a good balance of theoretical mastery and practical experience. The study of literary texts has taught me how to think critically, a skill that is useful in many 'real-world' situations."

"Throughout my four years, I have worked with my professors on major research projects. These endeavours gave me the opportunity to write and present papers at international

conferences. I recently co-authored an article with my professor, which was published in the International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media, an academic journal of international repute."

Stephen is among a select group of NTU students specially invited by the Ministry of Education to apply for the post of Education Policy Analyst.

Nonetheless, he has opted to pursue his master's degree at NTU to further his research interest in contemporary drama.



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