**Report on** Participation in 'Programme for Leadership in University Management' at National University of Singapore [NUS] by Dr P S Adwani (Principal, Govt. Engg. College, Aurangabad) During 23 September 2014-25 September 2014

#### Brief Summary:

The programme of visit to National University Of Singapore, was arranged by Ministry of Human Resource Management (MHRD) for higher education, India in collaboration with Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Trichy. This programme was spread over in three phases. The phase I was a conducted by IIM Trichy, between 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at the extension centre of IIM Trichy's Chennai Centre. The phase I broadly prepared the all the participants to remain prepared with significantly useful background for academic leadership programme in higher education.

The phase II was conducted at National University Of Singapore, [NUS] between 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The experiences at NUS by participants were highly enlightening and useful. The NUS has strived hard to march ahead in their world rankings and now stands at the world rank of 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was possible for them as they were completely committed and all the way tried hard to bring about improvements in all the parameters which matter in counting the world rankings.

The learning experiences of NUS are expected to be implemented in the respective institutes by the leaders who represented their institute and participated in this programme. The feeback on this issue is going to be an important part of the programme which will be covered in phase III. IIM Trichy is planning to arrange the feedback presentations by participants in the presence of the representatives from NUS. The programme of phase III shall be arranged at IIM Trichy soon.

The best practices adopted by NUS in research benchmarking, innovative educational programmes, and sharing of experiences on internationalization with student mobility were also the part of the programme. The programme made it possible for the participants to visit various laboratories. The new practices that are being adopted at NUS in IT enhanced learning, instructional technology, entrepreneurship in academia and University Governance and global talent management were also shared with all participants.

The presentations on overview of NUS, and the laboratories at NUS are separately put up for better understanding into the working of the University. This programme was supported by TEMASEK foundation and their team at National University of Singapore. The efforts by NUS and TEMASEK foundation were highly appreciated by all participants and their professional efforts with nice arrangements and hospitality served to bring about good level of interaction among all and will be remembered.





## National University of Singapore An Overview



## **NUS today**

## A global, research-intensive university

- ✓ 16 Faculties and Schools across 3 campuses
- ✓ 8 Overseas Colleges
- ✓ 24 Research Institutes and Centres
- ✓ 3 Research Centres of Excellence + partnership with NTU in a 4th



# Nurturing leaders for Singapore and beyond since 1905

- ✓ Presidents & Prime Ministers
- ✓ Leaders in international agencies
- ✓ Key government figures
- ✓ Captains of industry
- ✓ Entrepreneurs
- ✓ Community leaders



## Vision

# A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future

## **Mission**

To transform the way people think and do things through education, research and service



## The NUS Difference: A Leader in Global Education

Bring the world to NUS Take NUS students to the world



## **A Leader in Global Education**

Bring the world to NUS Take NUS students to the world

Students and faculty from 100 countries 18% undergraduates and 60% graduate students from abroad

Partnerships with overseas institutions E.g. Duke-NUS, Yale-NUS, YSTCM with Peabody Institute, TLI-AP

Inbound exchange students >1,800 per year



## **A Leader in Global Education**

Bring the worldTake NUS students-<br/>to NUSto NUSto the world

Nearly 70% undergraduates go overseas; 30% for > 6 months

> 70 double, joint & concurrent degree programmes with top universities internationally

Reciprocal student exchange arrangements with 300 top universities in 40 countries

8 NUS Overseas Colleges across the US, Europe, China, India and Israel



## **NUS Overseas Colleges**

#### **Experiential entrepreneurship education**

immersing NUS students in leading entrepreneurial hubs around the world

- Few months to a year
- Full-time interns in high-tech startup/innovative companies
- Learn from the founders and entrepreneurs
- Take courses at partner universities



## **Eight NUS Overseas Colleges**

#### NUS College in Silicon Valley (2002)

- Work in America's innovation "habitat" and study at Stanford University
- Focus on technology start-ups in Silicon Valley

#### NUS College in BioValley, Philadelphia (2003)

- Work in America's pharma hub and study at University of Pennsylvania
- Focus on bio/medical technology

#### NUS College in Shanghai (2004)

- Work in China's commercial hub and study at Fudan University
- Focus on China-related business

#### NUS College in Stockholm (2005)

- Work in Europe's No. 1 IT nation and study at KTH, Royal Institute of Technology
- Focus on mobile/IT with European perspective

#### NUS College in India (2008)

- Learn about India's grassroots innovation and take part in entrepreneurial workshops by top India institutions
- Focus on business/social innovations in India

#### NUS College in Beijing (2009)

- Work in China's political and hi-tech hub and study at Tsinghua University
- Focus on tech start-ups with China focus

#### NUS College in Israel (2011)

- Experience the dynamic start-up culture that defines Israel
- Uncover Israel's heritage of innovation and entrepreneurship

#### NUS College in New York (2014)

•Ride on the adrenaline of fast-paced New York City •Immerse in a global city of diversity and connectivity









## **NUS' Vibrant Research Culture**

- ✓ Building peaks of research excellence
- Cutting-edge research of global impact while supporting national research objectives
- Building a seamless transition from research discovery to "exploitation"



## 24 University-Level Research Institutes or Centres

- Asia Research Institute
- Centre for International Law
- Centre for Maritime Studies
- Centre for Remote Imaging, Sensing & Processing
- East Asian Institute
- Energy Studies Institute
- Interactive & Digital Media Institute
- Institute for Mathematical Sciences
- Institute of Real Estate Studies
- Institute of South Asian Studies
- Life Sciences Institute
- Middle East Institute
- NUS Environmental Research Institute

- NUS Global Asia Institute
- NUS Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Initiative
- NUS (Suzhou) Research Institute
- Risk Management Institute
- Singapore Institute for Neurotechnology
- Singapore Nuclear Research and Safety
  Initiative
- Singapore Synchrotron Light Source
- Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore
- Temasek Laboratories
- The Logistics Institute-Asia Pacific
- Tropical Marine Science Institute

## **Research Centres of Excellence (RCEs)**



Centre for Quantum Technologies (2007)

Conducts interdisciplinary theoretical and experimental research in quantum theory and its application to information technologies

Cancer Science Institute of Singapore (2008)

Pursues a coordinated and multifaceted approach to cancer research

Mechanobiology Institute, Singapore (2009)

Aims to develop new ways of studying diseases through the mechanisms of cell and tissue mechanics

Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering (2011) Explores and translates the life of microbial biofilms into environmental solutions with significant economic benefits



# NUS' high and steeply rising reputation as a leading university

#### TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD REPUTATION RANKINGS 2014

Reputation / Rank	Institution	Country / Region
21	National University of Singapore	Singapore



#### TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2013-2014

Rank	Institution	Country / Region
25	University of Washington	United States
26	National University of Singapore	Singapore
27	University of Texas at Austin	United States
28	Georgia Institute of Technology	United States
29	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	United States
30	University of Wisconsin-Madison	United States



#### TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2014

Rank	University	Country
1	University of Tokyo	Japan
2	National University of Singapore	Singapore
3	University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong

#### QS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS: ASIA 2014

Rank	University	Country
1	National University of Singapore	Singapore
2	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Korea
3	University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong



#### **QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2013/2014**

Rank	Institution	Country / Region
21	McGill University	Canada
22	University of Michigan	United States
23	Duke University	United States
24	National University of Singapore	Singapore
25	University of California, Berkeley	United States
26	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
27	Australian National University	Australia



## **Global & Asian Alliances**

**International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU)** 

#### **Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)**

#### **ASEAN University Network (AUN)**

Universitas 21 (U21)



## New Strategic Thrusts: Positioning NUS for the future

## 1. Yale-NUS College



- ✓ Singapore's first liberal arts college
- ✓ Provides a new model of liberal arts education for Asia
- A collaboration with Yale University, the first campus developed outside New Haven, Connecticut
- ✓ A 4-year programme commencing in 2013
- ✓ About 1,000 students at steady state



## **Yale-NUS College**



#### Four distinctive features:

#### ✓ New curriculum

Synthesises Western and Asian perspectives with an integrated general education

Pedagogy Emphasises critical thinking and high level of interaction

#### **Residential colleges**

Create a sense of community with integrated living and learning

Extra- and co-curricular activities Develop leadership skills, teamwork and community service, with global experience and internship opportunities



## 2. NUS University Town

#### **Transformative Global Education**



A link bridge connects Kent Ridge Campus to University Town

#### Residential Colleges and UTown Residence



## **NUS University Town**



#### Three distinctive features:

#### ✓ Diverse Student Community

- A good mix of local and international students
- All disciplines
- Graduate and undergraduate students

#### ✓ Residential College Learning

- Small groups exploring global issues with Asian perspectives
- ✓ Interaction with research faculty from NUS, MIT, ETH Zurich and Technion







Launched by Singapore's National Research Foundation, the Campus for Research Excellence And Technological Enterprise (CREATE) is located at University Town

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## **3. Six integrative research clusters**



## **Synergy in Proximity**



## **NUS in Summary**



✓ A global research-intensive university

- ✓ Rich tradition of nurturing leaders
- ✓ A leader in global education
- ✓ Rising research quality and impact
- ✓ A leading global university centred in Asia





## Thank you

## Introduction to NUS Enterprise





**NUS Enterprise** 

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## **NUS Enterprise – What We Are**



**NUS Enterprise** 

NUS Enterprise was established as a University-level cluster to provide an enterprise dimension to NUS teaching and research involving the University's students, staff and alumni.



## **NUS Enterprise – What We Do**



**NUS Enterprise** 

NUS Enterprise promotes the spirit of innovation and enterprise through the following:

Experiential Entrepreneurial Education

> Active Industry Partnership

**Entrepreneurship Support** 

Asia's Thought Leader for Innovation & Enterprise

## **NUS Enterprise – What We Do**



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## **Experiential Entrepreneurial Education**

Our hallmark programmes



**NUS Enterprise** 

#### NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) (2002)

Provides students a full-time internship in startup/innovative companies around the globe, as well as entrepreneurial classes at prestigious partner universities.

#### Innovative Local Enterprise Achiever Development (*i*LEAD) (2008)

Offers students the opportunity to intern at innovative companies and be exposed to *entrepreneurial challenges* in Singapore.

#### Aims to:

- Cultivate entrepreneurial mindset
- **Develop leadership and management skills** 
  - Provide insight into the business world
  - Provide opportunities to learn from entrepreneurial leaders




## **Experiential Entrepreneurial Education**



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• Experience the dynamic start-up culture that defines Israel



## **Experiential Entrepreneurial Education**



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**Challenge:** To groom a generation of NUS students into dynamic young entrepreneurs, change-agents and thought leaders

#### Approach:

- -Experience-based model to effect personal transformation
- -Close alignment of students' interests/objectives with internship placements
- -Full time internship maximizes self-directed learning & application
- -Part-time entrepreneurial classes at partner universities for a globalized approach
- -Venture creation workshops provide platform for personal action
- -Venture Ideation grants to develop business ideas
- -Local networking, mentorship, business pitches & other entrepreneurial activities to enhance learning journey
- -NUS ecosystem sustains/builds on entrepreneurial momentum upon return



Figures updated as of August 2013

College	NCSV	NCBV	NCST	NCSH	India	NCBJ	Israel	iLEAD	Tot	tal
Alumni	421	243	125	226	146	34	29	234	1458	1586
Students still on the programme	32	23	18	27	0	6	10	12	128	



# An entrepreneurial-themed residence hall for NOC & iLEAD alumni, as well as other enterprising NUS students

Objectives:

- 1. Harness the creative energy of entrepreneurial NUS undergraduates
- 2. Create a community of like-minded undergraduates in a stimulating and supportive environment. This will allow them to:

share and apply entrepreneurial skills continuously through structured and informal activities
recognize opportunities, innovate constantly and create new value
enlist potential collaborators and make use of shared resources to form effective work teams for developing their business enterprises

business enterprises

•build a robust and dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem that will infuse the spirit of enterprise into the campus

3. Serve as NUS' Entrepreneur-Ambassadors.









**NUS Enterprise** 

# Importantly, the NOC program provides a direct pipeline for our incubation system and community, with many alumni returning to start their own companies....





# **Success Stories**



**NUS Enterprise** 

# , techsailor





#### 2005

2005, Rex Huang sets up TechSailor as a design and development company

#### 2006

2006. Rex attends NOC, where he meets Wayne Chia and Leon Leong. TechSailor is repositioned as a digital marketing solutions company; incubates under ETP in FOE.

#### 2009

2009 Techsailor "graduates" from the incubator and expands to 40 staff located in Singapore, China and Malaysia

#### July 2013. TechSailor is acquired by TO THE NEW, a new media conglomerate and India's leading digital services company.









# **NUS Enterprise – What We Do**



#### **NUS Enterprise**

Experiential Entrepreneurial Education

> Active Industry Partnership

Entrepreneurship Support

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# **Asia's Thought Leader for Enterprise and Innovation**



**NUS Enterprise** 

#### What We Are Doing....

- Participation in international collaborative research projects with leading foreign universities (e.g. Stanford Project on Regions of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SPRIE) and the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Project)
- Production of high-impact applied research e.g. the annual Asia-Pacific IP ScoreCard and the annual GEM report on Singapore's entrepreneurial development
- NEC's research findings are disseminated through scholarly journals e.g. Journal of Business Venturing, commissioned policy reports for government agencies, and public seminars and conferences.

## **IP-Related Research Projects**

- IP Creation Pattern and Economic Impact in Singapore
  - Commissioned by Ministry of Law; Completed 2003
- Asia Pacific Intellectual Property Scorecard 2005, 2009/10
  - Commissioned by IPA; Completed 2007 & end Dec. 2010
- Factors Influencing the Emergence and Growth of Intellectual Property-based Industries in Singapore
  - Commissioned by IPA; Completed 2006
- The Role and Impact of Universities in a National Innovation System
  - Funded by a Japanese Foundation; Project completed in 2009, book published by Edward Elgar to be released in December 2011
- Evaluation of Exploit Technologies IP and Technology Transfer Services
   Commissioned by Exploit Technologies; Completed 2011
- Patent Analytics and Landscaping of Key Technological Sectors
  - Research Collaboration Agreement with Patsnap; Ongoing
- Intellectual Property Rights in the Global Digital Convergence Space: Opportunities for Singapore as an IP Hub
  - **Commissioned by IPOS; commencing late November 2011**



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## **Selected Academic Journal Publications**



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# NUS Enterprise promotes innovation through the commercialization of NUS technologies, IP management, and the active engagement of industry partners...

# **NUS Enterprise**

providing an entrepreneurial and innovation dimension to the university





**NUS Enterprise** 

# The Industry Liaison Office (ILO):



**NUS Enterprise** 

- Promotes research collaborations with external parties
- Manages and seeks protection of NUS' intellectual property
- Facilitates technology transfer and commercialisation of NUS' innovations and expertise



# **Patent OR Publish**







# **Publish OR Perish**

# **Choose Both...**





# Research Policy 42 (2013) 23-34 Contents lists available at SciVerse ScienceDirect Research Policy journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/respol

# The economic impact of licensed commercialized inventions originating in university research

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2012 study published in *Research Policy* analyzes data from 1996-2010, demonstrating:

- Estimated \$122.2B contribution to the US GDP
- More than 277,000 person-years of employment created over 15-years

#### **Examples: Successful Economic Impact of University-Innovation**





Sparking Economic Growth Federal Funding + University Research = Innovation, Companies and Jobs

- April 2010 report identified a small sampling of 100 US "success stories"companies that can be directly traced to federally-funded and universitybased basic research.
- Together, these 100 companies employ over 100K people and have annual revenues approaching \$100 billion
- Familiar names include: Google, Genentech, Cisco and SAS



## The Changing Role of the University



Old Model	New Model	NUS Enterprise
Knowledge- Transfer	Knowledge-Creation	
Focus on basic research	Focus on basic AND applied res	earch
University seen as free of commercial interests	University encourages tech trans commercialization and industry p	sfer, artnership
University has a relatively passive role in relation to economy	University takes on active role an in economy	d responsibility

"As argued by Etzkowitz et al. (2000) and Etzkowitz (2003), universities around the world are increasingly shifting from their traditional primary role as education providers and scientific knowledge creators to a more complex 'entrepreneurial' university model that incorporates the additional role of commercialization of knowledge and active contribution to the development of private enterprises in the local and regional economy." (Wong, Ho and Singh, 2011, p. 169)

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# **INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICE** *Transform Innovation into Products and Services*



**NUS Enterprise** 

Industry Relations – Promote Collaboration



- Strategic engagement
   with industry
- Close interaction with faculties and research centers
- Lead in negotiations for external collaborations

IP Management – Commercialize IP





Managing IP Beyond NUS Research Center of Excellence:



Centre for Quantum Technologies

Mechanobiology Institute, Singapore

CREATE: SMART

Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Research Centre on Inflammatory Diseases

## Students (AY 2013-14)

<b>Total Student Population</b>	37,452	
Undergraduate Students	27,391	
Graduate Students	10,061	



Bachelor's Degree	6,750	
Ph.D Degree	837	
Master's Degree	2,904	
Graduate Diploma	299	

## Faculty and Staff (As at June 2013)

Faculty Members	2,314
Research Staff	2,999
Executive and Professional Staff	2,493
General Staff	2,391



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- Faculties and Schools- 16
- National Level Research Centers of Excellence 3.5
- University-level Research Institutes and Centers 23
  - Quantum Technology
  - Cancer
  - Mechanobiology
  - Environmental Life Sciences Engineering
  - Graphene





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# CAMPUS FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ENTERPRISE (CREATE)

Collaborative Interdisciplinary Research in Four Areas human systems / energy systems / environmental systems/ urban systems

- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Technical University of Munich
- Technion-Israel Institute of Technology
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Ben-Gurion University
- University of California, Berkeley
- Peking University
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Cambridge University

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# **TECH TRANSFER PLUS**



**NUS Enterprise** 

 Going beyond the usual tech transfer office through active industry Outreach, Engagement & Partnership

Successes in licensing and industry sponsored funding

- Get involved at early high-risk IP protection stage
- Provide sustained administrative support
- Be flexible and supportive in licensing terms
- Play proactive role in bridging gap between company's commercial requirements and NUS academic interests

# NURTURING: FROM TECHNOLOGY TO START NUS (IN MAKING)

Articulating Ablation and Division Device with blood flowing sensing capability Dr Stephen Chang, Senior Consultant, NUH/NUS Department of Surgery

> New ablation-division device <u>Resection time – 20 min, blood loss –</u> 100 ml

> LigaSure <sup>™</sup> (existing device by Covidien, gold standard in practice) Resection time – 25 min, blood loss – 150 ml

Early relationship building– Strategic IP advice– Leading marketing and commercialization– Nurturing entrepreneurial spirit– LLP workshop– mentoring-- biz team building

# **TECH TRANSFER PLUS**



#### **NUS Enterprise**

#### Many programs to Facilitate "push" to industry



Partnering to Enhance Market Pull





# LEAN LAUNCHPAD@SINGAPORE









Steve Blank, Stanford

Jerry Engel, UC Berkeley

LeanLaunchPad@Singapore

#### **Program fosters:**

- entrepreneurial interest
- develops early knowledge of the tech commercialization process.
- participants learn business model design, customer development and agile engineering

# SUCCESS STORIES





### New NUS spin-off company BioLynx boosts malaria research

#### 13 October 2011

journal Cell Death & Disease.

NUS has spun off a new biotech company, BioLynx Technologies Pte Ltd, which provides high quality, multi-functional, fluorescent-tagged drugs. The company is currently focusing on further developing and commercialising its flagship product, LynxTag–CQTM, a useful tool for research on malaria.

Co-founded and directed by Dr Martin Lear of the Department of Chemistry and Dr Kevin Tan from the Department of Microbiology, BioLynx is launching its presence at TechVenture 2011 (13-14 October), Asia's premier event for the finance community to engage with the latest high technological innovations.

As part of an NUS research project, the researchers successfully tagged a fluorescent marker to chloroquine, a drug that has been used in the treatment of malaria since 1947. The fluorescent-labelled chloroquine molecule, LynxTag-CQTM, allows researchers to visualise intracellular drug-cell interactions in an easy and cost-effective manner. Currently the only chloroquine-based fluorescent probe in the market, LynxTag-CQTM proves to be a useful tool for malaria studies into chloroquine resistance, drug uptake, mechanism of drug action, or chemosensitisation. The use of LynxTag-CQTM has been featured twice in the prestigious

Dr Kevin Tan said that besides malaria research, LynxTag-CQTM can also used to study mechanisms of other diseases at a cellular level. "For example, chloroquine is also used in treating immune diseases, cancer and some viral infections. Moving forward, we plan to go beyond just chloroquine, to have a pipeline of products, synthesising chemical tags for other high value drugs," noted Dr Tan. Dr Martin Lear shared that some S\$1 million had been raised to commercialise the technology and bring it to market. He hopes to excite some venture capitalist companies present at TechVenture 2011 to invest in BioLynx, so as to grow the company and boost international marketing of its product. For more information on BioLynx, please visit www.biolynxtech.com.



#### **NUS Enterprise**

#### money.sme spotlight

THE STRAITS TIMES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 2011 PAGE B19

In a six-part series sponsored by Spring Singapore, we look at innovative start-ups. Joyce Teo examines Clearbridge Biomedics

# 'Nerds' fight cancer with med tech

Their machine traps tumour cells; hope for personalised treatment

A COUPLE of self-confessed nerds seem tion is." an unlikely pair to lead the charge to a new medical frontier but there is no hold ing back entrepreneurs Johnson Chen and Chong Chee Wah, both 39.

hong Chee Wah, both 39. Hong Kong where he ran the venture capi-The friends set a high goal – producing tal arm of Pacific Century CyberWorks, a machine that can trap rare cancer cells



Clearbridge's Johnson Chen (left) and Chong Chee Wah have already built versions of their machine to be used for research and they are now working on selling them to top researchers across the globe. ST PHOTO: DESMOND LIM

Media release - embargoed till 1 August 2011



#### Singapore technology incubator receives investment from Silicon Valley "super-angel"

1 August 2011, Singapore – Clearbridge Accelerator announced today that it has received an investment from Tim Draper, a well-established venture capitalist based in the Silicon Valley. Mr Draper, who is the Founder and a Managing Director of Draper Fisher Jurvetson (DFJ), is well known for making early-stage investments in dynamic companies in new markets.



#### The ClearCell<sup>™</sup> System

For the label-free isolation, enumeration and retrieval of viable Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs) from blood.

The next generation non-invasive "liquid biopsy" for cancer



the telecoms company owned by tycoon

Li Ka-shing's son Richard Li

# SUCCESS STORIES



**NUS Enterprise** 

# **Prospective and proactive support:**

- interactive IP protection strategies aligning with future start-up plans;
- prestart-up funding for technology development- POC/POV;
- Support to assist incorporation of start-up

## Assoc. Prof. Dieter Trau

- Next generation micro-bead arrays for multiplexed protein detection
- NUS start-up: POC/POV funds
- German company now set-up through German investors
- R&D in Singapore
- Corporate and BD activities via German entity
- 2014 successful EU series B



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# **NUS Enterprise Incubator (NEI):**



#### **NUS Enterprise** Incubation & • Physical Incubation Facilities & Support Services (e.g., Corp Sec, Bookkeeping, Marcom) Mentoring Support Mentoring Program Assistance in applying for NRF/SPRING POC & SMART grants Access to Funding I&E Practicum grants, iJAM, YES, etc. MDA Angel Funds/ VCs Access to NS R&D resources IP Advisory Infrastructure Legal/accounting services Workshops for business/financing training Roadshows Investor Forums Marketing Networking (connect to local network e.g. SVCA & BANSEA and global network e.g. SV & NOC connections) Business Leaders Roundtable



# **Funding Support for Entrepreneurs**






**NUS Enterprise** 

## NEI@PGP

## **NEI@FOE**

















**NUS Enterprise** 



Jointly set up by NUS Enterprise, Media Development Authority and SingTel **Innov8 to boost Singapore's interactive digital space, Plug**-In@Blk71 provides start-ups and entrepreneurs one-stop access to the resources they need, as well as a common space to network and meet potential partners/ investors.



#### **NUS Enterprise**

# We have developed a thriving and dynamic community both on-campus and off-campus, enabling growing start-up companies to transition beyond NUS

#### OCTOBER 30, 2013, 8:30 AM 9 Comments

In Singapore, Building Businesses for the Next Billion By QUENTIN HARDY



Venture capitalists, accelerators and start-ups house five floors of a warehouse, called Block 71, in Singapore.

SINGAPORE — Years back, my first serious job began in a

## All together now

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BLOCK 71 HAS long been slated for demolition. A look at the tenant list for the seven-storey industrial building on Singapore's Ayer Rajah Crescent helps explain why it is still standing: nearly 100 startups live there officially and perhaps as many again informally. Their often strange monikers are interspersed with the more conventional names of venture-capital firms, accelerators and the like.

It is the world's most tightly packed entrepreneurial ecosystem, and a perfect place to study the lengths to which a government can go to support startup colonies. "They essentially force-fed entrepreneurship to the young generation," says Bowei Gai, a Chinese-American entrepreneur who is working on a "World Startup Report" after visiting nearly three dozen ecosystems around the world, starting in New Delhi in January last year and ending in Singapore in September (see



## **NUS Enterprise Community**



#### **NUS Enterprise**











## **Success Stories**



**NUS Enterprise** 

## **tech**sailor

2013



#### 2005

2005. Rex Huang sets up TechSailor as a design and development company

#### 2006

2006. Rex attends NOC, where he meets Wayne Chia and Leon Leong. TechSailor is repositioned as a digital marketing solutions company; incubates under ETP in FOE.

#### 2009

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Techsailor "graduates" from the incubator and expands to 40 staff located in Singapore, China and Malaysia

#### July 2013. TechSailor is acquired by TO THE NEW, a new media conglomerate and India's leading digital services company.









Founders Quek Siu Rui, Marcus Tan, and Lucas Ngoo are all alumni from the NUS Overseas Programme in Silicon Valley. They received support from ETP, getting SGD7,000 (USD5,600) from the Innovation Practicum grant and are currently hot-desking at Plugin@Blk71.



SUCCESS: (From left) Carousell co-founders Lucas Ngoo, Marcus Tan and Quek Siu Rui. ThP PICTURI



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## Silicon Valley job? No thanks!

Former NUS student prefers to set up online sales app with two friends

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T HREE former students of the National University of Singapore (NUS) have come up with an app that helps you sell second-hand items easily, by snapping a photo and uploading it.

Said Mr Quek Siu Rui, 25, its co-founder: "Carousell is different from other selling platforms out there. It's simple to use and visually appealing."

Right now it's troublesome to sell items online, he added.

"It takes you ages to take a photo and upload it. The interfaces tend to be text heavy."

With Carousell, you can take the photo with your iPhone and upload it to the app for sale in seconds. You can first beautify it with filters if you wish to.

The Carousell prototype was developed by Mr Quek, a Singaporean, and his friend, Mr Lucas Ngoo, 24, a Malaysian, at Startup Weekend, in March last year.

The event, organised by the NUS Overseas College programme's alumni, requires participants to submit product ideas. The 20 best ideas are worked on by the groups over the weekend and the prototypes are produced.

Carousell, known then as SnapSell, won the main prize, which included free office space, tickets to the Startup conference, Echelon, and a chance to pitch their idea on Season 2 of Angel's Gate, an Asian reality TV show featuring budding entrepreneurs who pitch ideas to some of the region's top investors.

Convinced of the app's potential, Mr Quek said he picked working on Carousell over a job offer at a Silicon



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Valley company.

He had previously interned there as part of an NUS exchange programme.

#### Launch

Carousell was launched on Aug 13 last year.

But to move it from startup to product, Mr Quek had to rope in a third partner, an old friend from Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Mr Marcus Tan, 29.

Mr Tan, a Singaporean, was working for Oracle as a business development consultant but jumped at the opportunity.

He said: "I wanted to be adventurous and I knew if I got too comfortable with my job I would never leave. I've seen it happen to other friends."

The prospect of them taking up such a risky endeavour naturally did not appeal to their parents.

Said Mr Quek: "I chose the 'perfect' moment to tell my parents: at a family dinner. Everyone was shocked."

He said they all came around eventually.

Part of their funding came from the NUS Venture Ideation programme, which provided \$7,000.

They are also due to receive \$50,000 from Spring's Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE) movement which has given out 37 grants since last March.

Said Mr Sim Choon, the Chairperson of ACE Startups subcommittee: "ACE recognised that Carousell is different from other competitors. It has a user-friendly mobile marketplace with social elements targeting young smartphone users.

"The founders are also equipped with experience in both the business and technical aspects."

Mr Quek graduated in May last year and Mr Tan in May 2011. Both took the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Mr Ngoo graduated with a degree in computer engineering last month.

The trio have plans to continue the endeavour indefinitely.

Said Mr Tan: "We all have our own goals and visions of ourselves in the future but even then I expect we will be involved in Carousell in one way or another."



#### MANAGING MONEY THE FUN WAY

"It was at the height of the financial crisis in the US when everyone was shocked at how adults were not able to manage their finances. We thought, what about starting with the young? Teach the children to manage their money in a fun way."

Ms Audrey Tan, 23, co-founder of start-up PlayMoolah

## PlayMoolah may bring in serious money

#### By SANDRA DAVIE SENIOR WRITER

SETTING up an innovative new business is not exactly child's play.

But two National University of Singapore students have managed it – and their idea is now generating a buzz in the start-up community.

PlayMoolah uses online games to teach children how to manage their money.

The students, Ms Audrey Tan and Ms Lee Min Xuan, were roommates while on the NUS overseas college programme in California's Silicon Valley three years ago.

They discovered that they shared a passion for starting innovative businesses as well as educating children. Just two weeks into the programme, they came up with the idea.

Ms Tan, 23, a new media and communications student, explained: "Min Xuan and I love kids a lot and we thought we should come up with an idea involving kids. We looked at the games they were playing and figured that all the games are consumerist in nature.

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nancial crisis in the United States when everyone was shocked at how adults were not able to manage their finances.

"We thought, what about stating with the young? Teach the children to manage their money in a fun way."

She and business student Ms Lee, 24, knew they had a winning idea when they showed it to Professor Tom Kosnik at Stanford University and he asked: "What do you need to get started?"

They kept refining their idea, and on returning to Singapore, started working on a prototype. Last year, barely two years after setting up, they received their first round of financing from investors here and in California's Bay Area. One of them was ten-Cube's co-founder Darius Cheung.

They did not reveal the amount, just that it was enough for them to take up office space, expand their team to eight people and start working on the final product.

By the end of this year, they hope to make PlayMoolah available to interested parents in the US and here for free, to test it further. Next year they hope to launch it in the US market.



Ms Audrey Tan (front) and Ms Lee Min Xuan, founders of start-up PlayMoolah, which uses online games to teach children how to manage their money. Both of them shared a passion for starting innovative businesses as well as educating children, and the idea for their enterprise grew from there. ST PHOTO: CHEW SENG KIM

#### TWO VENTURES THAT SHOW PROMISE

#### ZOPIM

START-UP business Zopim remained merely an idea – until two of its founders gatecrashed an event hosted by a venture capitalist.

NUS students Wu Wenxiang and Royston Tay pitched their vision to Mr Tim Draper, founder of Draper Fisher Jurvetson, at an event at Chijmes.

The 29-year-olds were stunned when he asked to see a prototype within two months – in his office in Silicon Valley.

Realising this was a rare opportunity, they worked feverishly on a prototype, then flew to California to show it to Mr Draper. Although he did not write them a cheque, he did tell them that the idea was workable.

Four years on, Zopim – which allows firms to communicate with their customers via instant messages – has won awards and accolades.

Last year, it was voted one of the top 10 apps in Asia in a competition held by SingTel. Just before that it was a finalist in Red Herring's top 100 Asia award. Technology news website TechCrunch said Zopim's main selling point is that it is so simple to set up.

The app has attracted an increasing number of customers, ranging from spas to online electronic stores. Having garnered \$300,000 in funding from Spring

Having garnered \$300,000 in funding from Spring Singapore and NUS Enterprise, the team hopes to launch a new version of the product for the latest mobile phones by the end of this year.

#### PATSNAP

PATSNAP is the brainchild of NUS student Jeffrey Tiong – who based the idea on his own frustrating experience of searching for patent information online. The 27-year-old, who spent a year in the NUS overseas college in Philadelphia in 2006, came up with the idea after an internship as a patent engineer for a medical device company.

He realised that many patent search engines were difficult to use.

So the biomedical engineering student created Patsnap, a Web-based search and analysis platform which allows users to track, analyse and download worldwide patent information.

When he graduated in 2007, he pitched it to NUS Enterprise and won a grant of \$55,000.

He gathered a multi-national team – including two NUS students from China and a Singaporean who attended NUS's overseas college in Sweden – to take advantage of their different backgrounds and experiences.

With a further \$1 million investment from venture capital fund Accel-X last year, he took the leap and set up an office in Suzhou Industrial Park in China.

Patsnap, which now has a team of 35 people, says it is generating healthy revenue. Its clients include the Agency for Science, Technology and Research and the National Library Board, Beijing University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## **Thank You**



## Briefing on Temasek Laboratories at National University of Singapore

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## **MINDEF-University Collaborations in R&D**



- Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and National University of Singapore (NUS) have had fruitful collaborations in R&D since mid-1980s.
- MINDEF has also funded the establishment of research infrastructures in NUS, such as
  - » Laboratory for Image and Signal Processing, (Laboratory for Image and Signal Processing later evolved into the Centre for Remote Imaging, Sensing and Processing (CRISP) with funding from A\*STAR.)
  - » Laboratory for Radar and Signal Processing,
  - » Centre for Protective Technology,
  - » Physical Oceanography Laboratory,
  - » Acoustic Research Laboratory, etc.
- The collaborations have been on project basis. At the end of each project, the Principal Investigators may move on to other research topics, and the research teams would be dispersed.
- Temasek Laboratories are established in the universities to anchor core teams
  of researchers in selected technology areas of long-term interest, and to serve
  as a coordinator of NUS-MINDEF collaborations.

## **Mission of Temasek Laboratories@NUS**



## To conduct research in selected areas of science and technology critical to Singapore's defence and security

- Develop a long term research programme
- Build up a strong research team to pursue high quality innovative research
- Train research scientists and engineers to undertake advanced defence R&D
- Coordinate all other R&D initiatives between the Ministry of Defence and NUS
- Collaborate with local and overseas research institutions and companies in defence research

## **Complementary Roles of TL and DSO National Laboratories**



- DSO is the main defence research establishment of Singapore undertaking a wide range of defence projects, many of them highly confidential.
- Temasek Laboratories complements DSO by taking up mainly upstream, basic research to understand new phenomena and materials, to explore innovative applications, and to develop sophisticated research tools.
- TL@NUS serves as a channel to promote defence science research in NUS, train research students, recruit researchers from overseas, and to collaborate with international research establishments.

#### Launch of Temasek Laboratories@NUS 6 Sep 2000



- Officiated by Dr. Tony Tan, then DPM and Minister for Defence
- MOU on the establishment of Temasek Laboratories @ NUS signed by:
  - » Mr Peter Ho, then PS for Defence and Chairman of DSTA
  - » Prof Shih Choon Fong, then NUS Vice Chancellor
- DPM's speech:
  - » Importance of research collaboration with international and local partners in building up a national capability.
  - » Temasek Laboratories to evolve into a "third pillar" of national defence infrastructure, complementing DSO and the local industry in harnessing the potential of science and technology to enhance the security and defence of Singapore.





## TL's Role in Defence R&D





Basic  $\leftarrow$  R&D  $\rightarrow$  Mission-oriented

### **Organisation of Temasek Labs**





### **Research Programmes**

- Aeronautical Sciences
  - » Computational fluid dynamics, aero/aeroservo-elasticity, design optimization.
  - » Pulsed Plasma, flapping MAV, pulse detonation engine.
  - » Robust & failure-tolerant control, multi-agent systems.
- Electromagnetics
  - » Antenna design.
  - » Propagation and scattering of EM waves, computational EM.
  - » EM materials.
- Information Security
  - » Coding theory, system security, cryptography.
- Cognitive Science
  - » Cognitive computing, cognitive performance enhancement.







#### **Temasek Laboratories Staff Strength**

■ Admin/System Support ■ Research (without PhD) ■ Research (with PhD) ■ Adjunct Staff



## Local Collaborators – NUS

- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - » Multi-agent systems: Coordination and control of multi-robot systems: hybrid system approaches; Collaborative tasking: search and exploration; Vision-based navigation;
  - » Neuromuscular response of spider by electrical stimulation
  - » Waveguide & Metamaterial Antennas
  - » High Agility Spacecraft Attitude Control Using CMGs
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
  - » Liquid-fuel Pulsed Detonation Engine
  - » EEG-Based Rapid Image Triage System
  - » Carbon Nanotube fibres
  - » Flapping wing micro-aerial vehicle
  - » Potential designs for station keeping of stratospheric balloon



## Local Collaborators – NUS

- Department of Biological Sciences
  - » Neuromuscular response of spider by electrical stimulation
- Department of Bioengineering
  - » Neuromuscular response of spider by electrical stimulation
  - » Flapping wing micro-aerial vehicle
- Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering and Department of Biochemistry
  - » Synthetic Biology for Biomonitoring



## Local Collaborators – NUS

- Department of Physics
  - » Laser processing of graphene microstructures
- Department of Computer Science
  - » Formal Verification of Systems Design & Implementation

## Local Collaborators - NTU & SIT



- School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
  - » Multi-agent system: Distributed Cooperative Information Processing and Control
- School of Computer Engineering
  - » Formal Verification of Systems Design & Implementation
- School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
  - » Flapping wing micro-aerial vehicle
- School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
  - » Synthesis of Nanoenergetic Particles
- Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT)
  - » Liquid-Fuel PDE

## **Overseas Collaborators**

- Ohio State University
  - » Computational Electromagnetics
- Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)
  - » Flapping wing micro-aerial vehicle
- Naval Postgraduate School
  - » Development of Diagnostic Sensors for Self-Sustained Pulse Detonation Engine
- Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar
  - » Effects of rain on the aerodynamics and performance of UAVs
- National Chi Nan University, Department of Electrical Engineering
  - » Nonlinear Reduced-Order Modeling and Adaptive Control Design for Aero-servo-elastic Systems



#### Temasek Laboratories@NUS





## Thank You