



NTU's smart (phone) way to jobs

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- *New mobile tool to connect students and bosses*
- *3,000 jobs at career fair; 51 firms taking part for the first time*
- *Energy firms make big entry*
- *Business student Ivan Koh one of many with a job months before final exams*

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has found another way to connect its graduating students to companies looking to fill vacancies. It is introducing **JobPASS**, NTU's new job app for smartphones, which allows students to find the perfect company to start building their career – even before they graduate. The job mobile app is the first of its kind for a Singapore university.

Available for both Apple and Android smart phones, JobPASS enables NTU students to view the latest job opportunities, apply for jobs conveniently and get instant notifications on their job application status, career events and latest updates from participating employers.

JobPASS allows the user to set personal preferences, such as the type of industry, for more accurate job matching. When the user sees a job he likes, he can simply apply for it right away on his mobile phone, anywhere, anytime. The user will also be notified directly through the app when he has been shortlisted or accepted by the company. JobPASS is also a boon for participating employers as they can now reach out to students directly via the mobile app.

The new JobPASS app marks another big step for NTU, as the University continues to leverage new technologies to better connect employers to the Generation Y, which uses technology to connect with the world around them in more diverse ways and in greater numbers than any other age group.

Professor Freddy Boey, NTU's Provost said, "Over the last few years, NTU has been utilising technology to better connect employers to the Internet- and technology-savvy Generation Y students. NTU JobPASS will complement NTU's existing Talent Site, giving our students an added edge as they search for their dream job. I trust the employers will fully utilise this innovative way of engaging our students via their mobile devices, making outreach and recruitment more engaging and efficient."

The JobPASS was unveiled today by Professor Boey at the launch of the University's Career Fair 2013. The new app is directly linked and complements NTU's existing online recruitment platforms. In 2010, NTU introduced its Talent Site that enables graduating students to submit their resumes online, including short introductory video-clips of themselves directly to employers. NTU followed up a year later with the iFair, a virtual career fair that is fully interactive, offering online live chats with participating employers at selected times.

### **More than 3,000 jobs on offer**

The NTU Career Fair 2013 features 213 employers offering more than 3,000 job openings. More than

20,000 students are expected to attend the event, including over 8,000 final-year undergraduate and graduate students who will receive their scrolls this August.

As with previous years, the fair is being held over two days, so that a bigger number of employers can participate in the event. About one in five participating employers are from the public sector, while the majority hail from the private sector.

Fifty-one employers are taking part in the NTU Career Fair for the first time. They include public agencies, like the National Arts Council, and prominent private firms, such as American biotechnology giant Amgen and fashion house Abercrombie & Fitch, and Japanese manufacturing companies IHI Corporation and Mori Seiki.

### **Energy firms make grand entry**

Another first for the Career Fair is a new pavilion featuring employers and jobs in the energy sector. Among the eight participating firms are the Energy Market Authority, Senoko Energy, Singapore Power and Tuas Power.

Said Professor Boey, "The Energy Pavilion is a welcome and timely addition to the Career Fair, given the good growth potential of the energy sector. The sector is expected to continue to expand rapidly, and over the next 10 years, Singapore will require approximately 2,400 new technical professionals, including power engineers. I have no doubt that a significant proportion of them will be NTU graduates."

Besides the Energy Pavilion, students can also look forward to visiting the other pavilions at this year's fair, including the Public Service, Maritime, Careers@Enterprise and Japan pavilions.

This year's Career Fair will also showcase NTU's distinctive Sport Science & Management (SSM) direct honours bachelor's degree programme, whose pioneer class of 34 students will be graduating this August. One of them, Ms Pearl Tan, 23, already has a job in the wings. She said, "I started being interested in a full-time job during my internship at DSO National Laboratories from July to November last year, so I expressed my interest to my supervisor. Conducting research in the field of exercise physiology is something I really enjoy and look forward to. It's a lot of fun to pursue an idea and see it materialise."

### **Ivan Koh gets job at Deutsche Bank HK months ahead of graduation**

As the job market is improving and employers more upbeat about hiring this year, recruiters from Fortune 500 companies and banks are racing to get access to top student talent as early as possible. Some students, like Nanyang Business School student Ivan Koh, 24, were offered a job as early as September 2012 – almost one year before he officially graduates in August 2013.

Ivan was offered a position as Graduate Trainee, Credit Risk, at Deutsche Bank Hong Kong two months after completing a 10-week internship at the bank's Singapore office, where he worked in the credit risk department. During his stint, Ivan was involved in two projects including conducting a portfolio analysis of the department's product offerings and automating some of its manual work processes. For the automation project, Ivan worked with a colleague in India, which gave him a good first-hand view of what it was like to work in a multinational firm liaising with colleagues from different cultures and time zones.

Commenting on his new job, Ivan, who will move to Hong Kong this July, said, "I'm having mixed feelings – happiness, excitement, nervousness – but I'm certainly looking forward to living and working overseas, as it's a good opportunity to learn about yourself."

Internships are continuing to be an important recruiting tool for employers, as they offer a low-risk way for companies and potential employees to 'test-drive' and assess each other better. Companies can see first-hand interns' work performance, attitude and motivation. Conversely, interns can see if the company is a good fit, professionally and culturally.

"Now, more than ever, I see interns perform professionally meaningful tasks like managing projects and making presentations. That is partly because many of today's employees have growing workloads and are happy to delegate assignments," Mr Loh Pui Wah, Director of NTU's Career & Attachment Office, said. "University interns' work experience also sets them apart from the pack, and they tend to garner more job offers than applicants without that experience," he added.

For chemical and biomolecular engineering student Goh Ming Hui, 25, interning at Shell proved to be a boon as he will soon take on a full-time position this July as a technologist based at the multinational oil and gas company's Pulau Bukom complex – one of the most important Shell production sites in the world. During his 24-month internship, Goh worked on four projects ranging from safety documentation to Near Infra-Red (NIR) technology. "Job challenges are something I look forward to and I find most important", he said.

### **Three major employers honoured**

The Housing and Development Board, Land Transport Authority and Micron Semiconductor Asia were honoured as major employers at the NTU Career Fair this morning. This brings the total number of such NTU major employers to 26. These companies have employed a total of 100 or more students over five consecutive years.

Mr Loh Pui Wah, Director of NTU's Career & Attachment Office said, "We appreciate the continuous support from these employers and their recruitment numbers are also a testimony to the high quality of graduates produced by NTU."

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### **About Nanyang Technological University**

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has 33,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the colleges of Engineering, Business, Science, and Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences. In 2013, NTU will enrol the first batch of students at its new medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, which is set up jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to four world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI), Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N) and

the Institute on Asian Consumer Insight (ACI).

A fast-growing university with an international outlook, NTU is putting its global stamp on Five Peaks of Excellence: Sustainable Earth, Future Healthcare, New Media, New Silk Road, and Innovation Asia.

Besides the main Yunnan Garden campus, NTU also has a satellite campus in Singapore's science and tech hub, one-north, and is setting up a third campus in Novena, Singapore's medical district.

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