President’s Message

Since our founding in 1955, many generations of students have spent the formative years of their lives learning and living here on our beautiful Yunnan Garden campus, renowned for its lush greenery and open spaces.

Over the decades, as the University has evolved from Nanyang University (Nantah) to Nanyang Technological Institute to present day Nanyang Technological University (NTU), our campus has experienced a number of significant milestones in its physical development.

The first was the landmark groundbreaking on 26 July 1953 that saw champion of the Nantah cause, Tan Lark Sye, sink the first hoe into the soil at Yunnan Garden to lay the ground for Nantah. Since then, two other major campus development phases have occurred. The first, from 1981-1985, culminated in the development of the North and South academic complexes, and the demarcation of academic, residential and recreational zones within the campus. The second, from 1992-1995, focused on accommodating the National Institute of Education within an expanded Yunnan Garden campus.

The culmination of two intensive years of work by our Campus Planning Committee that commenced in 2008, this Yunnan Garden Campus Master Plan lays out our most ambitious physical development initiatives to date. The Master Plan not only addresses the physical needs of NTU in terms of its natural and built environment, but also acknowledges our need to adapt to changing pedagogical requirements, and to develop facilities that can sustain new forms of teaching and research into the future. Significantly, the Master Plan also includes guidelines for the development of a Campus Centre that will form the heart of NTU – a place for congregating, interacting, living and learning.

With Sustainable Earth as one of the five Peaks of Excellence in our NTU 2015 Strategic Plan, the Yunnan Garden Campus Master Plan emphasizes the preservation and enhancement of our campus’ renowned natural environment. Initiatives will embed sustainability practices into the future operation of the University and create a new physical environment, serving its social, cultural and academic needs.

An extensive road map to guide the future management and development of our Yunnan Garden Campus, the implementation of this Master Plan will ensure that many more future generations of students will continue to enjoy the privilege of a truly memorable experience here at NTU.

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