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NTU Singapore set to raise \$1 million on its inaugural Giving Day

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is set to raise \$1 million on its inaugural Giving Day. The 12-hour hybrid fundraising drive marks the culmination of the University's maiden We Belong campaign, as part of its 30th anniversary celebrations.

The **NTU Giving Day** brings together the entire University community to celebrate the impact of giving and support critical causes of the University.

Donors can designate their gifts to any fund of their choice, such as the NTU Bursary Fund, NTU Priorities Fund, NTU Sustainability Fund and School Advancement Funds. The funds raised will be channelled towards students' financial aid and support for the University's colleges, schools and programmes on campus.

The date 23 March was chosen for its historic significance.

In a pre-recorded message played at the launch event this morning, **Professor Subra Suresh, NTU President** said, "69 years ago, on 23 March 1953, the Hokkien Huay Kuan donated this land to build a university that we now know as NTU. Giving Day is therefore a day for gratitude to our forebearers – to all the past generations for the gifts they made – as well as a day for us to make our own history, and to provide support that will help future generations. What we raise during this 12-hour fundraising event will be used to benefit needy students, for sustainability initiatives, to support digital inclusion and advance cutting-edge research in our Colleges and Schools."

Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Manpower, and an **NTU alumnus**, who graced the event, said, "An NTU education goes beyond what we learn at lectures or between the pages of books or in the laboratories – it is also about building character, developing the willingness to do more for society, to pause and lend a helping hand to one another. On the University's

30th Anniversary, it is fitting that we continue the spirit of giving and do what we can to support and improve the lives of future generations of students.”

Trees dedicated in honour of NTU Presidents

At the Giving Day event, NTU also dedicated four existing Yellow Rain (Samanea Saman) trees at the Yunnan Garden in honour of the University's current President Professor Subra Suresh and former NTU Presidents: Professor Cham Tao Soon, Professor Su Guaning and Professor Bertil Andersson, in recognition of their leadership and vision, for having laid firm foundations for the University during the past 30 years.

Planted in 2018 during the rejuvenation of Yunnan Garden, the trees were chosen for their distinctive yellow leaves, tall height of up to 25 metres, and large umbrella-shaped crowns, which provide much needed shade for visitors at the Garden.

NTU Giving Day marks the third and final community engagement initiative under the University's new **"We Belong" campaign** that aims to encourage students, employees and alumni to give back and propel the community forward through volunteer service and fundraising.

“The NTU We Belong campaign is all about participation and togetherness,” said **Ms Lien Siaou-Sze, Vice President for University Advancement**. “It is an exciting opportunity for our NTU community to demonstrate their pride for the University, and to advance the remarkable work being done by our students, alumni, faculty, and staff in Singapore and beyond.”

Two earlier other flagship events of We Belong were **NTU Service Week**, held in January, during which participants could volunteer in a variety of ways, such as donating laptops, and providing social support to seniors and underprivileged residents at South West District; and **Best Foot Forward**, a virtual run event.

For more information, visit the [We Belong website](#).

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, set up jointly with Imperial College London.

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

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and it has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) building projects, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Singapore's healthcare district.

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

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