

PRESS RELEASE

NIE MANAGES TEMASEK FOUNDATION'S FIRST OVERSEAS PROGRAMME

Temasek Foundation-NIE Leaders and Educators in Asia Programme

Temasek Foundation will fund over \$2.2 million over two years to launch Temasek Foundation-NIE Leaders and Educators in Asia Programme (LEAP) and it will be supported by the National Institute of Education (NIE). LEAP will also be Temasek Foundation's first overseas programme.

The programme will be conducted in collaboration with Philippines' Ateneo de Manila University. LEAP will start with nine participating public schools in Quezon City, Manila. Leaders from the nine schools have formed cluster committees and will promote professional development among their schools as well as to other schools. Some 80 educators, which include new teachers, in-service teachers, heads of departments and principals will receive sponsorship to attend postgraduate diplomas, leadership and other professional development programmes conducted either at NIE, Singapore or at the Ateneo de Manila University, Manila.

LEAP hopes to establish a community of educators who can foster innovative teaching practices within their community and beyond. The transfer of knowledge is expected to benefit more than 30,000 students when these educators return to their home country to teach and share their knowledge with other educators.

"Temasek Foundation is pleased to partner NIE and its partner, the Ateneo de Manila University, to launch LEAP in the Philippines. Education leaders will have a great opportunity to enhance their capabilities through the programme and share their learning with their peers and students to help bring about systemic improvements," said Mr Goh Geok Khim, Chairman, Temasek Foundation.

Professor Lee Sing Kong, Director of NIE said "The LEAP programme therefore represents NIE's contribution to its immediate community within the region. It is NIE's way of sharing our experience, best practices and proven pedagogical approaches to equip, enable and empower fellow educators from the region to in turn make a difference in their own schools and communities."

After the formal launch ceremony, Mr Goh Geok Khim of Temasek Foundation and Prof Lee Sing Kong, Director of NIE will fly to Manila for the Philippines launch at Ateneo de Manila University on 4 January, 2008.

The three components of LEAP are:

- **Leadership Development**

Principals and heads of departments of participating schools will attend educational leadership programmes in Singapore so school leaders of both countries will have the opportunities to collaborate and develop leadership and strategic practices to benefit educational systems in schools. These practices will be contextualised to meet the needs of schools in Philippines.

- **Teacher Education**

Under LEAP, new and existing teachers in the Philippines will be able to apply for scholarships to attend the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) at NIE. The scholars will join the cohort of student teachers from Singapore for PGDE and be immersed in the Singapore education system. They will be able to share new skills with their peers and potentially impact future generations of students whom they teach when they return to Philippines upon graduation.

- **Professional Development**

Educators and leaders who have gone through the above programmes will help propagate innovative teaching practices in their schools and the wider community. Working towards developing self-sustaining communities of practice, the participating schools will group into clusters and educational leaders of each cluster will form a committee to organize professional development activities and to cultivate innovative teaching practices. To synergise with the school communities, Ateneo and NIE will also provide trainers of specific pedagogical fields to conduct and facilitate these workshops.

Participating schools will also be introduced to IT-based pedagogies such as microLESSONS™. microLESSONS™ are easy-to-develop IT-based instructional packages where pedagogies such as simulations, games, and problem-solving can be incorporated to achieve specific instructional objectives within short units of lessons. The first microLESSONS™ workshop will be conducted in Manila starting 4th January 2008. Other IT-based pedagogies will be introduced as part of the overall course experience.

The TF-NIE LEAP programme will provide a platform for education practitioners in Asia to enhance their leadership capabilities through a holistic approach, leading to an environment of sustainable change. The programme will be customised and extended to cover more schools in Asia over the next few years, to create a strong network of education practitioners and leaders who can share their knowledge, technology and experiences across regional boundaries.

The programme for the launch could be found in Annex A.

MEDIA INVITATION

Launch of Temasek Foundation-NIE Leaders and Educators in Asia Programme (LEAP)

Date/Time : Thursday, 3 January 2008 / 9.15am

Organised by : National Institute of Education (NIE)

Venue : National Institute of Education
1 Nanyang Walk, Singapore 637616
Conference Room (1-01-09)

You and your photographer/camera crew are invited to cover the launch of LEAP. **Please note that all information relating to the event shall be embargoed till after the launch on 3 January 2008.**

NIE's Director Prof Lee Sing Kong and Mr Goh Geok Khim, Chairman, Temasek Foundation will be available for interviews during the event.

Please confirm your attendance with Ms Chan Bee Ai by 28 December 2007. We would appreciate it if members of the press would meet Ms Chan at 9.15am at the venue entrance.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE)

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is an institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

NIE provides all levels of teacher education, ranging from initial teacher education programmes to further teacher preparation for serving teachers, departmental heads, vice-principals and principals. It also offers postgraduate programmes which lead to the award of higher degrees in Arts, Education, Physical Education and Science. Other specialised programmes which train pre-school and kindergarten teachers, teachers of special schools and staff of institutes of higher learning are also conducted by NIE.

As the national teacher education institute in Singapore, NIE is critical in transforming the teacher preparation system to meet changing needs of the education system. It also plays an important role in providing educational research and consultancy services to the Ministry of Education and schools. In line with the mission of the Ministry, which is to mould the future of our nation, NIE's vision is to be "An Institute of Distinction".

For more information, please visit www.nie.edu.sg.

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ABOUT TEMASEK FOUNDATION

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organisation anchored in Singapore that seeks to contribute to sustainable growth and a bright future of hope and opportunities for people in Asia.

The foundation works with partners to support programmes that develop people through healthcare, education and research, programmes that build bridges between peoples, programmes that build institutions of excellence through good governance and ethics, and programmes that rebuild lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters.

ABOUT ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

The Ateneo de Manila University is a fully-accredited university composed of the following units of higher education: Loyola Schools and the Ateneo Professional Schools. As with most Philippine universities, the Ateneo has two basic education units, a high school and an elementary school.

Its academic programs span the gamut of human knowledge and heritage, including art, humanities, business, law, social science, philosophy, theology, information technology, medicine and public health, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, environmental science and governance. These programs prepare students for their chosen careers and for a lifelong commitment to excellence in service.

Its mission is to preserve, extend, and communicate truth and apply it to human development and the preservation of the environment through teaching, research and community service.

For more information, visit Ateneo's website at www.ateneo.edu

**LAUNCH OF TEMASEK FOUNDATION-NIE LEADERS AND EDUCATORS
IN ASIA PROGRAMME (LEAP)**

Programme

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| 9.25 am | Arrival of Mr Goh Geok Khim, Chairman, Temasek Foundation & delegation |
| 9.30 am | Welcome Address by Prof Lee Sing Kong, Director, NIE |
| 9.40 am | Address by Mr Goh Geok Khim, Chairman, Temasek Foundation |
| 9.50 am | Launch of LEAP - Signing of Grant |
| 10.00 am | Tea Reception & Media Interviews |
| 11.00 am | End of Launch |