

FIND OUT WHAT NIE HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THESE STRATEGIC AREAS

“NIE MOVING FORWARD” KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2014-2017

Today's educational landscape is highly dynamic due to rapidly evolving technology and volatile socio-political settings, as well as the emergence and rise of a digitally well-versed generation of learners with new learning needs. Under this backdrop, NIE embarked on the “NIE Moving Forward: Towards 2017” Strategic Roadmap in 2014. With the aim to develop highly qualified and passionate education professionals with the requisite core values for Singapore, three strategic areas were identified: growing knowledge capital, forging and enhancing key partnerships, and building institutional capacity and corporate professionalism. As we move towards the next lap of development, find out what NIE has accomplished in these strategic areas over the past four years.

3 STRATEGIC AREAS

- ◆ Growing Knowledge Capital
- ◆ Forging and Enhancing Key Partnerships
- ◆ Building Institutional Capacity and Corporate Professionalism



2015

Enhanced BA/BSc (Education)

2015 was an exciting year when NIE continued to enrich and innovate its programmes to meet the needs of 21st Century learners. The BA/BSc (Education) Programmes were enhanced to offer a more robust and flexible curriculum, enabling student teachers to deepen their content and pedagogical mastery.

New Master of Arts Programmes

Several distinctive higher degree programmes were also launched, including the Master of Arts in Professional Education (MAPE) and the Master of Arts in Teaching Chinese as an International Language, to further boost the professional competencies and skills of in-service educators and school leaders. These programmes also serve to develop highly qualified mentors for teaching professionals beyond the education sector.



New Centre for Innovation in Learning

To enhance support for technology augmented pedagogies at NIE, the Centre for Innovation in Learning (IN-Learning) was revamped and relaunched in Oct 2015.

1st NIE Staff Development Day

The first NIE Staff Development Day was held in conjunction with the annual Director's Address in Oct, marking the start of an annual forum where NIE colleagues share and exchange ideas and insights to boost cross-disciplinary / cross-departmental collaboration and learning.

Holistic Faculty Appraisal

2015 also saw the introduction of a “points-free” appraisal system for academic staff, with qualitative descriptors that take into account different contexts and expertise to ensure fairness and reliability.

2016

New Collaborative Learning & Networking Spaces

2016 saw the launch of new spaces to enhance student life and collaborative learning. The Higher Degree Student Lounge by the Office of Graduate Studies and Professional Learning (GPL) was launched in Jan 2016, followed by the U-Connect (Undergraduate Student Space) in Aug 2016. With the aim to build ties and boost engagement within the NIE community and with key industry partners, these facilities provide the perfect venues for students to network and collaborate.

Renewal of MOA for the Master of Arts in Leadership and Educational Change

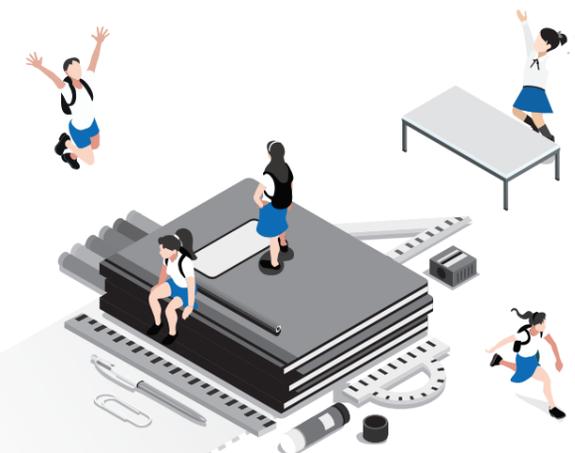
The renewal of the MOA with Teachers College, Columbia University, for the Master of Arts in Leadership and Educational Change programme exemplified the emphasis on deepening of strategic partnerships for leadership and professional development, teacher education and research.

Visit by OECD Directorate and TALIS Governing Board

As the reputational capital of NIE continues to grow, the Institute also hosted several prominent visiting delegations in 2016, including those led by: Ms Montserrat Gomendio, Deputy Director for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); OECD Teaching and Learning Survey (TALIS) Governing Board; and the US National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE), the Center on International Education Benchmarking (CIEB) and the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL). NCEE credited NIE for being a “world class” teacher education institute in an editorial after their visit in Oct 2016.

Visit by Deputy PM Teo Chee Hean

In Aug 2016, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Mr Teo Chee Hean visited NIE and witnessed the Office of Education Research (OER)'s Learning Day activities. In a Facebook post, DPM Teo commended NIE researchers and educators for their deep passion and innovative practices.



2017

New Centre for Research in Child Development

To maintain NIE's current standing as a global thought-leader in teacher education and education-related disciplines, research capacity is an area that demands continuous development and enhancement. A new Centre for Research in Child Development was launched in Apr 2017.

NIE continues to boost its collaborative learning facilities with the launch of the Net Gen Learners' Terrace (NGLT), where the use of new technology will enable the delivery of innovative pedagogies beyond the confines of the physical tutorial room.

These new initiatives reinforce NIE's commitment towards enhancing the linkages between programmes, research and pedagogy as we prepare to develop the next generation of “future-ready” educators and learners at NIE.

2014

Official Launch of NTU-NIE TSP Scholars

2014 marked the launch of the NTU-NIE Teaching Scholars Programme (NTU-NIE TSP). Specially designed to develop a core group of high-calibre teachers, this milestone programme features a rigorous multi-disciplinary curriculum, global semester exchanges, undergraduate research opportunities and on-campus residential learning for a truly holistic educational experience.

The NTU-NIE TSP signalled a clear focal shift from increasing teacher numbers to enhancing quality, as well as NIE's determination to strengthen its position as a knowledge leader in teacher education and the related disciplines.

