## Graduate Education for a Globalised World

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## Major shifts in the educational landscape ..





Interconnectedness Rapid Flows Rise of knowledge societies

Technology Ideas



## Major shifts in the type of economies..

#### Singapore's experience:

1960s - Labour Intensive

1970s - Skills Intensive

1980s - Capital Intensive

1990s - Technology Intensive

2000s - Knowledge Intensive

Next Decade - Innovation Intensive?

## What should our graduates be prepared for?



- A 'lifetime of careers' and not a 'career-for-life'
  - In-demand jobs of the future may not exist today
- Research on minute (Nano, Bio, Info) but key challenges are Giga-scale and highly complex

#### **Globally Competitive Students**



- Creative and Critical Thinkers
- · Well-rounded mind and character
- · Resourceful and enterprising spirit Agility
- Effective communicators
- Global citizens Multi-cultural and interconnected
- Constructive and responsible members of a community - Integrity







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#### The 'Global' University



#### The concept of a 'Global' University

- Global vision
- Recruits worldwide
- Innovates education for a globalised world
- Research impact
- Uses & sets international benchmarks
- Node in influential global networks
- Thought leadership

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### QUIZ: Which of these research labs are in (1) US; (2) China; (3) Singapore?







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Tsinghua, China



NUS, Singapore



Cornell, US

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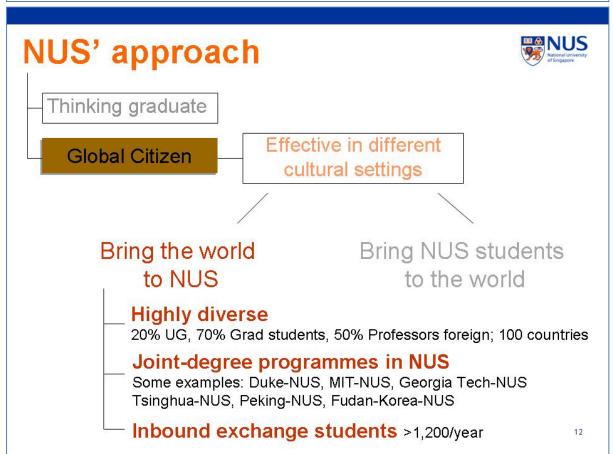
## Clearly, the graduates of such a school will be prepared for:

Global settings and not just 'Local settings'

#### And they have to be:

effective in diverse cultural settings in a globalised world

# 'Thinking' graduate Global Citizen Effective in different cultural settings Bring the world to NUS Bring NUS students to the world



## NUS' approach Thinking graduate Global Citizen Effective in different cultural settings Bring the world to NUS to the world 50% UG go overseas; 20% for > 6 months 66 joint- & double-degree programmes



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Joint PhD: IIT (Madras, Bombay and Kanpur), King's College London, UIUC, Technical University of Denmark, Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité (Supelec), Karolinska Institutet (KI), ANU

with top universities around the world

DDP: Master in Public Policy and Master of Public Administration

LKYSPP – Columbia University

LKYSPP - LSE

LKYSPP - Sciences Po, Paris

Double Master Degree in Law New York University

#### NUS' approach



Thinking graduate

Global Citizen

'Explorer' Spirit

Boldness to break new ground Resourceful, resilient,

Agile

Global financial and economic crisis → importance of being able to detect risks and opportunities and the courage to act before others.

At ease with the un-knowable; and the courage to change course 
→ the Explorer Spirit.

\*Not a traditional strength of our system!

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#### **Developing the Explorer spirit**



Learning outside the classroom

'Can-do' attitude Resilience to rapid change People-skills

#### NUS' approach



Thinking graduate

Global citizen

'Explorer' spirit

Boldness to break new ground

Resourceful, resilient

Many opportunities on campus to challenge yourself

**NUS Overseas Colleges** 

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#### **NUS Overseas Colleges**

**Experiential entrepreneurship education** 

Immersing NUS students in leading entrepreneurial hubs around the world.

- ONE year
- Full-time interns in high-tech startup/innovative companies
- Learn from the founders & entrepreneurs
- Take courses at partner universities







#### Six NUS Overseas College (NOC)

#### NOC in Silicon Valley (2002)

- · Courses in Stanford
- Focus on tech startups in Silicon Valley

#### NOC in Philadelphia (2003)

- Courses in UPenn
- Focus on bio/med tech

#### NOC in Shanghai (2004)

- · Courses at Fudan University
- · Focus on China-related business

#### NOC in Stockholm (2005)

- Courses at KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- Focus on mobile/IT with European perspective

#### NOC in Bangalore (2008)

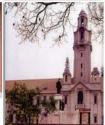
- Courses at the Indian Institute of Science
- · Focus on understanding/engaging India

NOC in Beijing (2009)









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#### **National University of Singapore**



A global, research-intensive University centred in Asia

#### THANK YOU

DUKE-NUS @ Outram Campus



Bukit Timah Campus

Kent Ridge Campus

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