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Dear Prof. Zhang,

**Invitation to the 5<sup>th</sup> International Forum on “The Belt and Road Initiative & International Talents Nurturing - Entrepreneurial Universities in Industry 4.0”, 27 - 31 March 2020, Singapore**

Warm greetings from Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Along with the rapid progress of the Belt and Road Initiative, there arise new challenges and demands for high-end international talents. The implementation and promotion of major projects along the Belt and Road Initiative call for even more close participation and contribution of international talents. Universities must explore on how to nurture high-quality innovative international talents that can adapt and contribute to the Belt and Road Initiative process and development since they are the important cradles for talents grooming.

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has always attached high importance to the cultivation of international innovative talents, and NTU has established all-round cooperative partnership with many Chinese universities as well as the China Scholarship Council. Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA) at NTU has, in collaboration with the China Scholarship Council, conducted a total of 14 batches of executive development programmes in recent years focusing on “University Administration Excellence”, which have trained over 500 senior administrators from the Chinese universities. NCPA set up Lien Research Programme on Belt and Road Initiative in 2017, which focuses on, apart from the executive training on the BRI- and higher education related themes/topics, conducting policy-oriented research on the BRI from the perspective of Singapore and its role in the initiative, and carrying out case studies on public policy and practices.

NCPA has scheduled to organize the international forum on *"The Belt and Road Initiative & International Talents Nurturing - Entrepreneurial Universities in Industry 4.0"* in Singapore on 27-31 March, 2020. The major objective of this significant forum is to further strengthen the exchange and cooperation between Nanyang Technological University and the relevant universities from China in terms of training and developing the innovative talents, as well as the academic research. Sponsored by the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, the forum will create an important platform for academic leaders, senior administrators and entrepreneurs from the two countries to have candid, cordial and in-depth discussions on major trends in higher education and research, talent nurturing and innovative thinking in the higher educational setting in the era of Industry 4.0.

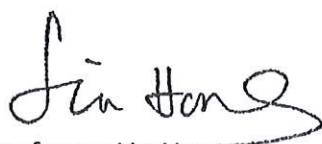
On behalf of NCPA at NTU, it gives me great honour to invite you to attend and deliver a speech at the forum:

Prof Zhang Youkun Deputy Director of Academic Affairs Office , Fuzhou University

For your trip to attend this forum, we will be pleased to provide you with the academic sharing and exchange related fees, boarding and accommodation in Singapore, while your university will bear the expenses for your international flight tickets, insurance and other expenses incurred by yourself during this period.

Please go through the formalities promptly with your relevant government organizations to prepare for your visit to Singapore. Should you need further assistance, please feel free to contact Mr. Wang Hang at Tel: + 65 6316 8869 or Email: wanghang@ntu.edu.sg. We are expecting the privilege exchanging and communicating with you in Singapore!

Yours sincerely,



Professor Liu Hong  
Director, Nanyang Centre for Public Administration  
Chair, School of Social Sciences  
Nanyang Technological University



Enc. Programme schedule



## Schedule

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### *International Forum on “The Belt and Road Initiative & International Talents Nurturing- Entrepreneurial Universities in Industry 4.0”*

*27 – 31 March 2020, Singapore*

Dates	Content of Forum	Venue
<p><b>Day 1</b> 27 March Friday</p>	<p>Arrival in Singapore</p>	<p>China - Singapore</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> 28 March Saturday</p>	<p><u>Morning 9:00am-10:00am</u>  <b>Opening Ceremony and Welcome Speeches</b>            1. Director of Nanyang Centre for Public Administration,            Chair of Social Science, NTU            2. Deputy President and Provost, NTU            3. CEO, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation            4. Counsellor, Embassy of China in Singapore  <b>Speech by Representative of the Fourm Participants</b>            One or two delegates from the Chinese universities</p> <p><u>10:00am-10:30am</u>            Group photo and tea break</p> <p><u>10:30am-12:30am</u>            Keynote Speeches session  <b>Topic: Building a global university</b>            Speaker and Moderator: Deputy President and Provost, NTU  <b>Participant’s respective presentations</b>            Two or three delegates from Singapore and Chinese universities</p> <p><u>12:50pm-1:50pm</u>  <b>Lunch Time</b></p> <p><u>Afternoon 2:30pm-5:30pm</u>            Keynote Speeches session  <b>Topic: Entrepreneurial Universities in Industry 4.0</b>            Speaker and Moderator: Senior Vice President of NTU  <b>Participants’ respective presentations</b>            Two or three delegates from Singapore and Chinese universities            and MNCs.</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony &amp; Keynote speeches Session I @Hotel</p> <p>Welcome Dinner (in the evening)</p>

<p><b>Day 3</b> 29 March Sunday</p>	<p><u>Morning 9:00am-12:00am</u> Exchange Plenary Session I <b>Topic: The Belt and Road Initiative &amp; International Talents Strategies</b> Speaker and Moderator: Director, Nanyang Centre for Public Administration; Chair, School of Social Science, NTU <b>Participant's respective presentations</b> Two or three delegates from Chinese universities</p> <p><u>Afternoon 2:30-5:30pm</u> Exchange Plenary Session II <b>Topic: University Autonomous Framework in Singapore and Sharing of NTU's Reform after Autonomy</b> Host and Moderator: Vice President of NTU <b>Participant's responsive presentations</b> Two or three delegates from Chinese universities</p>	<p>Function Hall 1 (3rd Floor), Nanyang Executive Centre, NTU</p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> 30 March Monday</p>	<p><u>Morning 9:00-12:00</u> Visit: Nanyang Technological University's Learning Centre, Student Service Centre, Integrated Administrative Service Centre etc.</p> <p><u>Afternoon 2.30pm -5:30pm</u> Visit and Exchange: Joint NTU-UBC Research Centre of Excellence in Active Living for the Elderly (LILY)</p>	<p>NTU Campus</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> 31 March Tuesday</p>	<p>Departure from Singapore</p>	<p>Singapore - China</p>

