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### **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among top Asian think tanks**

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), a graduate school of Nanyang Technological University (NTU), has emerged third in Asia in an extensive ranking of global think tanks.

RSIS was ranked third among more than 1,000 other Asian think tanks ranked in the Global 'Go-To Think Tanks' rankings conducted by the University of Pennsylvania's Think Tank and Civil Societies Programme. The Japan Institute of International Affairs and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in China were ranked first and second in the Asian ranking.

The Global 'Go-To Think Tanks' rankings are part of a study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania's Think Tank and Civil Societies Programme to identify and rank the leading think tanks of the world. The study collated the nominations and choices of a diverse panel of experts, including an international group of scholars who study think tanks, executives and scholars from think tanks, public and private donors, and policymakers. Some of the criteria used to rank the think tanks included academic reputation, success in generating innovative policy ideas, as well as access to elites in the areas of policymaking, media and academia.

Commenting on the ranking, Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean of RSIS, said: "RSIS' ranking is a recognition by the global policy and academic community of RSIS' contribution to policy and academic research. The ranking is a milestone in RSIS' growth as a professional graduate school of international affairs and a leading think tank in the region."

Research at RSIS is conducted by five constituent institutes and centres. They are the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, Centre of Excellence for National Security, Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, and the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations.

Research at RSIS focuses on issues relating to the security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region, and their implications for Singapore and other countries in the region.

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#### ***About Nanyang Technological University***

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU's main campus, is located in the south-western part of Singapore and will be the Youth Olympic Village of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore's biomedical research hub Biopolis and the new engineering and physical sciences hub Fusionopolis.

NTU has four colleges, namely:

- The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business), the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 27 of the Financial Times Global MBA rankings in 2010,
- The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation and a research output among the top four in the world,
- The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, home to Singapore's first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media; the Humanities and Social Science School; and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia,
- The College of Science is home to award-winning faculty, world-class laboratories, and Olympiad medal winners.

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of three autonomous institutes of NTU, is a world authority on strategic studies and security research. NTU is also home to the internationally acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore's only teacher-training institute. The Earth Observatory of Singapore,

established in 2009 with \$150 million in state funding, is dedicated to hazards-related earth science.

As Singapore's main science and technology university, NTU makes significant contributions to the nation's renewed drive for research and innovation spearheaded by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF). NTU's strengths in biomedical sciences, environmental and water technologies, and interactive and digital media mirror the NRF's research focus. Impressed by the vibrant entrepreneurship environment at NTU, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, widely known as 'The Foundation of Entrepreneurship', has chosen NTU to be the first Kauffman campus outside the United States of America.

NTU has a strong and broad international reach covering academic and research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, and Indian Institute of Technology.

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### ***About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU***

The **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)** was officially inaugurated on 1 January 2007. Before that, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established 10 years earlier, on 30 July 1996. Like its predecessor, **RSIS** was established as an autonomous entity within Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

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