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Representatives from Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and 20 of China's tertiary institutions participated in the TCTF-NTU Advanced Leadership Development Forum last Friday.

The forum, with the theme of "The Belt and Road Initiative and International Talents Nurturing", was organised jointly by NTU and the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation (TCTF). It aims to generate active discussion and research on the development of global innovative talents and cooperation amongst tertiary institutions in Singapore and China.

Opening remarks by Professor Liu Hong, director of the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA) emphasises the importance for global talents to participate in the Belt and Road Initiative. He said it is of "utmost importance" for tertiary institutions to cultivate their students into individuals who are able to "adapt to new environments" and "understand the international system".

Provost and Vice President (Academic) of NTU, Professor Ling San was also present at the forum's opening ceremony. During Professor Ling San's welcome speech, he said Singapore has a "natural advantage" to participate in the Belt and Road Initiative because of its "unique geographic location", citing that Singapore was a trade hub in the ancient Maritime Silk Road. In addition, he said NTU has "unique features and a distinctive standing", thus making it "imperative for NTU to carry the important responsibility of developing talented individuals for the future". He encourages NTU students to develop a global perspective by studying abroad in China and ASEAN countries during their exchange programmes.

Deputy Secretary of Zhejiang University's party committee, Wu Xiaocheng believes that tertiary institutions in China and Singapore have devoted significant resources to groom talented individuals who are globally competitive. He thinks the forum is meaningful as it provides an opportunity for tertiary institutions from both countries which believe in "win-win cooperation" to interact.

Counsellor Zhang Xumin and Education Secretary Cao Shihai from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Singapore were also present at the forum's opening ceremony.

NCPA has been organising the annual forum with the support from TCTF since 2016. This year's edition will be held till 28 February 2019. After the discussions and outings held in Singapore, participants will be heading to Malaysia to visit the University of Malaya and Xiamen University's Malaysia Campus.

“一带一路”与国际化人才培养高端论坛在新加坡举行

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新华社新加坡2月22日电（记者王丽丽）“一带一路”与国际化人才培养高端论坛22日在新加坡南洋理工大学举行，南洋理工大学和中国20所高校的代表出席论坛，共商国际化人才培养战略。

南洋理工大学教务长兼副校长林杉在论坛上表示，新加坡是海上丝绸之路沿线的枢纽，特殊的地理位置使新加坡具有参与“一带一路”倡议的天然优势。大学的独特地位和功能决定其必须承担起培养杰出人才的重要责任。希望更多本校学生到中国和东盟国家留学，培养国际化视野。

南洋理工大学南洋公共管理研究生院院长刘宏说，“一带一路”倡议需要人的参与，人才的作用至关重要。对于高等教育机构来说，培养适应国内外新形势、通晓国际规则的合格人才，任重而道远。

参加论坛的浙江大学党委副书记邬小撑认为，中新两国高校都在努力培养具有全球竞争力的高素质人才，两国高校同仁在论坛上本着合作共赢的理念进行交流很有意义。

本次论坛由南洋理工大学和陈振传基金会共同主办，将持续至28日。除在新加坡的交流讨论和参观外，与会者还将前往马来西亚，参观马来西亚大学和厦门大学马来西亚分校。

中国驻新加坡大使馆公参张徐民、教育参赞曹士海出席了论坛开幕式。

据了解，在陈振传基金会的支持下，南洋公共管理研究生院从2016年开始每年举办以“一带一路”和国际化人才培养为主题的论坛，在大学国际化、创新型人才培养、中新两国高校校际合作等方面进行了积极探索。

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