

Speech by Dr Lim Kee Ming, President, Ngee Ann Kongsi at the School of Science and Technology, Singapore (SST) Groundbreaking Ceremony and Ngee Ann Kongsi Cheque Presentation Ceremony, on 29 March 2010.

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Dr Su Guaning, Chairman, School of Science and Technology, Singapore

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

1. I am very pleased to be here on this auspicious day, on behalf of Ngee Ann Kongsi for the Groundbreaking Ceremony and Cheque Presentation to the School of Science and Technology, Singapore (SST).

2. Founded in 1845, Ngee Ann Kongsi is one of Singapore's pioneering non-profit charitable organizations. The Kongsi supports art, culture, community and education initiatives that transcend cultural borders. While recognizing the importance that education plays in producing future leaders in our society, the Kongsi has through the years, built strong and enduring partnerships with many educational institutions in Singapore. The Ngee Ann Kongsi name is gradually becoming synonymous with quality education in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions.

3. Thus, we are happy for being given the opportunity to be associated and to be your partner in contributing to educational excellence in shaping our young visionary leaders. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that a donation of S\$8.1 million will be given by the Ngee Ann Kongsi to the School of Science and Technology, Singapore, over a period of five years. This special donation signifies a continuation of the close relationship that we have built through the years with Ngee Ann Polytechnic and Mr Chua Chor Huat, former principal of Ngee Ann Secondary School. Ngee Ann Polytechnic has been a long time beneficiary of Ngee Ann Kongsi's philanthropic contributions and we are pleased to extend this commitment to SST, an institution that is well supported by our government and Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

4. On behalf of Ngee Ann Kongsi, I would like to congratulate SST on being progressive and farsighted in their cutting-edge approach to education. Embracing new methods of learning is indeed the way forward in today's globalised environment, to prepare students to be the thinkers, innovators and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. We hope our contribution will set an inspiring example for students, so that they too will aspire to give back to society when they become successful.

5. Finally, I would like to wish the school, its staff and students, greater success in the years to come.

6. Thank you.

