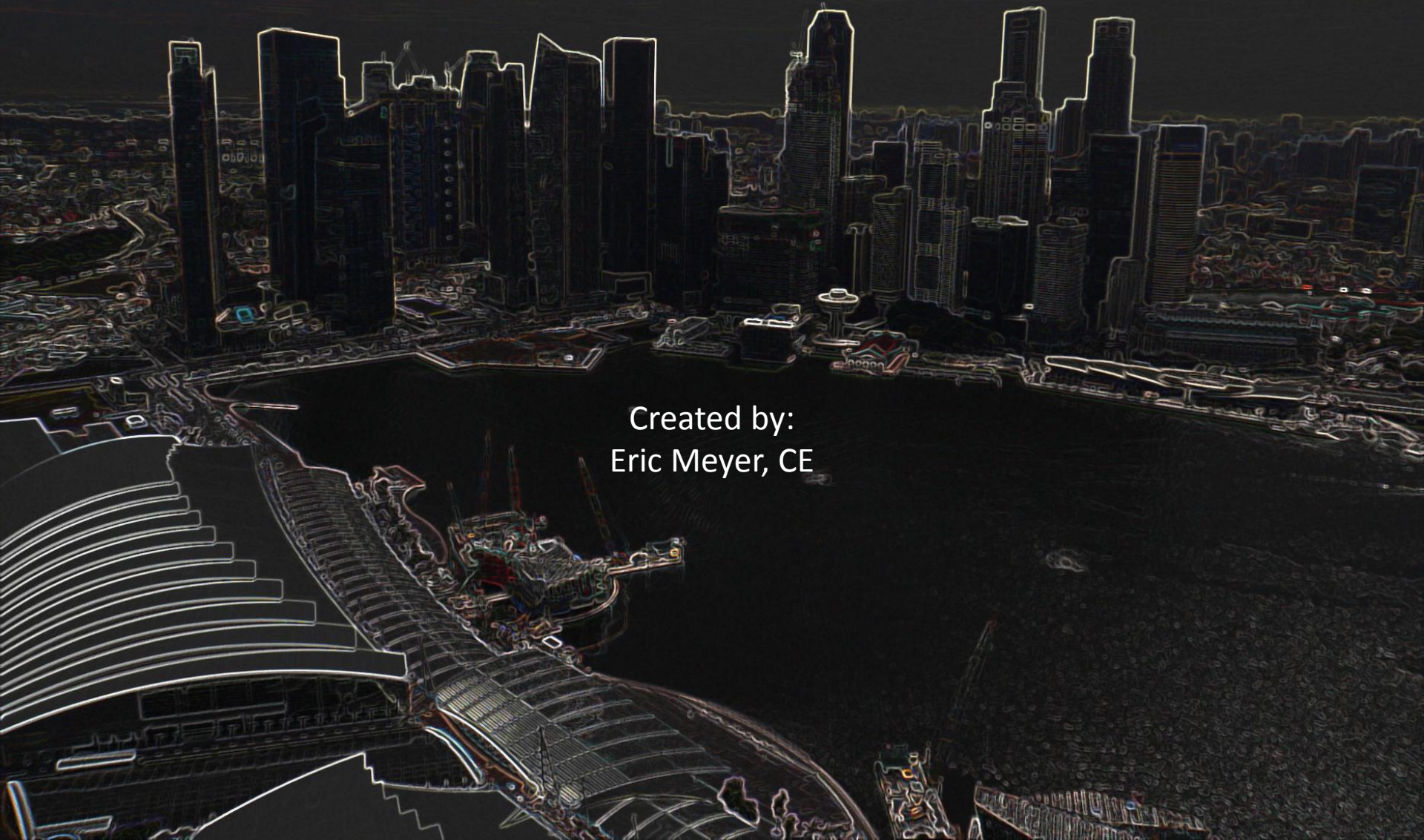


SINGAPORE

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Singapore is a small island nation located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula (approximately 1 degree north of the equator).

General Information

- Singapore is a city and a country: $\approx 270 \text{ mi}^2$ (half the size of story county)
- Known as the “Lion City” (see picture of Merlion statue)
- Home to one of the busiest ports in the world (see picture of port near Sentosa)
- Highly developed and one of the most innovative and competitive economies in the world



Pre-Modern History

- Strategic location between two ancient trading centers, China and India
- Hints of settlements in this area for the past 2000 years
- One particularly well know settlement was Temasek; a 14th century Malayan port



Unearthed brick ruins of the ancient settlement of Temasek. If this interest you be sure to visit the National Museum of Singapore and Fort Canning Park.

Colonial History

- Sir Stamford Raffles established a British trading post in 1819
- British gained complete power of the island by 1824
- In 1959 Singaporeans were allowed self-governance (British still controlled foreign policy & defense)



Statue of Raffles in Boat Quay with towering financial district in the background.

Independence

- Joined Malay and three other British territories on the island of Borneo in 1963 to form the Malaysian Federation
- Conflicts with Malaysia caused Singapore to separate
- Singapore officially became a sovereign nation on August 9th, 1965



The People of Singapore

- Population: 5.08 million (2010 Census)
 - 74% Chinese
 - 13% Malays
 - 9% Indian
 - 4% Caucasian
- Four main languages: English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil (language of instruction is English)
- Over 45% of the population are non-citizens due to high demand of foreign workers



Culture

- Multiethnic population offers a very culturally diverse experience
- Numerous ethnic neighborhoods are great places to visit and experience Singapore's different cultures



Chinatown



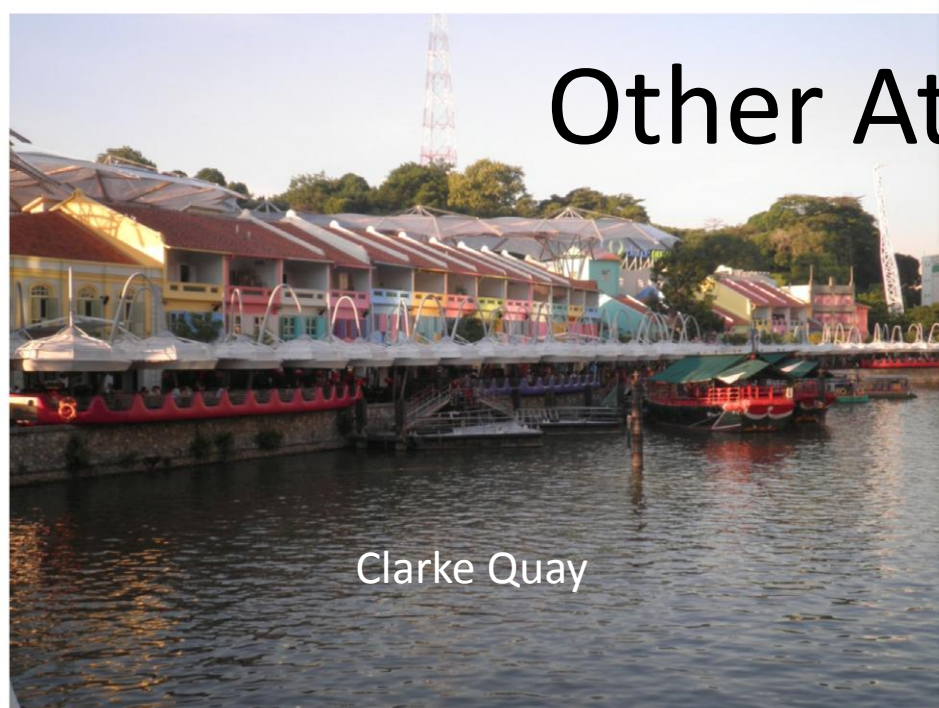
Upper Left: Holland Village

Upper Right: Little India

Lower Right: Arab Street



Other Attractions



Clarke Quay



Marina Bay Sands



Sentosa



Orchard Road



Fountain of Wealth
(World's Largest Fountain)



Singapore Flyer
(World's Tallest observation wheel)



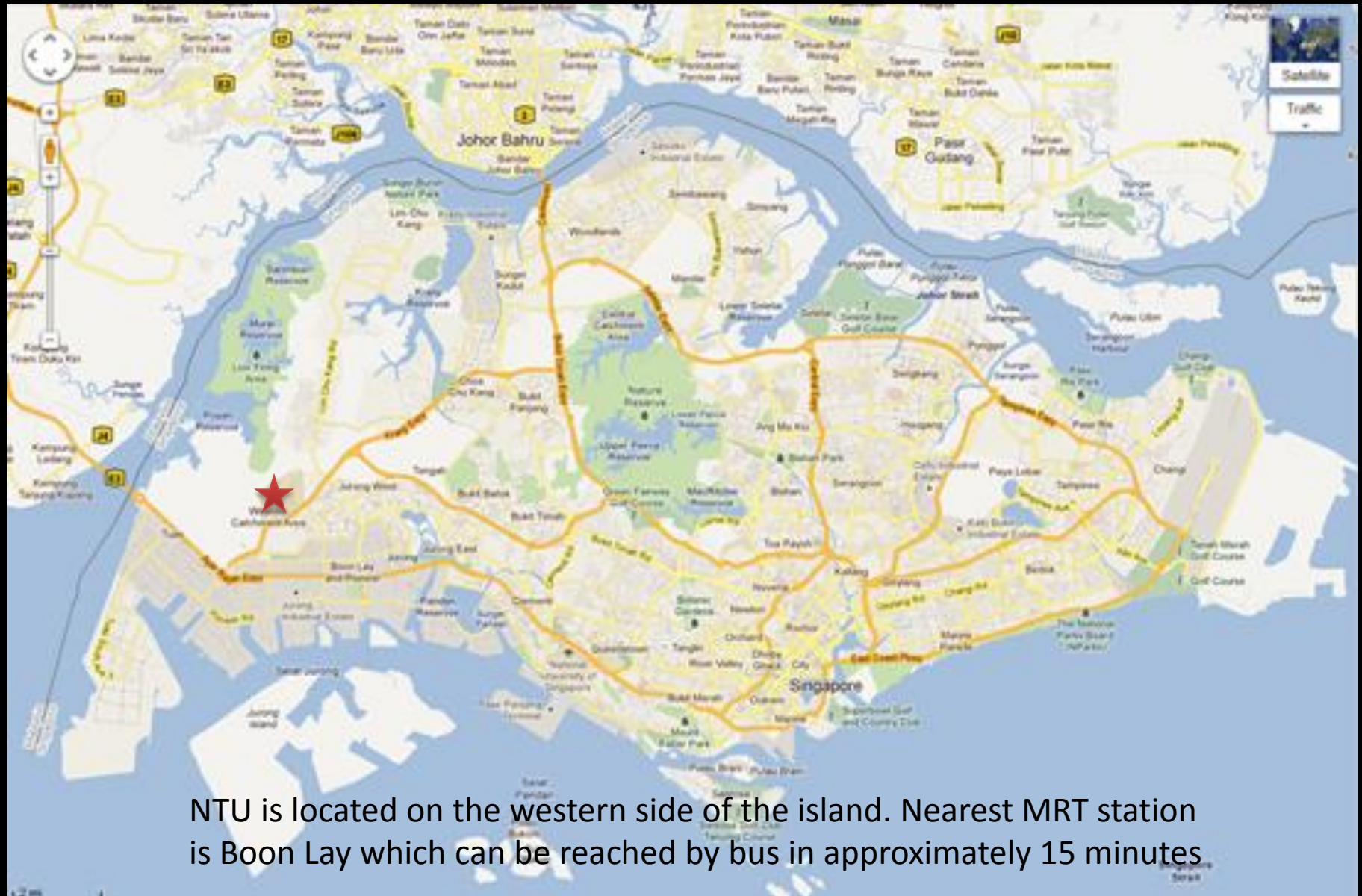
Singapore Grand Prix
(if you are there in the fall)

Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

- One of the largest engineering schools in the world
- Student population of approx. 33,500
- Colleges of Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences
- Medical school in the near future



Location



NTU is located on the western side of the island. Nearest MRT station is Boon Lay which can be reached by bus in approximately 15 minutes.

Campus

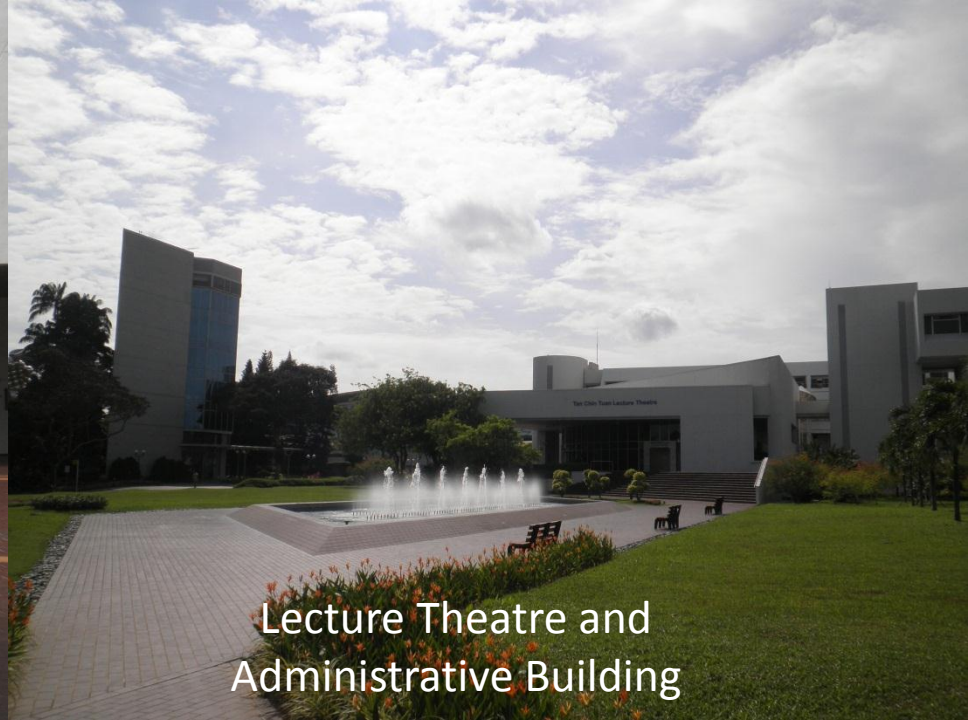
- Lush campus located outside the heart of the city
- 16 Residence Halls (nearby off-campus housing is also available if you are unable to secure on-campus housing)
- Numerous canteens and dinning options
- Other amenities including banking facilities, supermarkets, recreational centers, medical centers, etc.



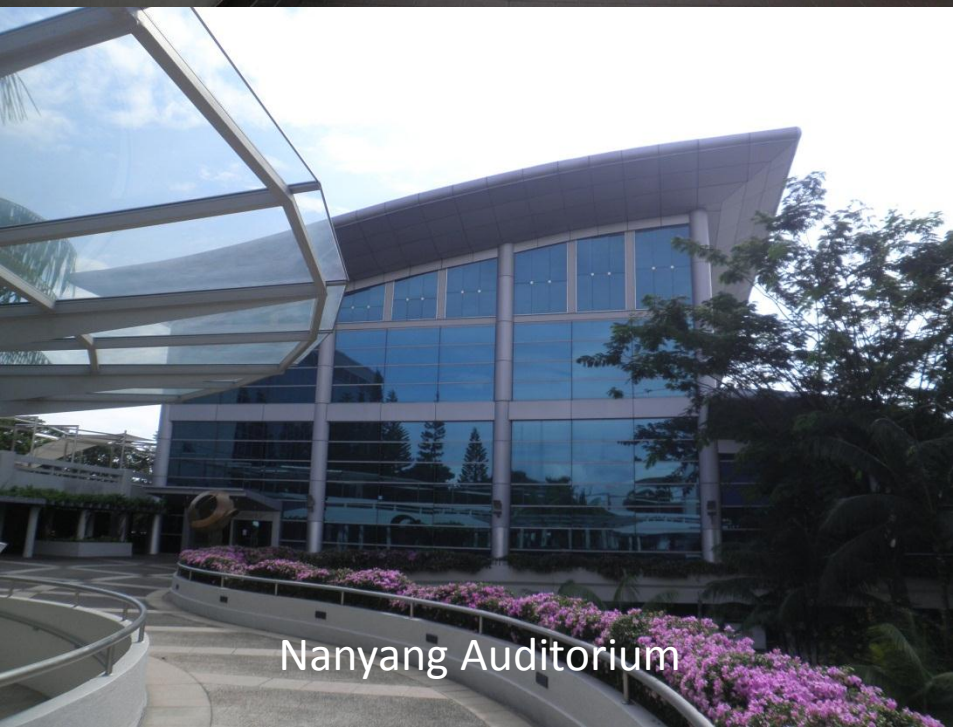
Overlooking a small portion of campus, the grass roof building is the School of Art, Design & Media which is known as the "ADM"



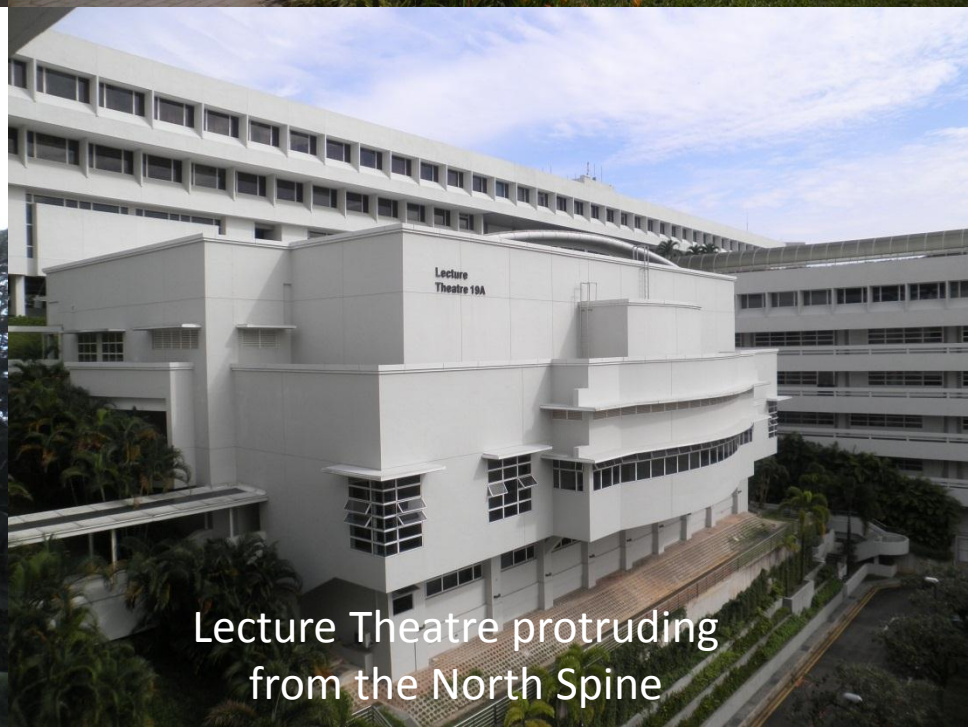
The North Spine



Lecture Theatre and
Administrative Building



Nanyang Auditorium



Lecture Theatre protruding
from the North Spine



End of North Spine



Canteen A



Hall of Residence 13



Hockey Pitch

Courses

- Take classes that will apply towards your degree!
- I took a couple of engineering course: Fluid Mechanics (CV2601), Environmental Engineering (CV3501), and Introduction to Programming (CSC102)
- In addition I took Singapore Society in Transition (HS102). Taking this class really helped me get the most out of my study abroad experience. Not only did I get to experience Singaporean's society firsthand, but also in a formal environment in the classroom. I would **highly recommend** this course to students studying abroad at NTU.
- There are a wide variety of courses available. Click the follow [link](#) to find out what NTU has to offer!

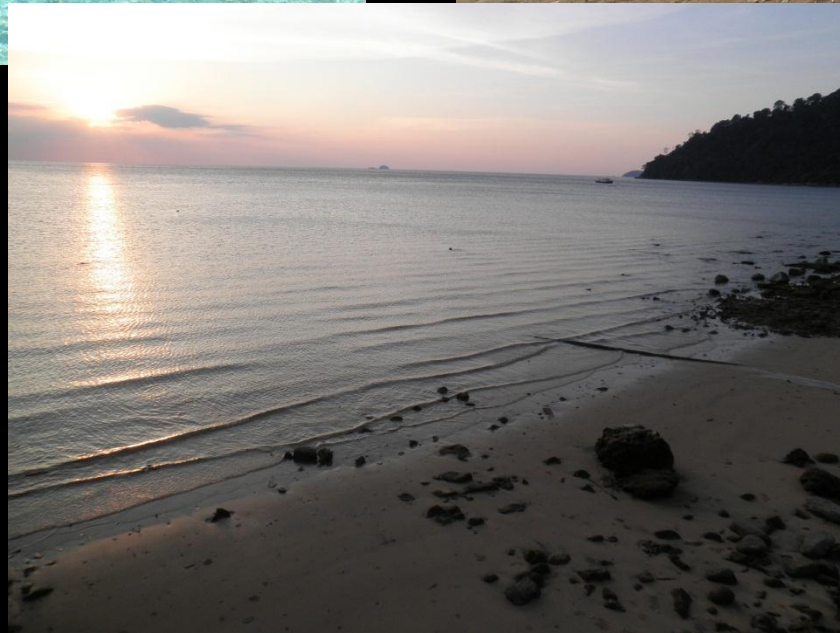
Travel Opportunities

- Singapore's location makes it a prime travel hub for Southeast Asia
- With the emergence of numerous new airlines (AirAsia, Lion Air, Jetstar, Tiger Airways, etc.) you can find great deals!
- Bus is also a good option when traveling to Malaysia.



My Travels

Pulau Tioman, Malaysia



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Phnom Pehn, Cambodia



Siem Reap, Cambodia



Bangkok, Thailand



Bali, Indonesia

