The Singapore experience

Offering a diverse and distinctive mix of educational services in a cosmopolitan and comfortable environment, Singapore is a country less than a flying time of six hours away from us in India, says RAI UMRAOPATI RAY

Singapore's cosmopolitan ethos, bilingual education system, global connectivity, international education options, pedagogical approach, industry-relevant education and a safe and friendly environment has made the country a compelling destination for international students to live, learn and play. Located in the heart of South-East Asia, the Lion City's vast range of educational options provides world-class education at affordable costs. So, if you are interested in pursuing an education abroad, why not head to Singapore? Here is a thumbnail sketch of some of the country's educational institutions:

National University of Singapore - MIT Alliance

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) USA has collaborated with NUS and NTU to form the Singapore-MIT Alliance (SMA). SMA has set a new standard for global engineering education and research and boosted entrepreneurship. S and NTU include Advanced Materials for Micro-nano Systems, Chemical and Pharo-maceutical Engineering, Computational Engineering, Computer and Systems Biology, and Manufacturing Systems and Technology. NUS and NTU include Advanced Materials for Micro- and Nano-Systems, Chemical and Pharmaceautical Engineering, Computational Engineering, Computer and Systems Biology, and Manufacturing Systems and Technology.

PSB Academy

PSB Academy (a member of TUV SUD Group) has been leading and educating Singapore's workforce for the past 43 years. The Academy, with more than 30,000 individuals attending its courses annually, has partnered with the finest universities from Australia, UK, and the US to offer internationally recognised qualifications. The range of corporate executive programmes has also been the choice from many MNCs, government agencies, and companies, both in Singapore and the region. PSB Academy established in 1964 to train technologists and professionals to support the industrialisation and economic development of Singapore. Since then, its development has paralleled the progress of modern engineering, and the Singapore Maritime Academy.

Raffles Design Institute

The Raffles Design Institute was established in 1990 as an educational institution dedicated to the professional design disciplines of Interior, Digital Media, Product and Jewellery Design and Visual Communication (Graphic Design). The curriculum is designed to provide an incubation hub to develop creative professionals and entrepreneurs. State-of-the-art technology applications and exposure to work with industry professionals align students with current industry practices.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration (USA)

UNLV has set up its first international campus in Singapore, the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration at UNLV has consistently been one of the top ranked hospitality programmes in the United States. UNLV Singapore offers Bachelor's and Executive Masters courses in Hospitality Management, as well as professional and certificate courses tailored to meet the needs of industry. The school also offers students a variety of overseas internship programs, including Las Vegas based internships.

S. P. Jain Centre of Management

S. P. Jain Institute of Management, a leading business school from India, has set up its third campus in Singapore. The Singapore campus complements its first two campuses in India and Dubai to provide participants with a unique learning experience through the pooling of learning from all three campuses.

Tisch School of the Arts (Tisch) (USA)

Tisch from New York University established its first-ever branch campus in Singapore in 2007. The Tisch School of the Arts Asia campus offers an intensive three-year Masters in Fine Arts in film production. This is the first time NYU is offering a degree independently outside New York, and it is envisaged that the campus will enrol some 250 students in Singapore. The courses will be taught by Tisch's faculty at New York in residence or the Singapore campus.

Tourism Academy @ Sentosa

Located on theFault Island, Sentosa, Tourism Academy provides right setting learning and examine professional environment where national training is conducted, and business excellence is the norm which provides practical training ground for students to apply what they have learned.

Tema: eK Polytechnic

Established in April 1996, Temasek Polytechnic (TP) is a significant contributor to the field of para-professional education in Singapore. Situated in the east of the island, TP currently offers 45 part-time three-year diploma courses in the area applied sciences, business, design, engineering humanities and social sciences, and informatics. TP also has 16,000 students. It also offers over 40 part-time courses, up to the Advance Diploma level. TP has also collaborated with Sentosa Leisure Group to establish the Training Academy @ Sentosa.

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