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**ROLLS-ROYCE AEROSPACE SCHOLARSHIP A FIRST IN SINGAPORE:
S\$100,000 AWARDED TO FOUR ASPIRING AEROSPACE ENGINEERS**

Rolls-Royce, the world-leading provider of power systems for use on land, at sea and in the air, today launched a scholarship programme in conjunction with the first aerospace engineering degree programme in Singapore. This is the first scholarship programme to be initiated by Rolls-Royce in Singapore.

Four undergraduates received scholarships amounting to a total of S\$100,000 at the launch ceremony of the new Aerospace (Aeronautical) Engineering Degree at Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

Ng Bing Feng, Kong Kian Shing, Tan Yan Ru and Timothy Song Zhi Hong will each receive S\$25,000, substantially covering their tuition fees throughout the four-year degree programme.

Chosen from the top ten per cent of the first cohort of the course by a panel comprising of Rolls-Royce executives and academic staff, the scholars were evaluated based on their academic performances and through selection interviews.

Jonathan Asherson, Regional Director, Rolls-Royce Singapore said:

“Rolls-Royce operates in a high-technology business environment, so it is important that we support the education of future aerospace engineers. The students selected are of excellent calibre and we are delighted to have this opportunity to help them realise their fullest potential. Singapore can only benefit in the future from increasing its talent pool in this important sector”

Shaker A.Meguid, Professor & Head, Division of Aerospace Engineering said, *“NTU has an established reputation as a premier institution for engineering disciplines and this degree programme is no exception. We are honoured to partner Rolls-Royce, a globally-renowned technology leader in aerospace engineering in this mutually-beneficial collaboration. We are confident that the graduates from this new programme will be well-placed to play a critical role in the growth of Singapore’s aviation industry.”*

The scholars were presented with their scholarship certificates by Jonathan Asherson at the ceremony, which was also attended by Guest-of-Honour, Chan Soo Sen, Minister of State, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Apart from the scholarships, Rolls-Royce will also initiate a mentor programme and donate aerospace artefacts and samples for use as teaching aids to help students understand complicated aeronautical concepts. The scholars will also be given the opportunity to complete internships at Rolls-Royce facilities and will not be bonded to the company upon completion of their studies.

Yan Ru, a scholarship recipient said, *"Being awarded the prestigious Rolls-Royce Aerospace Scholarship has been a tremendous boost of confidence for me. I'm now able to gain valuable exposure to the industry through the internships and mentoring programmes with Rolls-Royce."*

Following the initial contribution to the programme, Rolls-Royce hopes to increase the number of scholarships offered in future so as to further support Singapore's push to cultivate a skilled labour force for the fast-growing aviation industry in the region.

Corporate note to editors:

1. Singapore is a key business hub for Rolls-Royce. Its presence in Singapore has grown considerably in recent years to the extent that there are now over 700 Rolls-Royce and joint venture employees in the region. The company continues to place emphasis on technology partnerships, and collaborative research and development, while benefiting from investments made in new products and markets.
2. An example of the company's local commitment is the participation in the Economic Development Board Training and Attachment Programme (TAP) which focuses on the investment and training of local talent. Seven candidates from Singapore are currently participating in the Aero Gas Turbine Technology TAP, undergoing training for SAESL, with more candidates starting training this year for the Fuel Cells business and one candidate for the procurement team.
3. Rolls-Royce is a leading engineering company that operates in four global markets – civil aerospace, defence aerospace, marine and energy. Synonymous with integrity, reliability and innovation, it is the world's second largest civil aero-engine company, a global leader in marine propulsion and a leading supplier of energy solutions. All of the company's businesses have gas turbine technology at their heart, with 54,000 gas turbines in service worldwide.
4. Rolls-Royce has a broad customer base comprising nearly 600 airlines, 4,000 corporate and utility aircraft and helicopter operators, 160 armed forces and more than 2,000 marine customers, including 70 navies. The company has energy customers in nearly 120 countries.

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