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## MINISTERS VISIT NIE

The Minister for Education, Dr Tony Tan, and the Second Minister for Education, Mr Lee Yock Suan, visited the National Institute of Education (NIE) on 25 September 91 to keep abreast of developments at the Institute. The Ministers were accompanied by a team of senior officials from the Ministry of Education.

During the visit, the Ministers were briefed by Prof Gloria Lim, Director of NIE, on the Institute's current status, training programmes and facilities, student enrolment, staffing and future plans. Present at the briefing were Dr Cham Tao Soon, President of the Nanyang Technological University and Chairman of the NIE Council, Deans of NIE schools as well as senior academic and administrative staff members of the Institute.

At the briefing, a number of critical issues were highlighted to the Ministers. They included the need for more physical facilities especially staff rooms and teaching facilities as well as equipment funding for the Schools of Arts and Science. The need for additional staffing for both teaching and non-teaching staff was also mentioned during the briefing.

The briefing was followed by a tour of the campus, including its sports facilities, micro-teaching laboratories, art-cum-music facilities. The Ministers took the opportunity to meet staff and students as they toured the facilities to gather feedback on the Institute's programmes and activities.

The Ministers concluded their visit with an informal discussion with NIE officers over lunch hosted by Dr Cham and Prof Lim at the Institute's Conference Room.



*The Ministers at NIE's Art-cum-Music Studios (top and centre pictures) and School of Physical Education (bottom picture)*