

# 1950



- 1950** TTC welcomed first Principal, Mr J. D. Joseph  
Teachers' Training College (TTC) established at Cairnhill Road  
Two-year full-time Certificate in Education (English) launched
- 1952** Second TTC Principal, Mr P. S. Dempsey
- 1955** TTC moved to Paterson Road
- 1957** Third TTC Principal, Mr N. K. Vanniasingham
- 1960** TTC introduced part-time teacher training  
Common one-year in-service Certificate in Education scheme for all language streams launched
- 1961** Fourth TTC Principal, Mr Paul S. Abisheganaden
- 1966** TTC re-introduced full-time teacher training
- 1967** Fifth TTC Principal, Rev. Theodore R. Doraisamy
- 1971** TTC started the Diploma in Education for graduate teachers  
Sixth TTC Principal, Dr Ruth Wong Hie King
- 1973** TTC became the Institute of Education (IE)  
IE appointed Dr Ruth Wong Hie King as first IE Director  
Teaching Cadetship scheme launched  
Part-time teacher training reinstated
- 1976** Second IE Director, Dr Lau Wai Har
- 1979** Third IE Director, Miss Lim Hsiu Mei
- 1980** Full-time teacher preparation completely replaced part-time training schemes
- 1981** IE moved to Bukit Timah Campus  
Fourth IE Director, Dr Sim Wong Kooi
- 1984** College of Physical Education (CPE) established at Bukit Timah Campus  
Two-year Diploma in Physical Education programme launched
- 1985** Diploma in Educational Administration (DEA) and Further Professional Diploma in Education (FPDE) programmes launched
- 1989** Inaugural cohort of PhD students enrolled in IE
- 1991** Fifth IE Director, Dr Gloria Lim  
IE and CPE merged in July 1991 to form the National Institute of Education (NIE), an autonomous institute of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). The new NIE had a School of Arts, School of Science, School of Education and School of Physical Education. Bachelor of Arts/Science (BA/BSc) with Diploma in Education introduced. Certificate in Education was upgraded to Diploma in Education and the Diploma in Education became the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)
- 1994** Sixth NIE Director, Professor Leo Tan  
Postgraduate Diploma for Teaching in Higher Education programme launched
- 1996** MA (Applied Linguistics) programme launched  
Caring Teacher Awards launched in partnership with ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd
- 1997** MA (Educational Management) and MA (Applied Psychology) programmes launched
- 1998** Committee headed by Dr Aline Wong, Senior Minister of State for Education, reviews the teacher training system in Singapore. Recommended a corporate planning process at NIE.
- 1999** MA (Instructional Design & Technology) and MSc (Exercise & Sports Science) programmes launched  
Diploma in Departmental Management (DDM) replaced the Further Professional Diploma in Education (FPDE)



# 2000

- 2000** NIE moved to Yunnan Garden Campus in NTU Arising from the corporate planning process which began in 1998, NIE adopted a matrix organisation structure, with Programme Offices and Academic Groups  
The 'Attitudes, Skills and Knowledge' (ASK) Framework introduced into Initial Teacher Preparation programmes
- 2001** Revised BA/BSc (Education) programmes implemented, including the introduction of a specialisation in Malay Language & Literature within the BA (Education)  
Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) replaced the Diploma in Educational Administration (DEA)
- 2003** DNA Centre @ NIE officially opened  
Centre for Research in Pedagogy & Practice (CRPP) established
- 2004** Learning Sciences Laboratory (LSL) established
- 2005** Professional Development Continuum Model (PDCM) launched  
Inaugural E.W. Barker Professor of Physical Education and Sports Science, Professor Peter Charles Terry  
The 'Values, Skills and Knowledge' (VSK) Framework replaced ASK in Initial Teacher Preparation programmes  
Awarded BCA - Energy Efficient Building Award (1st position)  
Awarded ASEAN Energy Efficient Building Award (1st position)  
Group Endeavours in Service Learning (GESL) launched  
Master in Educational Administration (MEA) launched
- 2006** Inaugural CJ Koh Professor, Professor Marilyn Cochran-Smith  
NIE signed agreement with Abu Dhabi Educational Council (ADEC) to provide consultancy services for the preparation of educational personnel for the Abu Dhabi Emirate  
Second E.W. Barker Professor, Professor John Lyle  
Seventh NIE Director, Professor Lee Sing Kong  
Doctor of Education (EdD) Dual Award with Institute of Education, University of London launched  
Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching launched
- 2007** NIE's 3:3:3 Roadmap established to guide NIE's development for the next five years  
International Advisory Panel appointed by MOE endorsed the 3:3:3 Roadmap  
Management and Leadership in Schools Programme (MLS) launched  
International Alliance of Leading Education Institutes (IALEI) established  
Citi-NIE Financial Literacy Hub for Teachers launched  
Third E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Rabinadarjeet Singh
- 2008** Leaders and Educators in Asia Programme with Temasek Foundation launched  
Vietnam-Singapore Centre for Educational Excellence (VSCEE) in Hanoi launched  
Inaugural cohort of In-service Diploma in Physical Education  
Bachelor of Education (Primary) launched  
Master of Education specialisation in Developmental Psychology launched  
Master of Arts (Counselling and Guidance) launched
- 2008** Dean's Commendation for Research introduced  
Translational Development Unit (TDU) launched  
NIE's Programme Review and Enhancement 08/09 (PRE) Initiative launched



- 2008** Centre for International Comparative Studies launched
- 2009** Bachelor of Science in Sport Science and Management launched  
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) launched  
NIE Art Gallery officially opened  
Second CJ Koh Professor, Professor Susan Fuhrman  
Fourth E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Jean Côté  
Received BCA Green Mark Gold™ Award  
25th Anniversary of College of Physical Education (CPE), School of Physical Education (SPE) and Physical Education & Sports Science (PESS)  
NTU conferred Honorary Doctor of Education degree on Professor Linda Darling-Hammond  
Office of Academic Quality Management (OAQM) to articulate an NIE AQM framework established  
The External Programmes Office corporatised to become NIE International Pte Ltd (NIEI) to serve as NIE's consultancy arm  
Student Services Centre (SSC) launched  
A new Teacher Education Model for the 21st Century (TE21) unveiled  
Motivation in Educational Research Lab (MERL) established

# 2010



- 2010** NIE celebrated 60 years of Teacher Education  
Asia's first School Technology Innovation Centre in Singapore with Microsoft and MDA launched  
Tree Planting by Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education & Second Minister for Defence in commemoration of NIE's 60th Anniversary  
Third CJ Koh Professor, Professor Robin Alexander  
Designated as Youth Olympic Village (YOV) for Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)  
Fourth CJ Koh Professor, Dr Hannele Niemi  
Hosted the fourth IALEI meeting  
Collaborative Classrooms launched
- 2011** Fifth E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Paul Schempp  
Fifth CJ Koh Professor, Professor Andy Hargreaves  
Fifth Anniversary celebration of the Master in Educational Administration (MEA) programme in Qinhuangdao, Hebei, People's Republic of China  
Hosted the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) project meeting on the identification of Unique and Promising Practices in Mathematics and Science Teacher Preparation among APEC Economies  
Sixth CJ Koh Professor, Professor Andreas Schleicher  
Co-organised inaugural Character and Citizenship Conference with MOE  
72 classrooms complete transformation into collaborative classrooms
- 2012** Sixth E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Stuart Biddle  
Designed first commercialised student game, Statecraft X™, a multiplayer 24/7 server-based game on citizenship education  
Master of Arts in Leadership and Educational Change (MALEC) with Teachers College, Columbia University launched

# MILESTONES

## IN TEACHER EDUCATION

- 2012** Classroom of the Future edition 3.0 launched  
NIE Wellness Centre launched  
Seventh CJ Koh Professor, Professor Ruth Hayhoe  
Received BCA Green Mark Platinum Award  
NIE hosted 23rd International Biology Olympiad  
Eighth CJ Koh Professor, Professor John Seely Brown  
**2013** Office of Academic Administration and Services (OAS) established to centrally support the student lifecycle  
Seventh E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Clyde Williams  
Received CIO 100 Honoree 2013 Award  
Ninth CJ Koh Professor, Professor Linda Darling-Hammond  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of the Doctor of Education (EdD) Dual Award programme with Institute of Education, University of London  
Centre for Research in Pedagogy & Practice (CRPP) celebrated 10th Anniversary  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of the Master of Arts in Leadership and Educational Change programme with Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2014** 10th CJ Koh Professor, Professor Dennis Shirley  
CTA Commemorative Book to celebrate 10th Caring Teacher Awards with ExxonMobil Asia Pacific launched  
Eighth NIE Director, Professor Tan Oon Seng  
Henry David Hochstadt Early Childhood Education Endowment Fund launched  
NTU-NIE Teaching Scholars Programme (TSP) launched
- 2015** NIE celebrated SG50  
Tan Poey Quee Teaching Excellence Fund launched  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of the Master of Arts in Teaching Chinese as an International Language (MATCIL) programme  
SGX partnered NIE to equip teachers with investment knowledge  
11th CJ Koh Professor, Professor Fernando Reimers  
Inaugural Dr Ruth Wong Professor in Teacher Education, Professor A. Lin Goodwin  
Eighth E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Theodore Angelopoulos  
NIE International celebrated 10th Anniversary  
Master of Arts in Professional Education (MAPE) (Training and Development) with Institute of Adult Learning (IAL) of Singapore Workforce Development Agency launched
- 2016** 10th Anniversary of Group Endeavours in Service Learning (GESL)  
Ninth E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Neil Armstrong  
Muhammad Ariff Ahmad (MAS) Postgraduate Scholarship and MAS Research Grant launched  
NTU conferred Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree on NIE alumnus, Dr Iskandar Jalil  
Mediated Learning Laboratory (MLL) to facilitate the promotion of mediated learning experiences launched



- 2016** NIE International celebrated 10th Anniversary of Leaders in Education Programme International (LEPI)  
Received Energy Efficiency National Partnership (EENP) Award for Best Energy Efficiency Practices in the Public Sector  
**2017** Net Gen Learners' Terrace (NGLT) launched - a new learning facility which embodies new learning modes, innovative use of spaces and the emerging popular technologies to support NIE's teaching and learning framework  
Awarded Science of Learning Visiting Investigatorship Grant from National Research Foundation  
i-Space launched - a next-generation learning environment which incorporates cutting-edge technology and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to make the learning environment more engaging  
Centre for Research in Child Development (CRCD) launched  
Singapore Teaching Practice with MOE launched  
NTU launched the Lee Sing Kong Endowment Fund to support the establishment of the Lee Sing Kong Professorship in Early Childhood, and the Lee Sing Kong Bursaries to help needy students to pursue a quality education at the University  
Second Dr Ruth Wong Professor in Teacher Education, Professor Clare Kosnik  
Executive Programme for System-level Education Leaders (ExSEL) launched  
12th CJ Koh Professor, Professor Richie Poulton  
**2018** Inaugural symposium on Innovative Teaching and Learning of Mother Tongue Languages launched  
Hosted the 31st International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI)  
NIE Visitors Learning Centre (NIEVLC) launched  
Internet of Things @ NIE (IoT@NIE) Learning Lab launched - a three year partnership with Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA), which aimed to provide educators and learners a platform to co-design IoT learning experiences and create opportunities for educators to "Explore, Experiment and Evolve"  
Ninth NIE Director, Professor Christine Goh  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of NTU-NIE Teaching Scholars Programme  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of extended Postgraduate Diploma in Education Programmes (PGDE)  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of Master of Arts in Professional Education (Training and Development)  
13th CJ Koh Professor, Professor Pam Grossman  
Ong Tiong Tat Master's Degree Scholarships and Irene Tan Liang Kheng Master's Degree Scholarships launched
- 2019** 10th E.W. Barker Professor, Dr Laurence Chalip  
Inaugural cohort of graduates of Bachelor of Arts (Education) (Education)  
Inaugural CTFFest: Sharing and Learning about Computational Thinking (CT) in Education  
14th CJ Koh Professor, Professor George Siemens  
Received Mohammed Bin Rashid AI Maktoum Knowledge Award (MBRKA) 2019

# 2020

- 2020** NIE celebrated 70 years of Inspiring Learning, Transforming Teaching, Advancing Research  
NTU NIE Alumni Association established  
Learning Initiatives for the Future of Education at the National Institute of Education Singapore (LIFE@NIE SG) launched. LIFE@NIE SG is the NIE-level set of priority areas and related key initiatives we are developing for the Institute to be known for by 2030.  
NIE NTU orchid, *Papilionanda* NIE SG launched in commemoration of NIE's 70th Anniversary  
Certificate of Early Childhood and Leadership with PAP Community Foundation launched
- 2021** Science of Learning in Education Centre (SoLEC) and Master of Science (Science of Learning) launched as part of the nation's effort to develop knowledge and expertise in the science-based understanding of learning and education methods  
Dr Muhammad Ariff Ahmad Research and Resource Hub (MAS RRH@LIBRIS) launched by President Halimah Yacob. The Resource Hub features a collection of invaluable writings by MAS on Malay language and culture, and aims to preserve his legacy for future generations of teaching and research professionals.  
E.W. Barker Commemorative Book launched to honour the legacy of Mr E.W. Barker and highlight the collective impact of the E.W. Barker Professorship and Scholarship. E.W. Barker Bursary introduced with the aim of nurturing talented and committed individuals in the pursuit of their undergraduate study in the areas of sport management and sport and exercise science.
- 2022** Artificial Intelligence at the National Institute of Education (AI@NIE) launched to prepare Singapore educators to lead and exemplify the use of AI in pedagogies effectively, as well as to advance research on the innovative and ethical applications of AI for education  
Centre for Research in Pedagogy & Practice (CRPP) celebrated 20th Anniversary  
Third Dr Ruth Wong Professor in Teacher Education, Professor John Loughran  
Sustainability Learning Lab launched to excel in research, practice and outreach in sustainability education  
11th E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Cliff Mallett
- 2023** Inaugural Lee Sing Kong Professor in Early Childhood, Professor Iram Siraj  
Singapore Centre for Character and Citizenship Education (SCCCE) launched. The Centre aims to enhance professional learning and research in Character and Citizenship Education, contributing to the growth and development of children and youth in Singapore and beyond.  
15th CJ Koh Professor, Professor James Arthur OBE  
The NIE Bachelor of Arts (Education) and Bachelor of Science (Education) programmes repositioned as Double Major Programmes. Graduates obtain teaching accreditation, and are prepared for further studies in both the Academic Discipline and in Education.  
Inaugural Lien Ying Chow Professor in Education, Professor Vivienne Riches  
12th E.W. Barker Professor, Professor Kenneth Hodge

