新加坡管理大学取得快速发展

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（大纪元记者李青新加坡报道）“我国的教育制度必须要灵活性，以便让不同资质的学生充分发挥其潜力。更多元化的大专教育及更多的渠道，将使国人有机会根据自己的兴趣得到一流的专业培育。”李显龙总理在1月20日为新加坡管理大学市区校园举行开幕时说。

新加坡管理大学（新大）被引为多元化高等教育下的成功例子。

总理透露，“在未来的5年，可以预见10所专科学院在新加坡设立，有些学院将与理工学院联办专业学位课程。”

新大敢于尝试新的教学法，培养出有自信，勇于发言的毕业生，得到了总理的赞扬。

新大是本地首间非营利的自主大学，其成功为本地学府提供了借鉴，使政府有信心给予国立及新大更多的自主权。

从最初的一个学院到现在的四个学院；从一个本科学位课程到现在的6个学位和4个硕士课程；学生人数从约300名到现在的3,000多名；从37名教授增加到现在的185名。基金增长了5倍。新大在短短的5年内就成为了一间研究学府。新大总裁华德·亨特教授，将此神速发展归功于新大的“创新企业精
“Singapore’s education system must be flexible to cater to different students and unlock the potential of each individual. Diversification of the education landscape will create alternative pathways for students to develop and grow”, said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Official Opening of the SMU city campus on 20 January ’06.

SMU is a successful example of the diversity injected into universities.

“Over the next 5 years, we expect up to 10 specialized institutions to be set up in Singapore. Some will partner our polytechnics to offer specialized degrees in applied and creative disciplines”, said PM Lee

SMU introduced a new pedagogy and has cultivated graduates who are articulate and self confident, capturing the admiration of the Prime Minister.

SMU is the first local university to establish itself as a not-for-profit public company. Its success has given the government the confidence to corporatise NUS and NTU.

From one school to four, from 300 students to more than 3000 students, from faculty strength of 37 to 185 SMU has, in a short 5 years, become a significant research university. SMU President Professor Howard Hunter attributed the rapid growth to SMU’s ‘pioneering spirit’.

SMU thanked the Singapore government, private individuals, organizations and foundations like the Lee Foundation and Dr Li Ka Shing. SMU President Professor Howard Hunter said that these important donations go towards the establishment of scholarships. At present 1 in 9 SMU student will receive a scholarship.

SMU will continue to collaborate closely with overseas institutions and industry to ensure relevant course content and real world experience.

In 2004, half of the graduates obtained jobs before graduation and all graduates secured jobs within 6 months of graduation. PM Lee alluded to this remarkable achievement in his speech.

SMU Chairman Mr Ho Kwon Ping said that the city campus will bring more life into the neighbourhood. Different buildings are connected by an underground walkway; eateries, retail outlets are open to the public. SMU also organizes many exhibitions, performances and seminars for public participation.

Professor Howard Hunter points out that with the close proximity to businesses, organizations and culture SMU has all the qualities to become a world renowned research hub and university and for Singapore to be an education hub.