吴资政为新大商学院
李光前大楼主持开幕

年轻人要有世界观，勇于尝试新事物，才能在机遇处处的环球社会里取得成功。

国务资政吴作栋昨天为新加坡管理大学商学院的李光前大楼主持开幕式时讲话，提出新大要培养善于把握良机的年轻人，就须确保他们富有热忱，凡事抱着开放的态度，更要具有环球视野，避免成为井底之蛙。

他指出，有进取精神及准备承担风险的年轻人，将能够踏出跟多元的成功之道。

“勇于尝试和具有面对失败的勇气，必将能取得成功。”

吴资政指出，要使年轻人取得成功，也要教育他们珍惜和维护新加坡品牌。因为它是我国非常珍贵的无形资产。

新加坡品牌是一面金字招牌。这就是许多推动经济现代化的国家，都要我国提供帮助的原因。”。

他说，除了俄罗斯和印尼要求新加坡协助发展特别经济区之外，阿拉伯联合酋长国的阿布扎比酋长国也派遣政府官员到经济发展局和新加坡国际企业发展局实习。

由于新加坡的名声响亮，连带我国的管理级人员、专业人员以及工人在海外都广受欢迎。吴资政说，新加坡品牌是经过40年才建立起来的，尤其是在海外工作的国人，更须维护及壮大本国品牌的名声。

此外，他也呼吁国人要懂得回馈社会，发挥同袍互助的精神。

“如果国人只想到个人的前途，对周遭其他人的困境不闻不问，我国增长与繁荣的良性循环将再也无法持续。”

他说，大学和教育机构在培育及教育年轻人适应环球竞争之际，也应灌输重视社会良知的价值观，让他们明白取之社会，用诸社会的道理。

李氏基金两年捐赠给新大的5000万元，成了它自2000年创办以来所获得的最大笔捐款，政府再以3元对1元的资助，使这笔捐款增至2亿元。

设立这个基金的银行家及慈善家李光前对教育和慈善事业慷慨解囊，新大为了感谢李氏基金的捐助，也把商学院大楼命名为李光前大楼。这座大楼高五层，是新大市区校园内的一座主要建筑。

昨天出席开幕式的有李氏基金主席李成义博士、董事李成伟、新大名誉校长胡赐道博士、新大主席何光平和吴资政的夫人。吴资政过后也参观了商学院大楼的设施及了解大学的授课情况。
Young people must have a global outlook and a willingness to try new things in order to succeed in the world of opportunities.

Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong said these words at the official opening of the Lee Kong Chian building of the SMU's Lee Kong Chian School of Business. He said that for SMU to groom young people who are capable of seizing opportunities, the university must prepare them to have a passion and openness to new ideas, a global outlook to avoid being frogs in a well.

He pointed out that it takes an entrepreneurial spirit and a readiness to take risks in order to blaze less trodden and diverse paths to success.

"The spirit of trying and the courage to face failure will lead to success," he said.

He also said that for the young to succeed, we need to educate them on upholding and building on Singapore's brand name as this is an invaluable and intangible asset of the country.

"The Singapore brand is as good as gold. This is why many countries which are modernising their economies want Singapore to help them."

He said that apart from Russia and Indonesia wanting Singapore to help them set up Special Economic Zones, Abu Dhabi, a member of the United Arab Emirates, is also sending officials to learn from our Economic Development Board and IE Singapore.

Due to Singapore's good branding, Singaporean managers, professionals and workers are highly sought after overseas. SM Goh said that it took us 40 years to build this gold standard brand name. It is therefore very important for Singaporeans, particularly those who work overseas, to uphold and build on our reputation.

He also asked Singaporeans to remember to give back to society as this is the way to keep the virtuous cycle spinning.

"If Singaporeans only think about their personal future and success and ignore what happens to their fellow Singaporeans, there is no way we can keep the virtuous cycle of growth and prosperity going."

He said that universities and other educational institutions need to inculcate values of strong social conscience to give back to society in addition to preparing their students to excel in the competitive economy.

The Lee Foundation gave SMU a sum of $50m which made it the largest endowment SMU has received since its inception in 2000. The government matched the donation 3:1 and increased the amount to $200m.

The late Dr Lee Kong Chian, banker and philanthropist, contributed generously to education and charity. In appreciation of the donation by the Lee Foundation, SMU named its business school the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. The school is 5-storey high and is one of the main buildings in SMU's city campus.

Attending the opening ceremony were Lee Foundation's Dr Lee Seng Gee, Mr Lee Seng Wee, SMU's Chancellor Dr Richard Hu, SMU Chairman Mr Ho Kwon Ping and Mrs Goh Chok Tong. SM Goh also toured the facilities of the school to understand the teaching style of SMU.