SMU takes flight tonight

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By IRUS circling a high-rise apartment in Singapore were avian inspirations for a new musical opus marking tonight's official opening of the Singapore Management University's (SMU) new campus in Stamford Road.

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