新大明年学额将增加近一成

预料明年新生学额将从现有的1750个增加至1900个。新增的150个学额将分配在不同科系。新大校长德梅耶教授说，扩大招生不会影响1对20人的师生比例，课堂的学生人数将继续维持在45人或以下。

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不过，德梅耶教授坦言，这所位于市中心的学府确实面对空间有限的压力。校方不仅计划扩充校舍，还在积极探讨如何更有效地利用现有空间。

德梅耶教授举例，目前位于勿拉士巴沙路和史丹福路之间的Campus Green公园其实没有充分利用，但校方不愿意破坏这个风景宜人的场所。因此，校方考虑更好地善用地下空间，比如把健身房迁至其他地点，或重新规划图书馆等。

另外，校方也在探讨能把更多课程开至下午6时进行的可能性。

根据政府2008年发表的《扩充大学教育研究委员会初期报告书》，新大这几年会陆续扩大招生，至2015年每年增招2100人，学生总人数达1万300人。
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It is expected that next year’s intake will increase from the current 1750 to 1900 students. The additional 150 places will be distributed across different schools. SMU President, Professor Arnoud De Meyer said that the increase in intake will not affect the current 1 to 20 faculty-to-student ratio and the class size will be maintained at 45 students.

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In line with the government’s announcement to make available places in local universities by 2015 for 30% of each Primary 1 cohort, the Singapore Management University (SMU) will be increasing its student intake by almost 10%, from the current 1750 to 1900.

According to SMU, the newly created 150 places will be distributed across the different schools. At a recent media briefing, SMU President Professor Arnoud De Meyer also disclosed that the increase in intake will not affect the current 1 to 20 faculty-to-student ratio and the class size will be maintained at 45 students.

Professor De Meyer also mentioned that SMU’s city-centre campus is facing space constraints. Therefore, besides looking at expansion, the University is also actively looking into how its current space can be further optimised.

Professor De Meyer cited the example of Campus Green, a plot situated between Bras Basah Road and Stamford Road. This plot can be better utilised but the University is also unwilling to destroy the beautiful scenery. Therefore, it is now considering ways to better utilise its basement space, for example, by moving the gymnasium to another location or by re-configuring the library.

In addition, the University is also exploring the possibility of scheduling more classes into the evening starting at 6pm.

According to the Preliminary Report of the Committee on the Expansion of the University Sector, published by the Government in 2008, SMU will increase its student intake gradually over the years till it achieves a steady-state undergraduate intake of 2,100 by the year 2015. SMU aims to have a total student population of around 10,300 in its long-term steady state.