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PRESS RELEASE

Singapore Management University Matriculation Day Innovative Pioneer Undergraduates will bid for courses using e-dollars

Innovation is the keyword as SMU's pioneer batch of undergraduates start registering for courses on Matriculation Day on Monday, 24 July 2000.

The day-long Matriculation procedure will introduce students to various aspects of student life at SMU, including a "bidding" system for course modules using e-dollars. Students will also be conducted around IT facilities and guided through admission and financial matters at the university's interim campus on Evans Road.

The "Bidding" System for Course Modules

The bidding system for courses is a Wharton practice adopted for SMU students. First year undergraduates are automatically enrolled in three core courses in the first semester. Students who wish to enroll for up to a maximum of five courses allowed in each term, may bid for these courses using their e-dollars. Dollars not used this term will be carried forward to the following term.

Financial & Admission Matters

The first stage of Matriculation is the payment of fees. Students who have applied successfully for financial assistance will also settle such procedures at the start of the day. Application for lockers and bus passes are also completed at this stage.

Students can also apply for lockers and bus passes at the start of the matriculation process.

Student Leaders Training Camp

All SMU students will have the opportunity to be actively involved in decision-making processes and to develop leadership skills. The Office of Student Life has planned a student leadership training camp from 4-6 August 2000. Students intending to take up leadership positions will be encouraged to register for this camp on a voluntary basis.

IT Facilities

IT and e-Business feature prominently in SMU's curriculum. One main focus will be virtual learning via IT avenues. Multi-media content such as video, slides, voice and lecture notes will be gradually disseminated through electronic means. During Matriculation, SMU undergraduates will be given the keys to unlock doors to the internet-linked world. These include passwords, lifetime email accounts and student

accounts. These IT resources will be introduced with a hands-on session conducted by the Office of Communications & Information Technology.

Inaugural Opening Convocation Preparations

SMU's official launch is on Saturday, 29 July. Preparations are underway for the grand Inaugural Opening Convocation Ceremony at Bras Basah Park. As part of the proceedings, male undergraduates will be issued with an SMU tie each and women students, an SMU scarf. These specially designed accessories will be worn at the Inaugural Ceremony. Student volunteers will conduct scarf-tying demonstrations throughout Matriculation day.