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Three weeks into the Singapore Management University's (SMU) academic year and already SMU will sign its third collaboration for its International Exchange Programme, this time with a New Zealand university - the University of Otago

The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest university and currently admits more international students than any other university in the country. SMU's collaboration with them will enable SMU students to study in Otago for six-month stints and vice versa, adding a breadth of cultural richness and working perspectives to the undergraduate experience.

The first two Memoranda of Understanding were signed with Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University of Japan on 1 August 2000 and the University of Adelaide in Australia on 27 August 2000. These intensive tie-ups with international universities are in line with SMU's objective to allow 100% of the pioneer intake of SMU students to benefit from exchange programmes - if they elect for them. These programmes aim at enlarging the global perspective and diverse cultural experiences for students.

Today at 10.00am, Dr Graeme Fogelberg, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago, will sign the MOU with Prof Tan Chin Tiong, Provost of SMU at the Pan Pacific Hotel during the Asian Academic Accounting Conference also organised by SMU. Also attending the signing ceremony will be HE David Kersey, New Zealand High Commissioner to Singapore.