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Quotes from participants of the NTU Singapore-India Dialogue

Mr Vinod Kannan, Chief Executive Officer, Vistara Airlines

Electrical and Electronic Engineering, NTU Class of 2000

“The intellectual diversity and rich socio-cultural exposure at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, has had a profound influence on my personal as well as professional life. It not only prepared me for the corporate world but also helped in developing a global sensibility which has been instrumental in my career spanning various roles across different parts of the world. I feel it was the perfect runway for my career to take flight.

“Throughout my journey from being a young executive at Singapore Airlines to becoming the CEO of India's finest airline, Vistara, I have seen Indo-Singapore relations flourish over the years. The relationship between the two countries is based on shared values and economic opportunities which have grown with time across trade, education, tourism, defense, technology, and entrepreneurship. I feel fortunate and grateful for being associated with Singapore Airlines and Vistara that are able to meaningfully contribute to this growth story.”

Mr Ajit Mohan, Vice President, and Managing Director, India, Meta (formerly Facebook)

Computer Science and Engineering, NTU Class of 1997

“I grew up in India, and returned to the country after 16 years around the world. NTU and Singapore were the first steps in that journey. My earliest exposure to cutting-edge technology was at NTU. I was lucky to experience the magic of Singapore and its continuous, purposeful transformation using technology to improve lives and expand opportunities for everyone. This is the same journey that I am leading at Meta in India. Our mission is to be an ally for India's exciting economic and social transformation, and it is exciting to see the ever-expanding ties between the two countries as they pursue this shared journey.”

Mr “Kris” Gopalakrishnan, Co-Founder Infosys, and Chairman Axilor Ventures

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“For the Singapore-India partnership, the best of times are ahead of us. New areas of cooperation across various sectors in science, technology, and innovation will be a crucial pillar to this partnership. The post-pandemic world and the Fourth Industrial Revolution will be led by tech and IT companies and universities who stand at the forefront of pioneering these technologies. The education industry evolved quickly during the pandemic, digitalising their operations. NTU is a prime example of a seamless and successful transition to online teaching. It has much to offer to Indian educational institutes and industry.”

Oscar-Nominated Director Shekhar Kapur, Chairman of Film & Television Institute of India

“We stand at the shores of a frontier new world - the Metaverse, which is at the confluence of content and new age technology. Done right, it will redefine us. In the Metaverse, our “other selves” would become as important as our “real selves,” or what we perceive ourselves to be. And since perception is always a story - storytelling, or content, will be a crucial driver of the Metaverse if it is to succeed. Combining content with the cutting-edge technologies such as those being innovated at NTU in AI and Augmented Intelligence could democratise art and make it more accessible to better engage the tech-savvy younger global audiences. Singapore is a nation of innovation and technology. India is the land of storytelling. We should be swimming together to shape the future of the Metaverse.”