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THE Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) will double its intake of students – from 500 to 1,000 – this year.

Students can also look forward to six new degree programmes, bringing the total number of bachelor's degree programmes offered by SIT to 16.

These announcements were made by Education Minister Ng Eng Hen yesterday during a dialogue session at Bukit Timah Community Club.

Three of the new programmes are in conjunction with two new overseas

partners. These are the University of Manchester in England, for a nursing degree; and the University of Glasgow, in Scotland, for a degree in mechanical design engineering and another in mechatronics.

SIT will also team up with an existing overseas partner, the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, to offer three degree programmes: in food and human nutrition; mechanical design and manufacturing engineering; and chemical engineering.

The SIT, which started running programmes for its first intake last year, was set up in 2009 to offer polytechnic graduates an additional route to a univer-

sity degree.

It provides niche degree courses through tie-ups with reputable overseas institutions such as the Culinary Institute of America and the DigiPen Institute of Technology.

SIT president Tan Chin Tiong said of the school's new offerings: "SIT is committed to expanding our programme offerings and partnering reputable overseas universities which are leaders in their fields of specialisation.

"Coupled with our unique education model, this commitment underscores our dedication to ensure that our graduates are relevant, prepared, and an integral

part of Singapore's growth."

At a media briefing last Friday, SIT said it received about 1,800 applications for its first intake of 500.

Besides doubling its intake this year, the school says it plans to provide scholarships for about 12 per cent of its second intake, or about 120 of its 1,000 students.

This time round, applications – which open next month – will also be open to A-level students, although SIT's management emphasised that polytechnic graduates remain the school's focus.

SIT is expected to eventually take in about 2,000 students a year.