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### **Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management's "Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series in Singapore" – Sometimes the best classes are the ones without textbooks**

Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management is proud to present the first Dean's Distinguished Lecture series in Singapore. We have invited prominent and multi-award winning hospitality industry leaders from the Asia-Pacific region to participate in the series.

The speakers include luminaries from food and beverage, real-estate, hotel, and leisure companies who will impart valuable lessons and insights on the hospitality industry. Guest speakers provide insights that link academic theory to practical outside fieldwork, and help students succeed in the classroom today, and prepare them to thrive as hospitality leaders tomorrow. Distinguished speakers will present on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., in Executive Room 2, Nanyang Business School.

**April 27, 2007** - Mr. Chiaki Tanuma, President and Chief Executive Officer, Green House Co. Ltd.

Mr. Chiaki Tanuma oversees Green Hospitality Management Co. as the Chairman since October 2006 and Cini Little Japan, Inc., and Horwath Asia-Pacific, Japan as the CEO since July 2006. He also leads Green House Foods Co., Ltd. and Green House Co., Ltd. as the President and President and CEO respectively, from 1981 (Green House Foods Co., Ltd) and 1993 (Green House Co., Ltd.) until the present.

Chiaki Tanuma was also conferred as Vice Chairman of Committee on International Affairs, Japan Association of Corporate Executives, Executive Councilor of Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Regional Vice President of Japan Chapter, Cornell Hotel Society, among others. He completed his bachelor's degree at Keio

University and his masters degree from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration (MPS Program).

**May 04, 2007** - Mr. Miguel Ko, President, Asia-Pacific for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

Miguel Ko is President, Asia-Pacific for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. In his role, Ko has strategic oversight of the operating and financial performance of over 120 hotels and resorts with more than 40,000 rooms and 36,000 associates in 20 countries in Asia-Pacific. Currently, there are over 30 hotels under construction. Prior to this appointment, Ko was Deputy Chairman and CEO of CDL Hotels International.

**May 18, 2007** - Captain C P Krishnan Nair, Chairman and Peter J. Leitgeb, President, The Leela Palaces & Resorts

Captain C.P. Krishnan Nair was born at Cannanore, Kerela in 1923. He did his schooling at the Local Raja's High School and later on joined the Muslim College in Chennai. With the spirit of a rebel and a freedom fighter, he joined Free India's army. Later on, he resigned his commission to champion the cause of handloom weavers. From pioneering handlooms, the far reaching impact of the visionary Capt. Krishnan Nair has always been evident. When his sights focused on hospitality he transformed industry standards forever. Today, he is a significant player in the Tourism and Handloom Industry. His three magnificent creations in corporate Hotels and Resorts, The Leela Kempinski Mumbai, The Leela, Goa, and The Leela Palace Kempinski Bangalore stand testimony to his unswerving spirit.

As the President of The Leela Palaces and Resorts, Mr. Peter J. Leitgeb is responsible for the Group, including the expansion and development into key cities in India (New Delhi, Udaipur, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Pune). His extensive 30-year experience in the Hotel Industry includes Senior Management positions with leading brands in the hospitality sector. As a result-driven and quality-focused and innovative leader, Peter has always generated effective solutions to maximize top and bottom line. He has a proven track-record of leadership that substantially improves business performance in highly competitive markets. Peter J. Leitgeb started his passion in the hospitality industry through his education and apprenticeship in hotel schools in Salzburg, Austria and in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (Summer Course, '72).

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### ***About Nanyang Technological University***

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science, engineering, business, humanities, arts and social sciences. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has 4 colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore's life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world's top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences boasts Singapore's first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, was inaugurated on 1 January 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism.

NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore's only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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### ***About Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management***

The Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management (CNI), a partnership between Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and Nanyang Technological University's Business School, offers a joint degree in Masters of Management in Hospitality (M.M.H.). The M.M.H. degree is equivalent to a M.B.A.

CNI is housed at the Nanyang Business School in the NTU campus in Singapore. In the course of a twelve month intensive program, students will spend six months in Singapore and six months in Ithaca, New York

The innovative learning experience at CNI is led by world-renowned faculty from Cornell and NTU and key industry leaders who serve as a valuable resource for insights on cutting-edge developments in the field. For more information, visit [www.cni.ntu.edu.sg](http://www.cni.ntu.edu.sg)