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The Science of National Growth

Paving the way for stronger life sciences industry

To further sharpen Singapore's, competitive edge, the Government has placed a high priority on developing the life sciences industry into an engine of national growth and in line with the Industry 21 initiative to build a knowledge-based economy, the life sciences cluster was selected by the government as the "fourth pillar of Singapore's manufacturing sector"

The Economic Development Board (EDB) and A*STAR have identified life sciences, together with health care, as key areas critical to the development of Singapore's industries. The Government has defined the key requirements for achieving this aim as developing talent and building active research programmes in the biological, medical and pharmaceutical fields.

Various forms of financial aid and incentives are also in place to support local development and attract foreign investment.



Dr John Tholen, Director of the Biomedical Sciences Department, meeting with students during the Centre for Biomedical Sciences Open House on Dec 7, 2002

It is against this backdrop that MDxx developed the biomedical sciences department through the implementation of internationally accredited programmes. These programmes complement each other in providing sound and comprehensive training that meets the requirements of the life sciences industries and students' aspirations to achieve successful careers in the biomedical science field.

Open House

The MDxx Open House on Dec 7 attracted many people interested in careers in biomedical science.

The event was held at the Centre for Biomedical Sciences and Management at Orchard Road from 11am to 5pm.

Participants were treated to seminars by training consultants on topics such as the business of biomedical science, creative thinking and how to write the ultimate resume. Participants were also treated to Free Course Consultations on the various academic courses and IT training courses. They were also given the chance to learn more about Bioscience through hands-on lab sessions on cell culture & molecular biology in brand new, fully-equipped laboratories.



Visitors gathering at the Centre for Biomedical Sciences and Management during the Open House