

# India's SP Jain school opens S'pore campus

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THE combination of India's SP Jain Centre of Management's standing among Asian business schools and the attractiveness of the Singapore education brand is a powerful one, said Minister for Education and Second Minister for Finance Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the opening ceremony of its Singapore campus yesterday.

The establishment of the first campus of an Indian tertiary institution here deepens the presence of Indian education in Singapore, he added.

But more importantly, Mr Tharman said, the setting up of the renowned Indian business school's first overseas campuses in Dubai and Singapore shows it has an astute vision of the future.

The growing flow of students, professionals and entrepreneurs between the Middle East, South Asia and South-east Asia is a rising phenomenon. It is



**Wise move:** Setting up the renowned business school's first overseas campuses in Dubai and S'pore (above) shows it has an astute vision of the future, said Mr Tharman

hoped that the centre's Global MBA programme will take advantage of this triangular flow of talent and help spur greater development between the regions.

The one-year programme which began si-

multaneously in Dubai and Singapore last June has 250 students, already exceeding its first year's enrolment projections. They spend six months in each campus and their \$38,000 school fee includes the cost

of tuition, food and lodging for the year. In addition, the Singapore campus in Hyderabad Road also has about 90 students in its two-year part-time masters programme.

SP Jain believes that in

an increasingly globalised world, students need to study outside their home country. As a result, almost all the centre's full-time students are from outside Singapore. A focus on building stronger domain knowledge also sees it providing cutting edge specialisations for its students like in the areas of investment banking, global logistics management and services marketing.

The campus occupies the 28,000 sq m site of the former Institute of Dental Health, and includes a heritage building built in 1935. The buildings were refurbished in classic colonial style and capital investment in the two buildings came up to US\$10 million. The site is being leased from the Singapore Land Authority and the lease runs till 2013.

Read the full text of Mr Tharman's speech at <http://business-times.asiaone.com>