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Abstract

Singapore – MIT Alliance: A New Paradigm in Distance Learning

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The Singapore-MIT Alliance (SMA), a collaboration among Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Nanyang Technological University and National University of Singapore, is one of the first partnerships between the local universities and a top overseas university.

With the proliferation of distance learning programs in the current knowledge economy, SMA is set to differentiate itself from other players in the education industry. Besides focusing on academic programmes, SMA places great emphases on collaboration with research institutes and industry. This presentation, which uses SMA as a model, will cover the nature of SMA academic programmes and its related research topics. The presentation will also highlight the approach that depicts SMA's uniqueness.