The mass group photo during the event

Centre for Disruptive Photonic Technologies' Opening Ceremony

The official launch of the CDPT; from left to right: Assoc Prof Chee Yeow Meng, Prof David Payne, Prof Shen Zexiang, Prof Bertil Andersson, Prof Nikolay Zheludev, and Prof Freddy Boey

Guests visiting the CDPT

On 14 December 2012, the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (SPMS) held the Opening Ceremony of the Centre for Disruptive Photonic Technologies (CDPT). Located in the Division of Physics and Applied Physics of the SPMS, the Centre is funded by the Ministry of Education in Singapore through its Tier 3 funding scheme, and operates in close collaboration with international research leaders from the USA, Europe and Australia.

The Guest-of-Honour was our NTU President, Prof Bertil Andersson.

"Armed with a grand vision and strong support from NTU, I am confident that this new centre will become a world leading powerhouse of research and a hub for international collaborations on future "green" photonic technologies," said Prof Andersson. "The Centre will also provide vital education and training opportunities in photonics for our postgraduate and undergraduate students."

Gracing the event were the NTU Provost, Prof Freddy Boey, the Dean of the College of Science, Prof Ling San, and the Chair of the SPMS, Assoc Prof Chee Yeow Meng, and the Acting Chair of the School of Electrical Electronics Engineering, Prof Cheng Tee Hiang. Prof David Payne, the Director of the Optoelectonics Research Centre from the University of Southampton, was one of the many esteemed guests who were invited to the Opening Ceremony.

Leading the CDPT is Prof Nikolay Zheludev with Prof Shen Zexiang as the co-Director. CDPT aspires to be a world-leading player in developing the next stage of the photonic revolution by mobilising resources and interdisciplinary expertise available at NTU and partners in Singapore, Europe, USA, Australia and Far East.