Top Chinese, Singapore universities to launch concurrent degree program

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SINGAPORE, Dec. 30 (Xinhua) -- The law schools of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and China's Tsinghua University will establish programs offering degrees from both institutions, the NUS said on Friday.

The two top universities signed a memorandum of understanding on Dec. 14, the NUS said.

The concurrent degree program will be based on a "3+1" model. Selected students from both schools will spend part of their course time at the partner institution to earn a master of laws degree.

Each institution will send five of its current undergraduate students who have completed at least three years of study at their home institution to the other institution for one year.

Admission will be based on interviews by both institutions. The fees will be set and the assessment carried out by the institution in which the students are actually studying for a given year.

The students will receive degrees from both universities upon completing the program.

Opportunities may also be available for the faculty of both law schools to teach at the partner institution. The two law schools have also agreed to discuss cooperation at the graduate level, including a possible joint degree.