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Hope, Knowledge, and Society: A New Chapter for SPE

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| SPE faculty members and students dialoguing and building community at Fall 2025 Welcome Mixer, hosted by the SPE administration.

The heart of SPE is expressed by its Latin motto: *SPE Scientiae, SPE Civitatis*. “Spe” means hope in Latin, but it is also the School’s acronym, reflecting its dual mission to advance knowledge (*Scientiae*) and serve society (*Civitatis*). At the School of Political Science and Economics, this mission is carried out course by course and partnership by partnership, forming a new academic home for students interested to learn how power, finance, institutions, and leadership interactively shape the modern world.

Established in September 2024, SPE is one of NTU’s newest schools and among its most international. Its three academic fields—political economy, finance, and leadership and management—are arranged not as discrete disciplines, but rather as trifocal lenses through which to discern multifaceted global transformations. In SPE classrooms, discussions of financial markets, geopolitical conflict, democratic governance, technological disruption, and organizational leadership often converge within the same conversation.



| The School of Political Science and Economics on NTU’s Xuzhou Campus.

The School's inaugural year has already been marked by rapid development. SPE ratified its foundational academic regulations, signed 15 international partnership agreements, appointed six international scholars as full-time faculty members, and admitted 51 master's students into its two graduate programs in Political Economy and Finance. With the launch of the Leadership and Management Program in 2026, enrollment is expected to surpass 100 full-time graduate students.

What distinguishes SPE, however, is not only its institutional design, but also the academic community it is bringing together. SPE students from Taiwan and around the world study together in an English-taught environment where differences in nationality, academic training, and professional experience become part of the learning process itself. Expanding partnerships across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia are expected to create additional opportunities for establishing exchange programs, dual degrees, collaborative research, and global internships. At the same time, partnerships with industry connect students to real-world challenges facing businesses, public institutions, and society at large.

SPE is now preparing for its next phase of growth at NTU's Xuzhou Campus. The relocation from the Main Campus will situate the School within a historic urban setting while providing fresh new space for academic programs, interdisciplinary research communities, and broader public engagement.



Digital rendering of the SPE Administration Building.



3D simulation of the SPE Teaching and Learning Complex.



SPE representatives participating in the 2025 Taiwan Higher Education Fair in Jakarta and Bandung, Indonesia (August 2025).