Yale-NUS College inaugurated

THE Yale-NUS College held its inauguration ceremony yesterday morning, to welcome its first cohort of 155 students.

Classes at the liberal arts college – a tie-up between American Ivy League institution Yale and the National University of Singapore – started two weeks ago.

To mark the occasion, both parent institutions presented to Yale-NUS College a set of 50 books each, some of them authored by the schools’ alumni.

The ceremony at NUS University Cultural Centre was officiated by President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is also the NUS chancellor.

Yale-NUS president Pericles Lewis said in his speech at the ceremony: “We are educating citizens of the world, people who will have a broad familiarity with the great achievements of human art and science and will feel that their responsibilities extend not only to their local communities but also to the betterment of humanity at large.”

Yale-NUS has promised a broad-based education merging the best of East and West.

Students at the NUS University Town campus will take common courses in the first two years and focus on a major in the third.

They can choose from 14 subjects including urban studies, life sciences and economics.