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S'pore team at biotech meeting

KEY public and private sector players in the field of biomedical sciences are now in the United States to showcase their work and seek out partners at the world's largest international biotechnology convention.

The 13 organisations from Singapore include the Genome Institute of Singapore, the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, bio-informatics company KOOPrime and stem cell biotechnology firm CordLife.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 biotechnology executives, politicians, scientists and journalists are attending the three-day BIO 2003 Convention in Washington which ends tomorrow.

Mr Philip Yeo, chairman of the Agency for Science, Technology & Research and cochairman of the Economic Development Board, is leading the Singapore delegation.

This is the third time that a Singapore delegation has participated in the annual convention, held for its 10th time.

On display at the Singapore booth is an architectural model of the Biopolis, a biomedical research complex in Buona Vista that will be completed in phases, starting this month.