The NTU Alumni Council, chaired by NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson, comprises Presidents of school-based, interest-based, halls of residence-based and selected overseas Alumni Associations, as well as active leaders representing NTU and its two predecessor institutions - Nanyang University and Nanyang Technological Institute.

The first meeting held on 19 March was attended by Prof Andersson, 38 council members, NTU Board of Trustees member Mr Inderjit Singh, NTU Vice-President for Education Strategies and Alumni and Advancement Professor Lee Sing Kong, NTU College of Engineering Dean Professor Chen Tsuhan, NTU College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Dean Professor Alan Chan, NIE Faculty Affairs Dean Professor Michael Chia, then Chief Alumni Officer Designate Mr Guo Sam Nan and then NTU Alumni Affairs Director Mr Soon Min Yam.

In his welcome address, Prof Andersson emphasised the significance of the formation of the NTU Alumni Council to better engage the diverse NTU alumni community. At the same time, through this council, Prof Andersson hopes to see a giving culture amongst alumni, who contribute to their alma mater.

Prof Andersson presented on ‘NTU’s journey to become the world’s fastest-rising university’ where he shared NTU’s latest achievements in world university rankings as well as the University’s latest developments in research, education and campus infrastructure.

Prof Lee Sing Kong gave a presentation on ‘NTU alumni engagement’ where he
highlighted the various ways in which the University could engage its alumni more effectively and shared some of the new initiatives and developments planned by the University.

In the dialogue session that followed thereafter, the council members discussed and provided feedback on alumni engagement matters. Some of the points raised included suggestions on how to cultivate and enhance affinity to NTU; how to effectively communicate and engage between NTU and alumni and among alumni; how to encourage more alumni to give back to their alma mater; and what initiatives should NTU take to support and benefit alumni.

After the conclusion of the meeting, council members adjourned to the President’s Lodge for a delectable lunch hosted by Prof Andersson. A campus tour was conducted thereafter where the alumni visited the latest developments in NTU such as The Hive, North Spine Plaza, Pioneer and Crescent Halls of Residence, and the School of Art, Design and Media building.

A networking dinner at the President’s Lodge concluded the day’s programme.