NTU and the City

Alumni House at Marina Square Opens Its Doors
NTU’s sprawling 200-hectare main campus in southwest Singapore is beautifully laid out and refreshingly green, but not what you’d call centrally located. It is perhaps thanks to this far-flung location that NTU students, many of whom live on campus in residential halls, end up building particularly close ties with one another.

With the recent opening of the NTU Alumni House at Marina Square, alumni now have a new gathering place—right in the middle of the city—to maintain and strengthen these ties. A stone’s throw from the Marina Bay waterfront and the Central Business District, the new city location provides an ideal space to network, do business or simply catch up with friends.

In addition to the Marina Square facility, two more alumni houses—one at one-north and the other on NTU’s main campus—provide former students with more such spaces around the island.

“We have had extensive feedback from alumni on how they would like to engage with one other and with their alma mater,” said Mr. Inderjit Singh, Board of Trustees Member and Alumni Development Committee Chairman, and an alumnus of the Class of 1985.

“We have heard them and the three new alumni houses are designed to meet their needs.”

BUILD A COHESIVE ALUMNI NETWORK

Spread over 10,000 square feet, the new Alumni House’s function and meeting rooms, as well as restaurant and bar, provide comfortable gathering spaces for work and leisure.

Visitors are greeted by views of Marina Bay Sands and the buildings of the Central Business District—icons of the Singapore skyline that provide an instant sense of place.

In his welcome address at the facility’s official opening on 14 January 2017, NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said that it was vital for the University to maintain close relationships with its graduates. There are some 212,000 NTU alumni worldwide, and this number grows by about 10,000 each year.

“It is our goal to build a more cohesive NTU alumni community worldwide,” said Prof Andersson. “Engaging our alumni is extremely important because you are one of our most important stakeholders and ambassadors.”

The new facility was opened by guest-of-honour Mr Inderjit Singh, Board of Trustees Member and Alumni Development Committee Chairman, and an alumnus of the Class of 1985 from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

“As NTU continues to progress, it is important to build a stronger sense of identity and of affinity with the alma mater,” said Mr Singh.

“I hope my fellow alumni will seize the opportunity to use the facilities and support to build social and professional connections.”

A GASTRONOMIC ADVENTURE

Managed by the Sodexo Group—also behind iconic Michelin-starred restaurants such as Le Petit Catalan and Le Jules Verne in Paris—the Alumni House’s Mortar Restaurant & Bar serves up a diverse international menu.

“As an NTU alumnus, you can be proud to invite your family, friends, colleagues and business partners here,” said Sodexo Singapore’s F&B director, Justin Foo, Mortar’s F&B director. “My role is to listen very closely to the needs and wants of the NTU community, and to constantly refresh the offerings to ensure that Mortar remains exciting for all.”

Mortar will play host to chefs from Sodexo’s 80-country global network, who will bring their own specialties to the table. At the official opening lunch, for example, guest chef Antoine Maillet treated diners to a bouillabaisse—a traditional Provençal fish stew—from his native Marseille, France.

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STRAWBERRY, LIME-ROSEMARY INFUSION, GINGER ALE

A well-structured rum that represents NTU’s foundations in science and technology.

PRESERVED ORANGE PEEL

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Mortar’s bar manager concocting ‘The Yunnan Garden’ cocktail.

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1. (From left) Mr Andy Seo (SPMS/2010), NTU School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences Alumni Association President, Dr Tan Joo Ean, Assistant Chair (Communications and Student Life), School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Mr Gabriel Lee (HSS/2010), NTU School of Humanities & Social Sciences Alumni Association President.

2. Prof Alexander J.B. Zehnder, NTU Board of Trustees Member (left), Mr Laurent Hochet, Operations Director, Schools & Universities, Southeast Asia, Sodexo (right).

3. Mr Jimmy Lee, NTU Chief Housing & Auxiliary Services Officer (left), Ms Tan Aik Na, NTU Chief Financial Officer (right).

4. Guest of honour, Mr Inderjit Singh (EEE/1985), NTU Board of Trustees Member and Alumni Development Committee Chairman (left), Prof Bertil Andersson, NTU President (right).

5. Mr Tan Chin Hwee (NBS/1995), NTU Board of Trustees Member (far left) and his family, Prof Lee Sing Kong, NTU Vice President (Alumni and Advancement) (second from right), Prof Alan Chan, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (right).

6. (From left) Prof Alexander J.B. Zehnder, NTU Board of Trustees Member, Prof Angela Goh, Associate Provost (Faculty Affairs), Prof Alan Chan, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

7. Mr Inderjit Singh (EEE/1985), NTU Board of Trustees Member and Alumni Development Committee Chairman, Mr Chia Ban Seng (Science/1960), Trustee Emeritus and alumnus, Prof Lee Sing Kong, NTU Vice President (Alumni and Advancement).