The newly launched NTU Red Cross Alumni Association aims to connect alumni with a familiar platform to serve society.

On 17 January 2016, the Red Cross Youth NTU Chapter, as well as the Singapore Red Cross Society marked a milestone event with the launch of the NTU Red Cross Alumni Association (RCAA). Established in 1994, the NTU Chapter has been the longest-serving tertiary institution chapter with the Singapore Red Cross. With the newly inaugurated NTU RCAA, NTU became the first tertiary institution to establish a Red Cross alumni chapter in Singapore.

In her heartfelt speech, Dr Chan Soon Keng, founder of the Red Cross Youth NTU Chapter and Council Member of the Singapore Red Cross, commended the NTU RCAA committee members for their passion and dedication in their quest to continue serving society as they had done so during their varsity days. Dr Chan, who has been an advisor to the NTU Chapter for over 20 years, described the event as a dream come true and she urged the committee members to break new grounds with this new beginning.

“I have always been harbouring this dream that the good work you have done in NTU as a chapter should not be forgotten upon graduation," said Dr Chan. "Take this lead as you have taken as a chapter before, and set the pace for other tertiary chapters to form alumni associations with their respective institutions.”

Mr Leong Kok Hou (MAE/2012), NTU RCAA President, shared three key objectives that his committee hopes to achieve. First, to engage alumni to continue volunteering after graduation. Second, to mentor and share experiences with the current student management committee. And finally, to organise networking events for alumni and students.

Mr Leong acknowledged that for many graduates, it is challenging for them to continue volunteering as much as they would like to. By providing a familiar platform, he hopes that the NTU RCAA could engage more alumni to make a successful transition in their professional lives to volunteer with the Red Cross again.

"Through the power of networking, we hope to connect with people from different generations, industries, and nationalities, who share a common identity, which is NTU and Red Cross," he said. "With the variety of talents from different backgrounds, we could harness our combined efforts to do greater things."

The ceremony included a symbolic placing of the Red Cross logo onto the NTU RCAA nameplate with Mr Lim Theam Poh, NTU RCAA President Mr Leong Kok Hou, and founder of the Red Cross NTU Chapter and Council Member of the Singapore Red Cross Dr Chan Soon Keng, launching the NTU Red Cross Alumni Association.

Held at the Red Cross House, the launch was witnessed and celebrated by over 50 alumni and guests.

This was followed by a buffet dinner which saw the alumni and guests networking and chatting with one another.