The NTU Tamil Literary Society Alumni Association (AA) was launched on 23 January 2016 at the Orchid Room, NTU Campus Clubhouse, in the presence of 50 alumni, students and guests.

In his welcome address, Mr Thiyagarajan Elamaran (NBS/2012), President of the NTU Tamil Literary Society AA, spoke of the effort and commitment to form the AA within three months, with the unwavering assistance from the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

“This is an excellent opportunity for alumni to come together to rekindle the friendships forged during student days. There are networking and career opportunities where students can leverage in the NTU Tamil Literary Society AA. We hope to form an identity, build closer relationships with existing members, and be part of this close knit family,” he said. Mr Elamaran also shared that the AA plans to organise four events annually, with the aim of organising larger events with the participation of some 100 to 200 members in the future.

The Guest-of-Honour at the launch event, alumnus Mr R Dhinakaran (MBA/1998), Managing Director of Jay Gee Melwani Group, shared the importance of the alumni family which can provide much-needed support in one’s career progression. He spoke of the significance of Thirukkural, a classic Tamil sangam literature consisting of 1330 couplets, which is considered one of the most important works in the Tamil language. He also emphasised the importance of learning the mother tongue language as it will inculcate the values of the community.

Mr Dhinakaran, Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of NTU Alumni Affairs and Mr Elamaran officially launched the NTU Tamil Literary Society AA by sprinkling coloured powder to complete a beautiful kolam which was prepared beforehand by the alumni emcees. This was followed by the unveiling of the AA’s logo.

Alumni, students and guests then proceeded to enjoy a networking buffet lunch. The event ended with band and dance performances by alumni and students, a game of Charades, and the screening of a video montage showing photos of the alumni during their student days in NTU.

“There was a sense of belonging when we were studying in NTU. We hope the Alumni Association will provide us with some continuity. As alumni, we aspire to provide internship opportunities and become mentors to our juniors in their journey as NTU students and in their careers thereafter,” shares alumnus Mr Shaikh Yasin (MAE/2013).