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Message from the Secretary to the University

People often ask me, “What’s it like to work at NTU?” I regale them with stories of our band of 113,000 alumni spanning across three oceans and five continents, many of whom have made a name for themselves and are carrying on the NTU spirit wherever they go. I tell them that NTU is setting priorities and doing remarkable things to create stronger alumni engagement with the university.

Alumni are one of the fundamental pillars of the university’s community. Their relationship with the university is both special and mutual. Alumni, like sons and daughters who have been nurtured by the alma mater, have a shared experience that cannot be duplicated, a double helix that is unbreakable. As they invest in lifelong learning and discovery, they transform themselves and become an inspiration to all and to the alma mater.

Since the start of the year, I have met many wonderful alumni who are supporting the university, school, department and institute where their fondest memories reside. From the inaugural Dialogue Session with Presidents and Committee Members of NTU Alumni Associations to the recent Distinguished Alumni Forum, I have seen the remarkable things that they are doing as activist alumni. Bringing passion to all they do, they embody the spirit of the university and are leaving indelible marks on their alma mater.

Distinguished alumni volunteered their time to speak at the 8th Distinguished Alumni Forum. 600 Class Agents helped connect and unite alumni. Alumni served, sang and donated to the 21st Century Fund campaign to help the university meet its vision.

Building strong universities require alumni loyalty, inspiration and commitment. Responding and engaging with their alma mater’s call, alumni make a difference by contributing to the university’s Blue Ribbon Commission, campus master plan review, case for the next university campaign, by impacting the lives of others through mentoring, and more. Your fellow alumni, value-added network, faculty and researchers need to reconnect to co-create the next lap of our university to achieve all our ambitions and dreams for NTU.

So with this open invitation from the heart, we ask that you, our alumni, be a vibrant partner of NTU. It’s not how much you give, it’s the spirit you imbue to your alma mater’s cause that becomes the differentiator.
Another milestone reached

Thanks to the generous donations from the community of corporations, foundations and individuals, NTU has successfully raised $200 million in its 21st Century Fund Campaign – four years ahead of schedule!

And alumni were well represented, with many showing strong support for their alma mater through their contributions to the fund.

“Thank you for sharing so generously in our vision of what NTU can achieve as a university, for investing in the future of the bright young minds that come to NTU, and for being our partner on our journey towards excellence,” Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, Mr Ch’ng Jit Koon, told the large gathering of more than 1,400 individuals and organisations at the appreciation gala hosted by the NTU Board of Trustees on 13 March.

“The 21st Century Fund has truly paved the way for the future for NTU,” he said, noting that it already has a broad and deep impact on NTU, making a significant difference to the quality of education offered, how the university motivates talented students, the extent to which it helps the financially disadvantaged, and even how it prepares students for the demands of the global marketplace.

Special recognition was accorded to distinguished benefactors: the Singapore Totalisator Board, Lee Foundation, Lien Foundation, Lee Hiok Kee (Pte) Ltd, Mr Ng Bok Eng, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Mr Ong Tiong Tat, Trustee of the Estate of Koh Choon Joo, Toh Kian Chui Foundation, Ngee Ann Kongsi, Yang Amat Berhormat Toh Puan Mahanis Idris, The Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, Tanoto Foundation and Kim Seng Holdings Pte Ltd.

Calling them partners of NTU, Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, thanked all donors for their tremendous support and noted that the donations will fuel the university’s mission to “nurture creative and entrepreneurial leaders through a broad education in diverse disciplines.”

He said, “The support we received has enabled numerous university initiatives transforming teaching and research at NTU, putting us on track to becoming a great multi-cultural research university.” Also present to pay tribute to the donors on behalf of the university was Nanyang Business School alumna Stefanie Sun. The pop superstar treated donors to a special performance.

The 21st Century Fund was launched in June 2001 and has enabled more than 40 scholarships and bursary funds, more than 60 awards of excellence, and eight professorships. Sixteen funds for campus initiatives were also established during the campaign. The $200 million raised includes a dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the government.

The campaign was an ambitious one, with goals set high. But the donor community did not stop till the goals were reached, and in doing so, marked another milestone in the history of NTU.

A toast to a great future! From left Mr Chia Ban Seng, Member, NTU Board of Trustees; Mr Goh Geok Ling, Member, NTU Board of Trustees; Mr Kim Boon Hwee, Chairman, NTU Board of Trustees; Mr Hsuan Owyang, NTU Pro-Chancellor; President S R Nathan; Mr Chandra Das, NTU Pro-Chancellor; Dr Su Guaining, NTU President; Mr M Ling Chin Poh, Member, NTU Board of Trustees; Mr Anthony Tao, Secretary to the University, NTU and Professor Er Meng Hee, Senior Associate Provost, NTU.

Mr Ch’ng Jit Koon, Chairman of the 21st Century Fundraising Committee, addressing the guests.

Alumna and pop superstar Stefanie Sun with (from left) Ms Marina Tan Harper, Director, Development Office; Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs Office; Mr Ch’ng Jit Koon; Mr Tan Kim Seng, Chairman, Kim Seng Holdings Pte Ltd and Mr Anthony Tao.
To invest or not to invest

Asset and wealth management, a topic some people may find dry and confusing, comes to life at the 8th Distinguished Alumni Forum.

What are the major trends in Singapore’s financial industry? What can we learn from millionaires? Why is wealth management important? Does TOTO count as investment? All these and more were answered by our prominent alumni at the 8th Distinguished Alumni Forum on 25 April.

The forum session titled “Asset/Wealth Management – The Industry and You” attracted a full house to the auditorium at NTU’s one-north campus. Graced by Guest of Honour Mr Anthony Teo, Secretary to the University, the forum was chaired by alumnus Sarjit Singh (NBS/1991), Vice President and Comptroller, AIA Company and saw the three speakers, Mr Pei Sai Fan (Commerce / 1974), Mr Wong Sui Jau (NBS / 1998) and Mr Jack Wang (NBS / 2001) address the crowd of 200 attendees.

If you weren't there, here's what you missed!

Mr Pei, Director and Head (Supervisory Methodologies & Training Division), Monetary Authority of Singapore, an experienced expert who has spent close to 20 years in the banking industry, spoke on the country’s asset management industry. He highlighted the major trends and growth of Asian wealth and discussed the key legislation for market conduct supervision.

The General Manager of Fundsupermart.com and Director of iFAST Financial, Mr Wong has always been interested and passionate about the investment industry. He deliberated on the importance of investing and the various tools available to people to assist them in growing their wealth. He also gave some very useful tips on successful investing, such as ensuring diversification and understanding the stock market cycle.

Mr Jack Wang founded Lexico Advisory Pte Ltd, which specialises in start-up funding and private equity investments. At the session, he spoke on the various wealth management services and the investment process of millionaires. Mr Wong also shared from his personal experience and gave an overview of global asset management recommendations.

Following the presentations was the eagerly anticipated question-and-answer session. From when one should start investing to the outlook for Asian markets, the questions came fast and furious and were tackled with aplomb by the charismatic speakers. Their entertaining and personal style was obviously appreciated by the audience.

“I liked the way the forum’s panel was formed. In particular, the novel ‘balanced approach’ to prepare the young audience for their wealth management, which is a lifelong journey for all,” alumnus Tan Tian Seng from the Department of Economics, Class of 1976, said. “The matured and seasoned investors’ presentations were very beneficial too. Special thanks to our distinguished alumni for sharing with us their expertise!”

Mr Jim Lim, a 1999 graduate from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, also found the session informative and hopes to be able to attend more such forums. He shared, “The speakers provided the audience with informative and diversified information in the areas of financial and wealth management. This is timely and crucial in the current low interest, high inflation situation where many people are thinking and seeking advice on how to make their money work harder.”

Mr Jack Wang to investment or not to investment
The NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta 2008 was just as wonderful as you would expect. The weather was perfect and spirits were high. Many of the participants came early and were already seated at the grandstand as early as 8 in the morning.

Badminton, 4x100m relay run, 3-on-3 basketball, 5-on-5 soccer, table tennis and tennis were among the sports available to the participants that morning. Attracting more than 300 players, the sports extravaganza turned the NTU Sports and Recreation Centre into a hub of activity.

"We hope to build friendship through sports," says Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of the NTU Alumni Affairs Office. "As alumni, let’s keep in touch and stay connected to our alma mater."

The event kicked off with attendees witnessing a thrilling performance by NTU students from the ACES junior cheerleading team, which clinched the third spot at the Cheerobics 2008 National Cheerleading Competition. In great spirits, everyone enjoyed the closely fought 4x100m relay run before moving full steam ahead into a full morning of sports and games.

Although the Sports Fiesta was a competitive event with cash prizes to be won, one would never suspect the players were neck and neck in battle. Not from talking with them at least.

"Then of course there’s our international alumni, some of whom banded together to form teams. One such was the all-Indonesian soccer team named ‘Bujang’, which means ‘bachelors’ in English, as all of its players graduated with a Bachelor degree from the engineering schools. Speaking on behalf of his team mates was team leader Yohanest Chandra (MAE / 2007). "We came because we want to contribute to NTU. We all know how much the University has done for us, for our future," Yohanest says. "Of course, we also want to enjoy the weekend, watch fellow alumni play, and just have fun!"

And what a great way it was to spend a bright, sunny morning!
Class Agents take centre stage

We raise our hat to our Class Agents who serve as liaison between the University and their classmates and help advocate for their alma mater.

Mr Chng Hak Kee, Mr Koh Lian Huat, Mr Ma Poh How, Mr Tan Chong Wann How, Mr Keith Kee, Ms Moni Pang, Mr Leslie Kwok, Mr Yohanest Chandra. These are just a few of the 600 alumni who have volunteered to help strengthen a sense of community among their classmates via the Class Agents programme. They stand at the centre of the University’s outreach efforts. And the University expressed appreciation for them on 19 February with a Chinese New Year gathering at the NTU Alumni Clubhouse at NTU’s one-north campus, hosted by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO).

Calling them an important part of the NTU community, guest of honour, NTU President Dr Su Guaning, extolled the virtues of the Class Agents. “We appreciate very much the spirit of volunteerism that our Class Agents have displayed in connecting and uniting all NTU alumni. Since the start of the Class Agent programme in January 2006, we have had a dramatic improvement in our ability to locate a large majority of our alumni,” said Dr Su. “You have provided us the link to these valuable alumni networks.”

The gathering, which was attended by about 160 Class Agents, also saw AAO’s Director Mr Soon Min Yam talk at length about the roles of the AAO. First Vice President of the NTU Alumni Club Mr Jeffrey Chua also shared about the history, development and facilities of the clubhouse.

南大校友班级代表的突出贡献

南洋理工大学校友班级代表架起了他们的旧日同窗与南大之间交流的桥梁。与此同时也起到了协助母校宣传其业绩和发展的突出作用。让我们向班级代表们致敬！

庄学箕先生、许连发先生、马波浩先生、曾焕好女士、Keith Kee先生、Moni Pang小姐、郭英华先生、Yohanest Chandra先生，他们只是我们600位“校友班级代表”中的几个人，通过“校友班级代表”计划，他们帮助校友和母校之间建立了联系，加强母校的归属感。他们起到了南大对外联系活动的中心枢纽的作用。南大为了表达对他们的深切谢意，由校友事务处于2月19日在南大纬壹校区南大校友俱乐部里为他们举办了校友班级代表新年联欢会。

联欢会主宾、南大校长徐冠林博士肯定了校友班级代表是南大社群的重要组成部分。他说:“我们对班级代表团结一致和广泛联络校友的服务精神非常赞赏。自从2006年1月开始展开‘校友班级代表计划’以来，我们搜寻广大校友信息的能力大大提高了。你们给南大提供了宝贵的校友联系网络。”

I was active in the Students’ Union during my undergraduate days and being a Class Agent now enables me to continue contributing to my alma mater.
Mr Keith Kee (CEE, 1987)

My friend introduced me to the Class Agent programme at the end of 2006 and I helped out during our 15th class reunion anniversary then. While there is a limitation to what one person can do, I will continue to do what I can and hope that my fellow alumni respond.
Ms Moni Pang (MAE, 1991)

I hope to help my old classmates, do some meaningful things, and also want to assist the Alumni Office to do things better.
Mr Toh Han Boon (NBS, 2006)
Not quite what we expected

A man of many achievements, Dr Beng Ong is that rare thing: a quiet and unassuming man.

Dr Ong, recipient obligingly began by sharing with us his humble background. The middle child in a family of five, the Penang native, who has since become a Canadian citizen through naturalisation, grew up in a poor family. "It was hard in those days," he recalls. "I had to start working after high school." Despite his tender age, he knew, even then, that he had to do something with his life. "I told myself that I must not let things remain in this status quo. What I had to do is to get a higher education," he says.

At that time, Nanyang University (Nantah) accepted students on the basis of its entrance examination. "I didn't have A-level qualifications then so I thought this might be an opportunity for me," he says. But he was not sure if he would be able to go to university because even if he were accepted, there was no way he could have afforded it. Not only did Dr Ong pass the entrance exam, he won a scholarship from Nantah – the solution to his financial woes.

Having cleared the first hurdle, Dr Ong was not quite prepared for the second one. "The second month was a little better and by the third month, I was fine. By the end of the year, I was already doing very well," he says with no hint of pride. After Dr Ong found his footing, there was no stopping him – he started to top his class every year! In 1970, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and then spent some time as a research fellow at Harvard University before returning to Malaysia.

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Dr Ong never forgot the people, places and things in that shaped his ascent to the top. A special place remains in his heart for his alma mater, where many formative experiences took place. "We had picnics all the time and we used to row at the lakes near Nantah," Dr Ong recalls. "I also helped to tutor my peers. We formed study groups and were like family."

When NTU President, Dr Su Guaning, invited him back in 2006, he said yes. These days, Dr Ong divides his time between NTU and the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), which he is a Program Director for the Science & Engineering Research Council and serves as the Director of the Institute of Materials Research & Engineering. He helps to manage research in NTU and A*STAR, looking both at how to minimise waste and maximise the return on investment.

He also devotes time to creating greater research collaboration between the two parties, and hopes to bring about what he calls "a commercialisation flavour into academic research".

Asking what a typical working day is like for him, Dr Ong laughs and says, "There's no typical working day! The only thing that is typical is that I go to the office or travel on the road." With his hectic schedule and frequent business trips overseas, we suspected he would not have time to relax. Once again, Dr Ong proved us wrong. "I did it, I am actually very good at relaxing," he chuckled. "I jog and I bike. Once, I even tried to ride to MacRitchie Reservoir but ended up lost in Chua Chu Kang!"

Despite his outwardly soft-spoken nature, Dr Ong is a man who relishes challenges. As he puts it: "My philosophy is to put in my best effort and always attempt the most challenging and high payoff things. I won't try to do things that are of incremental values, that I know I can comfortably do. I am also trying to do things that are useful to society and humanity."

As he walked us out of his office, Dr Ong smiles and asks, "Do you want to join me for coffee?" It was a small gesture that reinforced what we saw and now know about Dr Ong: he is the epitome of that unassuming man.

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Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit images that convey the theme of “ConnectNANYANG”. These can be fleeting moments in time spent in lecture theatres and orientation camps, or scenes of hostel activities and alumni gatherings as well as beautiful landscape around the Yunnan Garden Campus, etc.

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He teaches 20 fitness classes a week, is an Assistant Vice President of Regional Sales, and has just won The Amazing Race Asia (Season 2). Yet Collin Low claims that he is a man on the street. We think there’s more to him than meets the eye so here’s what we found out.

Man on the street

It’s hard to imagine that this tall and trim man was once a 90kg overweight kid on the block. A student from the pioneer batch of the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications and Information (formerly known as School of Communications Studies), Class of 1997, Collin was part of a duo who won The Amazing Race Asia (Season 2) recently.

A self-proclaimed ‘roly-poly’ in his younger days, Collin did not slim down until he got hooked onto fitness regimes after his National Service days. When teased about what he would do if he were kidnapped and unable to do sports for a day, Collin says, “I’m only locked up but not bound, I will do push-ups, sit-ups and some other strengthening exercises. But if I’m in chains, I’ll execute crunches by contracting my abdominal muscles!”

A man who is true to his passion, Collin not only trains hard, he also doubles up as a part-time fitness instructor, teaching up to 20 classes a week – all these on top of his full-time job as an Assistant Vice President of Regional Sales at an online advertising company.

Decked out in black shirt, pants, shoes and specs, Collin shares with us how he got into The Amazing Race Asia. “Money never crossed my mind. Life was just getting routine so I signed up for the show. I wanted some excitement in my life. I had seen the American version but not the Asian Season 1 because I had no cable!” says Collin. “Our audition video was completely unchoreographed; a friend helped us film it at the Singapore River. It was done in just one take and I even forgot to introduce myself!”

Collin’s partnership with Adrian Yap in the race was a powerful and humble one. “Adrian works out at my gym and I only realised that he had hearing impairment after watching A Road Less Travelled on Channel U. As we could communicate in sign language, a friendship formed naturally. Besides, both of us are very active in sports and enjoy travelling. It was such a natural fit,” he shares.

Although the pair was in great shape, Collin confesses that he never thought they would win. “Anything and everything can happen during the race,” he says. “There was once when we thought we would be eliminated – that was in Hong Kong. Our morale was so low; I can’t even describe it now. We were so close to tears and yet unable to cry. It was just a very intense experience, with the camera crew, producers all looking at you... The fear of elimination kept me going.”

Apart from his adventures on the show and his sports exploits, Collin also recalls fondly his days in NTU. “I had a tremendous time in Hall 5. It was truly the best time of my life. I remember how we played water bombs in those days. I was also very active, sitting on the orientation committee, publication sub-committee and hall dance committee. I was in choir and was also a recreation player for Boogie and Scrabble. I was hardly in my room and must count myself very lucky to pass my exams. Those days were good memories someday.”

When asked about his plans for the future, Collin, who had just returned from New Mexico after a Pilates course, shares, “I hope to start a Pilates studio in Bali someday.”

As the interview drew to a close, Collin, always on the go, rushed off for his next meeting with packed lunch in his hands. A man on the street? Our verdict: Collin sure stands out from the crowd!
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Little things make a big difference

If you read “Another milestone reached” on page 2 and “Class Agents take centre stage” on page 8, you get a sense of how alumni are making inspiring contributions to the university. Every act effects change; every effort adds up. In telling this story, we learn how alumni are coming full circle, sharing their knowledge, talents and time to support the very campus where they once walked as students.

Great gifts

“Donations enhance the quality of an NTU education,” NTU President Dr Su Guaning contends. “They fuel our mission to nurture creative and entrepreneurial leaders through a broad education in diverse disciplines.” Simply put, every gift guarantees the future of the university. Whether big or small, it is appreciated and received with warm gratitude.

Love for alma mater and respect for father spur gift to NTU

The late Mr. Hee Jau Yong graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from Nanyang University. To his family and friends, Mr. Hee was a fast and well-loved son, a dear brother, a gifted entrepreneur, and a good friend. To NTU, he was an accomplished alumnus with a heart for his alma mater. The university was thus moved and honoured that members of Mr. Hee’s family chose NTU as a beneficiary of his estate.

The donation of $500,000 to establish the Hee Chong Meeo Scholarship Fund from the estate of Hee Jau Yong will perpetuate the importance that Mr. Hee placed on education. Each year, the gift from Mr. Hee’s estate will provide three exceptionally talented NTU students with scholarships valued at $8,000 each, propelling them on to greater heights of academic excellence. Not forgetting students in need, the gift from Mr. Hee’s estate will also provide four bursaries a year valued at $4,000 each to help these students overcome financial adversity.

The Nanyang connection

The abbreviated form of the name “Class Agent” gives a good indication of what this special group of people does – Communicate and Assist. As liaisons between the University and their classmates, they act as a two-way communication channel and assist in enhancing class unity and facilitating lifelong relationships between alumni and the alma mater. These tireless workers are always an inspiration to the University. Alumnus Lim Tian Fatt (CEE / 1989) has been a Class Agent for two years now. Asked what the “C” and “A” in the term “Class Agent” mean to him, he says, “Care and Action!” He adds, “I want to serve as a bridge between NTU and the class.”

Those who can, speak!

Alumni have long been known for their insightful presentations on a wide scope of themes. They have led forums on issues such as asset/wealth management, human resources, entrepreneurship and doing business in China. Widely sought after speakers, many volunteer to come back and share their knowledge with fellow alumni.

Alumnus Wong Sui Jau (NBS / 1998) shares that his network of friends from the university has endured, even till today. “I want to share my knowledge with others, especially knowledge that is useful.” Giving talks are good opportunities to educate and deepen understanding among alumni.

A part of the family

At the last count, there was a total of 34 alumni associations: 12 school-based, 6 interest-based, 3 halls of residence-based and 13 overseas.

Breathing new life into the campus

When it comes to the future of undergraduate education at NTU and the campus landscape, alumni have been at the centre of it all, helping to engineer new dreams.

An outlet for alumni interaction, each alumni association takes on its own character, providing the opportunity for alumni to gather together through networking, social engagements, golf tournaments, philanthropic events, etc; the possibilities are endless. While they may vary in their objectives, the types of activities, size, structure and leadership, the success of each alumni association depends on committed volunteer leaders. And each alumni association plays a vital role in promoting the mission of the alma mater.

At the present moment, there are hundreds of alumni – from every walk of life and every corner of the globe – volunteering to serve on these alumni associations committees. One active committee member, Mr. Th’ng Beng Hooi (NBS / 1991), He says, “It is the camaraderie and good company of fellow members and the sense of loyalty to the university that makes it all worthwhile!”

Discretionary intake admission and NTU bursary awards

Each year, the university conducts two discretionary intakes – one for polytechnic applicants and another for A-level applicants. Applying under the non-academic achievements scheme, these candidates are shortlisted for an interview based on their achievements in arts and culture, leadership, sports and medals awarded. And for each interview session, alumni have volunteered to sit on the interview panel.

Likewise, alumni have assisted readily with selection interviews for NTU-administered bursaries, where awards donated by private and corporate donors are given out.

“I do it for the love of the alma mater,” declares Mr. Tan Hin Huat (NBS / 1990). “My four years in NTU can be summed up in 3 words – memorable, fun and happening!” Ruth says. “And I hope to be able to play my part to encourage alumni to go back to campus, by adding a human touch to the experience. My feedback since I’ve been back has made a difference to the decisions that are going to be made, why not?” Likewise, Dr. Gan also has many sweet memories of her undergraduate days. “If there are opportunities for me to contribute, then I think that is the least I can do for my alma mater.”

Be a mentor... Nurture another life...

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a mentor as “a trusted counselor or guide”. Mentors may wear many different hats but they share similar characteristics: interest in sharing knowledge and experience; good, active listening; patience and kindness; sincere interest in others. And alumni who volunteer as career mentors have been impacting the lives of both students and new graduates who face critical career decisions. By spending time with their mentee, be it through phone, email or meeting up face-to-face, these everyday heroes have transformed lives by sharing their personal experiences, which become inspiring advice for their juniors.

One of these career mentors, a very humble Richard Koh Seoh (Commerce / 1977), an alumni volunteer who sits on the interview panels. Another regular volunteer, Dr. Ho Leng Woon (Geography / 1997), shares his experience with the interview panel. “I do it for the love of the alma mater,” declares Mr. Tan Hin Huat (Commerce / 1997), an alumni volunteer who sits on the interview panels. Another regular volunteer, Dr. Ho Leng Woon (Geography / 1997), says, ”This is my duty as an alumnus. In the last 30 years, I’ve been spending a lot of time in community and charity work. Giving back to society is an integral part of the invaluable Nanyang spirit!”

In November 2007, when NTU established the Blue Ribbon Commission on undergraduate education and invited alumni to an open consultation meeting, alumni responded, giving their views and sharing their knowledge.

In April 2008, alumni’s views were once again sought after. This time, they were invited to feedback on the Yunnan Garden Campus Master Plan Review. And once again, alumni showed wonderful support.

Among them are Ruth Lam (SCI / 2002) and Dr. Joan Gan (SEE / 1995). “My four years in NTU can be summed up in 3 words – memorable, fun and happening!” Ruth says. “And I hope to be able to play my part to encourage alumni to go back to campus, by adding a human touch to the experience. My feedback since I’ve been back has made a difference to the decisions that are going to be made, why not?” Likewise, Dr. Gan also has many sweet memories of her undergraduate days. “If there are opportunities for me to contribute, then I think that is the least I can do for my alma mater.”
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简而言之，每一笔捐赠都促进了南大的未来发展。捐献无论大小，都得到母校的热情赞扬和真诚地感谢。

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The Nanyang MBA programme is ranked 46th in the world, according to the Financial Times’ Global MBA 2008 rankings. This is the highest a Singapore business school has ever been ranked and reaffirms the Nanyang MBA as the best programme in Singapore. And not only did their participants and alumni excel in their respective fields, they showed they could party at the celebratory bash themed “One Night of Fun, Celebration, & Networking” held at ‘1NiteStand Bar & Comedy Club on 8 March.

Organised by the Nanyang MBA Alumni Association (MBAAA) and MBA Office, invitations were extended exclusively to all alumni, current participants and faculty of the Nanyang MBA programme. And they came ready to party – with masks, party poppers and balloons!

Joining in the celebration was Prof Gillian Yeo, Executive Associate Dean; Prof Hooi Den Huan, Associate Dean of Corporate Services; Prof Ooi Lee Lee, Director of MBA programme; Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of NTU Alumni Affairs Office; and many faculty members from Nanyang MBA and NUS University.

Celebrating in style: The Nanyang MBA programme is top 50 in the world!

“This is a quantum leap in the ranking exercise, from beyond a hundred, up 35 ranks to 67th position, and up another 21 ranks to 46th position,” Prof Gillian Yeo said. “NBS will continue to scale even greater heights in our global rankings under the leadership of Prof Jitendra Singh, Dean of NBS.”

Calling all NBS alumni! The NBS Alumni Affairs Office is giving away gift vouchers from Takashimaya, Borders and Golden Village! Simply confirm and submit your updated particulars online at www.nbs.ntu.edu.sg/alumni/ between 1 April and 31 May 2008 and you stand a chance to win!

NCEEAA elects its new president

The NTU School of Civil & Environmental Engineering Alumni Association (NCEEAA) has chosen a new leader to replace outgoing president Er Lee Bee Wah. Jessica Lim was elected President at the association’s 11th annual general meeting on 22 February, succeeding Er Lee after 10 years at the helm of the association. “It’s time for fresh blood to lead the way to the future,” Er Lee says.

Whilst the association is committed to the annual NCEEAA fundraising golf tournament, this year, the committee also hopes to pioneer new fundraising activities which can effect greater impact. Formed on 15 October 1997, NCEEAA started with some 100 members. Membership has since grown to more than 400 members. Jessica reveals that the association will be rolling out new ways to boost membership further. Besides working with partners to provide members with attractive promotions, current and potential members can also look forward to more activities like chill-out nights as well as new events such as “makan night” and “snooker evening”.

“Support your alma mater and keep this flame alive.” And after 10 years at the helm of the association, Er Lee’s parting words to CEE graduates are “Support your alma mater and keep this flame alive.”

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First in the world
An annual tradition

Final-year students from the School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE) are given a heads-up on the job market at the annual MAE dinner.

Imagine you are a final-year MAE student about to graduate in a few months’ time. What would be your concerns? How would you prepare for the job market? What are your career options? Or which is the best industry to join upon graduation?

All these and more were addressed on 22 February when MAE continued its annual tradition of inviting graduating students to the annual MAE dinner – a unique event which includes a dialogue session where distinguished alumni and guests are invited to share their working experiences with the graduating class.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of MAE and the MAE club, the function continued to thrive this year with some 200 attendees, including students, professors, guests and alumni converging on campus.

Besides providing a platform for final-year students to learn from alumni in the industry, the dinner also serves to remind them that they will always be a part of the school.

Stay connected. Be flexible. Have an open mind and be committed to lifelong learning. These were just some of the advice dispensed by Professor Lam Khin Yong, Chair of MAE. Others like Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of the Alumni Affairs Office; and Ms Marina Tan Harper, Director of the Development Office; related what it means to become alumni of NTU and the importance of alumni contributing back to the university.

This year, panel members at the dialogue session, which was facilitated by Assistant Professor Alastair Ritchie, included a guest from the industry: Mr William Goh, President of the Singapore Institute of Aerospace Engineers. The other three members were MAE alumni: Mr Lim Sui Soon, Mr Vincent Chan, and Mr Ethan Chong. Sui Soon, who graduated in 1987, is currently the Director of Health, Safety, Security and Environment for Cameron’s Asia-Pacific, Middle-East & Eastern-Europe Region. Vincent, from the Class of 1996, is the Regional Sales Leader for Asia Pacific for Standard Aero Limited and the current President of the MAE Alumni Association (MAE AA). Ethan, who obtained his Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) and Master of Engineering degree in 2002 and 2006 respectively, is currently reading for his PhD degree and also serving as the Vice-President of the MAE AA.

Judging from the students’ consultation with the panel members, which continued even during the buffet dinner, this annual tradition is definitely here to stay!

Panellists at the dialogue session: (from left) Assistant Professor Alastair Ritchie, Mr Ethan Chong, Mr Vincent Chan, Mr Lim Sui Soon and guest speaker Mr William Goh

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A group of alumni is working hard to bring together alumni in the UK. “We hope to become a contact point and promote greater interaction among alumni,” says Mr. Tham Chin Sin, President of the NTU Alumni Association (UK). “We also wish to provide a platform for the exchange of information, such as helping members access job vacancies. Social activities like family gatherings are also in the pipeline.”

Mr. Tham and his friends have organized a Durian cum Food Tour to Kuala Lumpur and Malacca from 28 to 29 June 2008. This is the durian season again! This year, the NTU Alumni Affairs Office brings you double the fun and double the pleasure with a 2-day, 1-night trip to Kuala Lumpur and Malacca! Get prepared to indulge in famous local cuisines and an unlimited durian feast.

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Movie screenings, the Alumni Affairs Office’s popular perk for alumni, got off to a kicking start when it brought alumni its first private screening of the year on 20 April: The Forbidden Kingdom, the first ever onscreen pairing of martial arts stars Jet Li and Jackie Chan. All 600 tickets, priced at only $8 each including a reception, were quickly snapped up.

Systems analyst Kho Wooi Jeen (EEE / 1998) was there with several other friends from NTU. “I attend almost every movie screening with the same group of friends,” he says, adding that the outing was an opportunity for them to get together and have fun.

Lim Hong Loon (MSc TIP / 2005) was at the screening with two friends in tow. “We’re often too busy to get together so this is a good way to meet,” he says. On his wishlist: more action-packed shows!

Many alumni also took the chance to network and meet former classmates. Lai Leong Chin (MAE /1989) watches about 3 movies a year. “I came today to catch up with old friends,” he says.

The Alumni Affairs Office organizes periodic movie screenings for alumni, so do keep a lookout for more of such screenings!
Fishing carnival lures anglers

At stake were trophies, hampers and bragging rights till the next carnival!

Over the first weekend in February, alumni and student anglers put their fishing skills against each other at the 18th Nanyang Lake Fishing Carnival, an annual event organised by the NTU Anglers’ Club. Competing in three categories: Catfish, Open, and Special Category; the winners were determined by the weight of their catch. This year, over 600kg of fishes was released just for the event.

One highlight was the “Past versus Present Invitational Challenge” which pit alumni against students. Team Students broke the deadlock when they landed a 2.2kg Song Fish. That seemed to turn the luck around for them. They started to land progressively bigger fishes and eventually won by almost 4kg!

A drive round Singapore

Cruise De Singapore 08 is a NTU Motoring Club’s bi-annual event which brings together motorcar enthusiasts for a ride around Singapore.

A 30-car convoy driving round Singapore – that was what the NTU Motoring Club (NMC) and its 14 alumni did on 22 March, the first Saturday of the term break.

Current and alumni club members gathered at the Chinese Heritage Centre for a photo shoot before setting off from the north-west of Singapore and arriving at Seletar camp.

Walter Ong, President of NMC, says, “Car lovers like us don’t keep our cars in their original condition for long, so this is a chance to discuss the kinds of modifications we do to our car! It’s also a good opportunity for current members and alumni to get together and discuss the happenings in our lives, and for alumni to share their experiences from the schools they graduated from.”

For more information about the club, visit http://www.ntu-mc.com.

It’s time for a reunion!

又是久别重逢之时!

Old boys and girls from the classes of 1962/63, 1967/68, 1972/73, 1977/78, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003 are invited to join us for our reunion! Highlights include: campus tour, visit to the Chinese Heritage Centre, viewing of the Nantah Pictorial Exhibition, class plaque laying ceremony, sumptuous dinner, performances and plenty of catching up! If you are interested, please call the contact persons at the Alumni Affairs Office.

Calendar of alumni events

Have a look at the line-up of events we have in store for our alumni. More information coming your way soon!

June 2008

21 June
Classes of 1963 & 1968: 1963年与1968年

28 – 29 June
Durian Trip cum Food Tour to KL and Malacca

July 2008

12 July

20 July
Movie Screening – “The Dark Knight”

August 2008

2 Aug
Welcome Class of 2008 Alumni Party @ St James Power Station

23 Aug

30 Aug
Launch of NTU Alumni Association (Chongqing) cum alumni get-together

29 Aug – 4 Sep
Alumni Travel – 7-Day Chongqing/Three Gorges Tour

Aug
8th Distinguished Alumni Forum

*Subject to changes without prior notice
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DIGNITARIES’ VISIT
AT THE NTU ALUMNI CLUB

Mr R Sinnakaruppan presenting the NTU Alumni Club Honorary Membership to Mr S Chandra Das

Mr George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and NTU Pro-Chancellor, Mr S Chandra Das were welcomed and received by NTU Alumni Club with a special Lou Hei Lunch on 12 February 2008.

Minister George Yeo, Mr S Chandra Das and Management Committee of the NTU Alumni Club

Distinguished and Senior Member of NTU Alumni Club Mr Ch’ng Ji Koon presenting the token of appreciation to Mr Tharman Shanmugaram with Mr R Sinnakaruppan

The NTU Alumni Club organised a very special appreciation dinner for Mr Tharman Shanmugaram, Minister for Finance on 10 April 2008.

Mr Tharman Shanmugaram delivered a very insightful speech at the dinner

NTU Alumni Club Management Committee, NTU Staff and Guests

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心如何做好自己份内的事情就行了，但是现在做生意，银行、管理等方面提高业务的率能。以前打工时，只是关积的一点小经验或许可以帮助到中小型企业老板在财务、陶朱公咨询公司。我觉得自己在金融界所累集团加入一家美国咨询公司；四年后开设了2001年，为了追求自己的理想，离开银行“我曾在大华银行集团工作了20年。在（1975年 / 经济系）荣誉班）“我还拿过亚军和冠军!” 球是我的兴趣。以前我还代表南大参加当时的大专比赛,
Bukoh Mary  
(MGS / 1995)  

"The days in NTU were nothing but wonderful... mingled with joy and excitement of course! Hotel living was great! A home away from home, a hideaway when mum starts nagging, but yet a place that makes me appreciate my family better. I hope that everyone is doing fine, feel free to drop me a line at marybukoh@gmail.com if our paths did cross back then, especially my classmates. Somehow we just lost touch, maybe it's time for a class gathering again?"

Er Wong Siew Heng  
(MAE / 1997)  

"No matter how far and wide I travel, NTU is still home of my knowledge skills set. The skills I got from my alma mater have served me well and sufficiently prepared me for the challenges of the world in terms of career. I have just moved from the Land Transport Authority to the Building and Construction Authority, where I work at the Transit Shelter Engineering Department."

Bao Guojun  
(SCE / 1999)  

"I'm from Shanghai and I've been to many places in my adulthood. I'm especially fond of travel and meet new friends. I've studied for my PhD in Computer Science at NTU and am now an Associate Professor at the University of South China. I helped to design and develop a surgery robot that simulates the human body. My work has enlightened me and I strongly urge all NTU graduates to keep in touch with me! I can be reached at twomd@singnet.com.sg. Here is a picture of me (2nd from left) together with some of my classmates and NTU staff. It gives me great pleasure networking sessions with my classmates and NTU staff. It makes me feel part of the global network, a circle of friends!"

Ow Chung Fah  
(NIE / 1995)  

"I graduated from the School of Education at the National University of Singapore (NIE), which has a long history since the 19th century. I still remember the beautiful campus and the wonderful people I met there. I have been teaching English at secondary schools in Singapore for the past 20 years. I believe that education is not just about learning, but also about building relationships and inspiring students to achieve their full potential."
Tan Chia Liang Julian (MAE / 2005)

“Turn back to look into the setting up of a Sports Club alumni association. Being very involved in the club in my school years, it became a big part of my life. I made wonderful friends, gained precious experiences and had loads of fun! Thus I would like to set up an avenue to reunite the members for a better cause and common interest – SPORTS!”

Steven Yee Pui Chung (MAE / 2005)

“Juggling between work and studies in my undergraduate days was an ordeal. I probably spent more time going for meetings than on my studies (lucky I drove!). Time flies and I've spent more time going for meetings than on tennis in my free time. I just participated in the game sessions with people who like to play board games (Settlers, Thurn, Taxi, etc) as well as creating an opportunity for networking and keeping in touch with my peers. If you are interested to join us for the sessions, please feel free to drop me an email at jasontan@post.com.”

Ho Shu Fang (NBS / 2004)

“Time just zooms like a superlumino plane once I started working! It's been 3½ years since I graduated. I'm still very much involved in my lifestyle empowerment company that I started with a few brilliant partners. I am grateful to people who have touched my life in NTU. My 3 years of education at NTU went beyond the NTU campus. My current business partners are graduates from NUS whom I worked with for many youth projects while serving my term as an Honorary Officer at NTU NPC. I was also very fortunate to go on an overseas student exchange programme in New Zealand during my 2nd year. It really broadened my views and gave me much more education about life and passion! As an accountability graduate, I had been equipped with enough skills to start up my company and manage its accounting and regulatory compliance side. The journey of empowering lives was challenging, but nonetheless a fulfilling one! I also hope that through this class note, I can get back in touch with my accountancy classmates who have gone on different career paths, through my company's website (www.FinanceYouPassion.com) or through Facebook!”

Chien Ming Liang (SCE / 2005)

“I believe that my 4 years in NTU has brought the most out of what I am today. The days in H14 and the activities and games during the school holidays are definitely some things that I miss. I am now working in Teleware, a startup with my friends from NTU & NUS. That makes me miss my university life even more! We will be launching a new international call service, Hiko, for my fellow mates in NTU! Let's keep in touch! Cheers!”

Made Adi (SCE / 2006)

“Life has been wonderful since I graduated from NTU in 2005. I worked in an MNC for one and a half years before deciding to embark on a partnership to start up a company. Presently, we are working to combine the mobility of handphones and the cost effective way of making calls via VOIP. I have received tremendous support from many parties in NTU. For that, I am very grateful. Do visit my website at www.hoiio.com and keep in touch!”

Mohammad Ricky Rizaldi (EEE / 2004)

“I am a product engineer with ST Microelectronics. When I first joined the firm, I was sent to Italy for training. Although it was just about 3 months, it was a most interesting experience. I like to play tennis in my free time. In fact, I just participated in the NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta 2008 tennis men's doubles event and was crowned champ with another team! Tennis is my passion. I've been playing since elementary school.”

Tan Kah Boon, Jason (MSE / 2003)

“As the first President of the Materials Engineering Club in 2000 and graduating in 2003, I would like to say thank you to my committee members who had worked together to get the Club going 5 years ago. Without them, we will not be able to make our accomplishments for the Club. Many thanks also to our School, whose staff were important in accomplishing our graduation as the pioneer batch of students under the 4-year Bachelor of Engineering (Materials Engineering) course with Honours. I am currently working as an Engineer in STMicroelectronics and am also a board game enthusiast. I have actively been organising game sessions with people who like to play board games (Settlers, Thurn, Taxi, etc) as well as creating an opportunity for networking and keeping in touch with my peers. If you are interested to join us for the sessions, please feel free to drop me an email at jasontan@post.com.”

Yasrof Adityo Mahardhiko (MAE / 2005)

“I started as an electrical design engineer upon graduation and moved on to become a project engineer with OHM Engineering in 2006. I am now a sales engineer with National Semiconductor, a firm I joined just last year. I married an alumna who graduated from the School of Materials Science and Engineering in 2007 and we have a son now.”

Kek Wei Bin (MSE / 2006)

“I attended my first Class Agents gathering in February 2003. I hope that with my little contribution of effort, there will be more graduates joining NTU alumni activities, taking the opportunities to fasten our relationship knots and expanding our social network to a higher level! NTU is my alma mater and it is yours too! Let's spread our message around the world! Feel free to give me a call or send me a message +65-90871869 or email me at weibin.k@gmail.com. I would be happy to hear from you soon!”

Yan Li Bin (国立教育学院 / 2006)

“南大校友处让我们及时了解南大，感受南大，衷心感谢南大校友处。祝福南大万事如意，桃李满天下！”

Alan Tan Minghui (SCE / 2006)

“It's been two years since I graduated from MAE. I'm still in my first job, working as a project engineer at ST Microelectronics. I enjoy my work and I'm still happily single! I'm planning to do a Master of Science degree in NTU, hopefully within this year. Something new in my life – I've been working out in a gym twice a week now and have also been busy meeting up with my pals regularly. Do keep in touch and you can reach me at datetiyang@redmail.com.”

Hendri (EEE / 2007)

“I have started my work at SingTel Mobile (Value Added Services Planning) after completing my Graduate Diploma in Technopreneurship & Innovation Program (TIP) in October 2007. Currently, I am working full-time and continuing on the MSc TIP on a part-time basis. The rigorous and experiential learning that I had gone through for 4 months was one of the most valuable and revolutionary lessons I have had in my life. One of the highlights of TIP has to be the US segment where we visited Silicon Valley and Seattle for 4 weeks. We visited...”
many successful companies like Google and Microsoft and wrote a business plan to take part in the University of Washington Business Plan Competition. The experience was truly precious and unforgettable. After this official study trip, together with two buddies, I embarked on a road trip to Montana and flew to Florida, where we visited the southernmost point of continental USA. My experience in NTU has developed me holistically as a person, moulded my character as well as trained me academically. I am grateful to NTU for providing me with opportunities that allowed me to grow. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me grow in my time in NTU.

Goh Wei Cheng
(MAE / 2007)

“I am currently employed as a Business Development Manager at Marshal Cavendish. I have spent the last 10 years in publishing and it has been thoroughly enriching. I am glad I was lucky enough to be able to tie in all the concepts I learnt in working life, I have to interact with many people, especially in the armed forces from the community at large. Well, I certainly hope this goes on as it’s heartening to see familiar faces along the way. Here’s a picture of myself in Skagit Valley, during the Tulip festival.”

Chua Wei Lien Richardo
(WKWSCI / 2007)

“After graduation, I joined Fujitsu Asia Pte Ltd as a Customer Relationship Management Consultant. This is a job I got through the National Informcom Scholarship (NIS) with Fujitsu and IDA. Thus far, work has been an eye-opener for me, an enriching experience! I have several things going for me – I’m trying to enrich myself through reading more business books and magazines. I’m also planning to get married! Coincidentally, my other half-to-be is also from NTU; we met during school days. I hope to be able to link up with my old classmates so if you’re out there, drop me an email at ruijie.heng@sg.fujitsu.com.”

Connect with fellow alumni by submitting a Class Note!

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