WORLD, OUR IMPERATIVE

There are up to 121,000 personalised reasons for the University’s international imperative.

To all our 121,000 alumni spread amongst the hundred countries, they deserve a hand of congratulations for the ‘living connection’.

At NTU, our Alumni Affairs Office has established global leverage for alumni to network, with nexus to the Alma Mater. Centred in Asia, it is where the world beats a path to.

In this global community circle, there is the pantheon of distinguished alumni who have, through their life-time achievements, brought credit to the University. They represent the best in our history from the sciences to engineering, and from business to humanity and the arts.

Some of these sparks, who have illuminated minds, include Professor Dr CC Liew at Harvard Medical School; Dr Inderjit Singh, an engineer who is also Singapore’s Member of Parliament; Walden International Founder Tan Lip Bu, Cultural Medallion Winner Dr Tan Swee Hian, and Archbishop Dr John Chew of the Anglican See of Southeast Asia.

The world stage is NTU’s level playing field. For its global ambition, plans are in place to develop our Yunnan Garden into a campus of the future, where mission and vision are in congruence. The verdant green will blend with the good science. It is the harmony of elements – academic, research and stakeholders – that underpins our international imperative.

Anthony Tan S.C.
Secretary to the University
各方校友欢聚杭州
欢庆浙江校友会成立

在南大校友事物处及广大校友的共同努力下，南大浙江校友会于2009年3月7日正式成立。
专程赴杭出席大会的徐校长对南大校友会的成立表示衷心祝贺。在致辞上，徐校长表示，南江校友会是一个联络校友与学术交流团体，致力于建立会员之间学习、互助与合作的平台，加强校友与母校的紧密联系，并为母校的发展作出贡献。南大决心要建立一个包括校友、教职员工、学生及家长在内的大学群体，而浙江省的南大校友会是最活跃的部分，是大学宝贵的资产拥有者。

新加坡南洋理工大学
浙江校友会成立仪式

主礼：南大校长徐冠林博士

在春雨和阳光明媚的3月17日，身居海外的浙江大学学子们迎来了期盼已久的那一天。南洋理工大学浙江大学校友会成立了。

来自各地的300多名南大校友代表和新加坡参政商界的南大校友共同庆祝这一盛事。在新加坡杜佛路上海总领事馆，南大校友会长管金先生等出席了大会。出席的嘉宾包括新加坡南洋理工大学副校长陈添明教授、南大校友会名誉会长孙学元、以及北京、上海、山东、浙江、江苏等校友会的代表。

在会场举行的成立仪式上，管金先生代表南大校友会的成立表示衷心祝贺。在致辞上，管金先生表示，南江校友会是一个联络校友与学术交流团体，致力于建立会员之间学习、互助与合作的平台，加强校友与母校的紧密联系，并为母校的发展作出贡献。南大决心要建立一个包括校友、教职员工、学生及家长在内的大学群体，而浙江省的南大校友会是最活跃的部分，是大学宝贵的资产拥有者。
欢庆
南大江苏校友会的成立

2009年3月8日，一群曾沐浴南大师恩的校友们在南京国际会议中心欢庆南大校友会在江苏省的成立。

(左起)南大校长陆德明先生、新加坡国立大学总裁司徒亮先生、南大校友会顾问林博士、南大校友总会名誉主席叶美成教授、南大校友会名誉会长徐教授一起触摸启动手印。
2009年3月8日，一群曾在南京大学求学的校友们在南京国际会议中心举办活动，欢聚在这个温暖的春日。作为校友会的组织者，他们期望能够通过这次活动，进一步加强校友之间的联系，分享彼此的成功经验和未来规划。

在活动现场，校友们分享了自己的故事和经验，同时也对未来的发展进行了展望。通过这次活动，他们希望能够凝聚起更多的力量，共同推动校友会的发展。

校友会的成立是南京大学校友会的一个重要里程碑，它标志着南京大学校友会的发展进入了新的阶段。未来，校友会将继续致力于促进校友之间的交流与合作，共同为南京大学的发展做出更大的贡献。
NTU makes its presence felt in China with the launch of two new alumni associations in Zhejiang and Jiangsu.

NTU launched two more alumni associations — Zhejiang and Jiangsu on 7 and 8 March, respectively — raising the number of its China chapters to 10 in a matter of one year. Eight others had been set up last year in Beijing, Changping, Guangdong, Hubei, Jiang, Liaoning, Shandong and Shanghai.

Launch of NTU Alumni Association (Zhejiang)

Of the Zhejiang launch, NTU President, Dr Su Guowei, said: “The Zhejiang Alumni Association will serve as a platform for our alumni to engage in networking, learning, and mutual cooperation... NTU is determined to develop a strong university community, comprising alumni, faculty, administration, students and their parents. Our alumni in Zhejiang constitute an active part of this community and are also the University’s valued stakeholders.”

The launch in Zhejiang was witnessed by Singapore’s Consul-General to Shanghai, Mr Yip Wei Kiat; Director of Zhejiang Provincial Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Mr Jin Yongyin; who serves as Advisor to the Association; NTU Secretary to the University, Mr Anthony Tay; Nanyang Business School Associate Dean (Chinese Programme), Associate Professor Tan Kiat Hui; NTU Alumni Affairs Director Mr Soon Min Yam, as well as representatives from sister alumni chapters from Beijing, Shanghai, Shandong, Hubei and Jiangsu.

The first one launched this year, the Zhejiang NTU Alumni Association will be helmed by its President, Mr Zhang Shu. At least 130 alumni, living in the Zhejiang province, celebrated the launch.

Launch of NTU Alumni Association (Jiangsu)

Mr Jiang Xinying, the President of the newly formed NTU Alumni Association (Jiangsu), vowed to inherit the Nanyang Spirit of “making self-improvement unceasingly and striving for the best”. He also announced that six branches had been set up in various regions of the province, namely, Changzhou, Nanjing, Central and Northern Jiangsu, Suzhou, Wuxi and Zhenjiang.

The launch was graced by Guest-of-Honour, NTU President Dr Su Guowei; Singapore’s Consul-General to Shanghai, Mr Yip Wei Kiat; Deputy Consul-General, Mr Gao Yung Kiat; Deputy Chairman of China’s Hebei Provincial People’s Congress Standing Committee and alumnus Mr Song Changxun; Party Secretary of Nanjing University Professor Hong Yining; NTU Secretary to the University Mr Anthony Tay; Associate Dean Nanyang Business School, Associate Professor Tan Kiat Hui; NTU Alumni Affairs Director, Mr Soon Min Yam, as well as representatives from Beijing, Shandong, Zhejiang and Guangdong.

Over 150 China-based alumni and guests gathered at the historical city of Nanjing, for the launch of NTU’s Jiangsu alumni association.
Thank you,
Class Agents!

NTU's Alumni Affairs Office acknowledges the contributions of its Class Agents.

校友班级代表们，感谢你们!

The voluntary contributions of our Class Agents, who are valuable members of the NTU community, were celebrated. As many as 180 Class Agents turned up for the annual NTU Alumni Class Agents Chinese New Year Gathering. The event was held on 6 February, at The Chevron.

Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, said in his welcome address: “Your tireless contributions and efforts to build and strengthen our 120,000 strong alumni network are instrumental in building the University.” He also praised them for their leadership and passion for the University.

What's up, NTU?
All Class Agents were taken up to speed on some of the latest developments of the University, which included:

- Nanyang MBA’s new record! Ranked 24th in the world in the latest Financial Times Global Rankings of MBA programmes, it is the highest ever ranking out of Singapore.
- NTU’s debut at Chingay with an NTU dragon boat Orokoniko that scored as an engineering marvel and the Most Popular Boat at Chingay 2009.

I find the Class Agents New Year Gathering a good way for alumni to catch up and having it coincide with the Lunar New Year makes it more meaningful. I am glad we had the chance.

What's more, I was able to catch up with those I know, as well as to network with class reps from different faculties and areas.

Mr Martin Ho Yuen Liang
MPE / Class of 1983

在2月6日举行的校友班级代表新春聚会，除了让校友们温馨相聚外，也是校友事务处表达对他们无私奉献的感激之情。

校长杨祖添博士在欢迎词中说：“你为建立和加强120,000名校友网络所付出的坚持不懈的努力，对大学的建设起了巨大的推动力。”对于校友班级代表们的领导能力和在工作中的热情，他也给予了极高的肯定。

新春聚会的校友班级代表多达180名，聚会不仅是为了感谢他们为校友服务的贡献，也是为了大家共同庆祝新年的到来并分享过去一年的成果。

有什么新动态?
校友也会和校友班级代表们分享大学的一些最新发展动态，包括：

- 南洋工商管理硕士（MBA）课程在最新的《金融时报》世界MBA课程排行榜上，列为全球第24名。这是至今为止新加坡MBA课程的最高排名。
- 2009年欢庆游行中，南洋大学的“南洋号龙舟队（Orokoniko）”在最流行的游行花车中惊艳全场，被大众选为最受欢迎的花车，也被称为工程学上的“奇迹”！

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经济危机中有的‘幸存秘方’

在南洋理工大学第11期杰出校友论坛上，与会者认真聆听，探索金融危机中幸存秘方的奥秘。

“这个讲座给了我许多启发。我们国家正处于经济萧条时期，没有人知道这种萧条会持续多久，会有多深。我们应该因势利导，促进经济继续发展，并且携手合作渡过难关。”

毕业脊椎专家（Dr Naing Naing Aung）博士
南大机械与宇航工程学院，2002年


论坛会中介，南大常务副校长兼讲座教授也在主题为2009年预算－探索生机，随机将选的校友论坛上补充了他的看法，并在欢送词中说：“（对于经济情况）我们可能进入了一页翻页的前路，恢复的道路还有一个大问号，然而，危机意味着机会。”

身为宏茂桥集选区国会议员的主讲嘉宾是校友，也是知名企业家。南大校友会董事，他强调政府的‘振兴经济配套’的机遇加以转化，突出了为了普通民众和商业界所制订的减税措施。民众如何保住饭碗，公司如何才取得银行贷款等课题，他的结论是，新加坡要有有良好政策，随机求存的能力。

第二位主讲嘉宾是德利（Dorothy）的合伙人之一，擅长进行风险评估，他详细解释如何在危机中求存的策略。同时指出，振兴计划不仅仅是一套配套方案，他强调说，“‘诚信生存’所指的是‘正直’的决心，克服危机的态度。对自己所从事工作的精神，以及无论在多大困难下坚信自己可以有所作为的信心。”

在讲座之后的问答环节，与会者争相发言地提出一连串有关政府预
算对经济危机的影响，论坛会主席、南大人文与社会科学学院周孙教授（1971年校友）也与主讲人之一为观众解答。

本期杰出校友论坛于2月27日在南大集选区举行。
SURVIVAL FORMULA

Participants of the 11th Distinguished Alumni Forum had the chance to get a perspective on the prevailing economic crisis with the help of two prominent speakers: Both, experts in finance and budgeting, Mr Indrjit Singh (IEEE/1995) and Mr Loh Gan Eng (IEEE/1997) spoke in the context of Budget 2009. The forum was aptly titled Budget 2009: Building Resilience and Surviving.

The forum’s Guest-of-Honour did his bit, too, and set the tone with his welcome speech. NTU Provost, Professor Bernt Anderson, said: “...We may be in for a bumpy ride and the path to recovery still bear a big question mark. Still, crisis means opportunity.”

Resilience versus stimulus:
Mr Indrjit Singh, better known as Singapore’s Member of Parliament, is also an entrepreneur and a member of NTU’s Board of Trustees. He shared that Singapore is currently experiencing a meltdown within the financial institutions, which is what economists refer to as the first phase. If no recovery is in sight, a country may experience the next two phases, which include corporate failures and household slumps. To survive, demand must be further stimulated, costs must be reduced and cash flow facilitated, he observed.

Mr Indrjit attempted to simplify the mechanics of the government’s ‘Resilience Package’. He highlighted some of the cost-cutting measures for the man in the street and businesses; job retention; and how companies can obtain credit from banks.

Look and you shall find, as participants of the 11th Distinguished Alumni Forum, discover.

Attitude equals survival
Resilience is more than just a package; so shared the second forum speaker, Mr Loh Gan Eng, the Regional Managing Partner for Deloitte’s Risk Consulting Services practice in Asia Pacific. Specializing in risk consulting services, he stressed that survival is about having the ‘right’ determination. It is a state of mind; it is about having the ‘right’ attitude to overcome crisis. It is also about being passionate in what one does, and in believing that you can, no matter what the odds are.

The forum, being a two-way affair, wrapped up with the question-and-answer session. Alumni had a chance to air their concerns, which were handled sensitively by the experienced panelists, including the Chairman, Professor Chew Soon Beng, Prof Chew is from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. He is also Class of 1971 alumnus. The forum was held on 27 February, at the NTU@one-north campus.

The forum was inspiring and it creates bonding among alumni. It was also very informative. I was also able to make new friends.

Mr Jason Chua Yew Song
EEE / Class of 2004
意义非凡的校友体育嘉年华

这次体育嘉年华安排了丰富的比赛项目，有五人制足球赛，4x100米接力赛，三人制篮球赛，羽毛球赛，网球赛，还有乒乓球赛。校友们兴致勃勃地在运动场上展现他们的运动技艺，他们为了健康而战，为了友谊而斗，于是比赛变得格外有意义。

约有300名校友参加了体育嘉年华的活动。今年是自南至大学子于四年前发起该项活动后第三次举行这样的体育盛会。经常参加的校友们从大学时期就是体育运动的活跃分子。此次体育嘉年华于3月21日在南大体育与康乐中心举行，南大校庆体育与文化日程。

当体育嘉年华的主席南大秘书长张敬才先生一脚将足球踢进球网，全部比赛项目宣布正式开始。

首场比赛是4x100米接力赛，角逐十分激烈。三名半在最后一棒选手达到终点线时仅仅差十几秒，令人惊叹！随后，各队纷纷前往其他比赛项目的场地参加角逐。

体育嘉年华活动接近尾声，表现出色的参赛者在颁奖仪式上获得了诱人的奖品，随后大家一起享用了一顿丰盛的自助午餐。校友们一致认为，这个星期六的清晨活动令他们精神焕发，愉快而难忘。
Out to outdo one another

The NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta gets alumni into healthy competition, age notwithstanding.

Class of 1982 alumni, Dr Yap Kim Yew, 71, is a case in point. The most senior participant, he is also our regular Sports Fiesta winner. Asked if he expects to win this round, Dr Yap and his tennis partner, Mr Alex Khoo, said they would try their best. Mr Khoo is from the Class of 1980.

The Sports Fiesta was launched four years ago by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office to bring together sports enthusiasts, who have been active in sports since their varsity days. This year, 300 participants signed up. The Fiesta was held on 21 March amid plenty of sunshine, at NTU’s Sports and Recreation Centre.

The power of sports

Guest-of-honour Mr Anthony Tan, Secretary to the University, kicked off the Sports Fiesta, literally, when he declared that the games were officially starting, with a kick of the soccer ball into the goal. This got alumni going. Whether they were playing a game of 5-a-side soccer, 4x100m relay run, 3-on-3 basketball, badminton, or table tennis, all were bent on performing.

The first game - 4x100m relay run - was keenly fought. The sight of the top three runners, verging towards the finishing line within split seconds of one another, was quite something to behold.

Tennis also saw sportsmanship in action. Veteran duo, Dr Yap and Mr Khoo, competed with their university mates. All four pulled their weight, with deft strokes flyng. So, who won? Dr Yap and Mr Khoo took home the first prize in the tennis doubles above 45 category.

Camaraderie at play

There were also other Fiesta regulars, Mr Chua Kang Chek, alumnus from the Class of 1977, took part again with his fellow tennis team-mate, Mr Tan Chian Huat. “I had the chance to play with my alma mater’s regulars, some of whom are my seniors (at the Sports Fiesta),” he says. Dr Yap and partner.

The Fiesta wrapped up with attractive cash prizes being given out, followed by a sumptuous buffet luncheon, full with the fight flying, many agreed that it was a great Fiesta.
All out for a sporty cause

Alumni form the NTU Sports Club Alumni Association for the pursuit of health and sporting endeavours.

A group of alumni passionate about sports have made it official. Former members of the NTU Sports Club student body, these alumni have gone on to set up the NTU Sports Club Alumni Association. Under the leadership of Mr Julian Tan Chia Liang, President of NTU Sports Club Alumni Association, and Mr Ng Yew Yee, Vice President, the association is set to organize events and activities for alumni.

Why NTU Sports Club AA?

Of the latest set-up, Guest of Honour and Dean of Students, Professor Lai Tat Song, said: “I am glad to see the NTU Sports Club Alumni Association formed. I see the association as promoting the concept of good living. I think there is a need to persuade more people to lead a healthy life and get involved in activities. It will continue to generate interest for sports, which has been very much a part of the NTU education. The University values a healthy mind, a healthy soul and a healthy body. I certainly look forward to more sporting activities from the association.”

Prof Lai, accompanied by Mr Soon Min Yim, Director of Alumni Affairs, as well as the newly formed association’s leaders, Mr Julian Tan Chia Liang, President, and Mr Ng Yew Yee, Vice President, launched the set-up. As confetti popped, the 60 alumni, students and guests present, cheered.

Living out the sporting culture

Elected as President of the new association, Julian, shared that he had wanted to see the continuation of the NTU Sports Club culture. He wasn’t alone in his vision. All alumni present demonstrated the culture that was unique to the Sports Club, sporting spirit, through their participation in games and quizes held during the event. It didn’t matter that most of them had not met one another for a while.

Games like ‘Don’t Forget the Lyrics’ got alumni and students, singing their hearts out, whilst the video screening of past Sports Club orientation camps even up the spirit.

Julian, who helms the NTU Sports Club AA, rallied for more support from alumni in his welcome address. He also invited all to tap the new avenue for the sharing of passion, healthy pursuits and networking. He is an alumnus from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering’s Class of 2005.

The launch event was held on 4 April, at the Pek Kio Terminal cafe, located in Raffles Place.
The Spratly Island is full of surprises. Alumni Mr Edmund Kong (MAE2006), caught a hefty 150kg White Tip Shark, during his fishing expedition there. The shark even battled with him for half an hour before succumbing. Edmund got the chance to wrestle with the shark, as part of deep sea fishing at Spratly, a trip organised by the NTU Anglers’ Alumni Association.

Mr James Ong (SCSE2007), President of the association, shared that they had their heart set on Spratly two years ago. He said: "We have heard of stories about unstoppable monsters, lurking in the sea surrounding the island. We have also seen photos of creatures that are gigantic in proportion from previous fishing trips made by fellow Singaporeans."

Intrigued by mystery and the big catch, James and his team began planning the trip last year. The association eventually took off on 28 March and travelled to Spratly from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The Spratly Islands are a group of more than 600 reefs, islets, atolls, cays and islands in the South China Sea, located between the Philippines and Vietnam.

Spratly, here they come

Both Edmund and James were accompanied by fellow alumni, Kelvin Chen, Isaac Tang, Samuel Liu and Bai Weixieng, as well as three other fishing enthusiasts. All hurricane anglers, they caught Escular (ailfish) and different species of sharks, Dog Tooth, Tadfish, Rubyfish, Moorfish, Giant Groups, Giant Trevally, Beams and Knappers. They were able to check quite a lot of names off their ‘fish list’; each angler had his or her own fish list.

The boys and their sea

The boys were out at sea for the whole of five days from 30 March to 3 April. During the time, they ate most of the catch they landed, doing the cooking themselves, chilli-chatted, and even imbibed beer. But the best was they were able to go to sleep, knowing that when they wake up the next day, they would be fishing again. It was like owning the sea, which explains why they are all so hooked.

Just how much did they enjoy their Spratly adventure? Alumni Isaac Tang (MAE2006) said: "It was good! The company was even better – 11/10! One of our friends, Yi Fong, was the man-overboard. He is the reason why I added one to the perfect 10."
Chinese alumni based in Singapore hobnob under one roof

情系校友，心系南洋 记南大中国校友聚会

Given China’s huge population, gathering the Chinese nationals, who are NTU alumni, was no mean feat. To-date, at least 7,000 of them are residing or working in Singapore.

High energy
NTU's People's Republic of China (PRC) Students Union made over 5,000 phone calls to Chinese alumni based in Singapore and sent out 2,500 e-mail invitations when they organised the get-together for the Singapore-based Chinese alumni.

Thanks to their persistence and the aid of NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office, the PRC Students Union received at least 300 confirmations of attendance to the gathering, held for the first time.

The PRC alumni gathering was held on 26 March, at the NTU Alumni Club located at NTU’s one-north campus.

High spirit
Indeed, hobnobbing with fellow alumni, who hailed from different parts of China, at one gathering under one roof, could well be a unique Singaporean experience for them.

Sharing their personal experience, alumni Mr Wang Ting (BE/2001) said: "I enjoyed myself very much. This being the first gathering, I truly wish that such alumni gathering will be held again in the near future."

Also glad that she came, alumna Ms Sue Jin (MAE/2006) said: "I find the gathering very meaningful. I felt as if I was back at campus when I saw some of my former classmates. Being able to renew ties with my fellow countrymen is a great feeling."

On the positive feedback received, Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of NTU’s Alumni Affairs, said that the Office spared no effort to make our Chinese alumni feel welcome.

2009年3月26日，南洋理工大学成功地为新加坡的中国校友举办了一次中国校友聚会。在庄重典雅的聚会厅中，校友们在离开校园多年后再度重逢。齐聚一堂，热烈的气氛弥漫在场的每一个人。

作为此次聚会的嘉宾，南大校友事务处处长孙晓军主任的讲话令人难忘。“我们每个月都会为校友们举办各种各样的活动，希望校友们多参加。我们希望可以让新加坡的校友们感受到一个平台，让大家虽然身在国外，却能常常见面，彼此联系。”

对于校友工作，每个人都能够感受到校友事务处的用心付出。不仅定期举办校友的聚会活动，而且为校友提供最新的校友服务。南大校友们在留念的时刻，也感受到了来自不同学校和校友的关怀和温暖。

对于校友来说，能参加这样的校友聚会是难得的机会，希望以后能多举办。”2006年材料系毕业的孙晓军校友说：“这个活动的意义非常有意义，让我们能聚在一起，特别有当年在学校的感觉。”

此次活动的圆满举行离不开校友事务处的大力支持和校友会成员的辛勤付出。他们全心全意的为中国留学生，早在三月之际，校友会筹备委员会便开始筹备这项活动。校友们则在校园内外积极动员校友，他们将大学校友的友情进行梳理，随后通过电话与校友保持联系，并邀请校友，不断努力下，一共发出约2000多通电话，发出约2200份邀请信，收到了超过300多名来自校友的出席信回复此次聚会。

三个月的努力筹备，带来了一次成功的聚会，这次南洋理工大学的第一次中国校友聚会，让校友们感受到学校对校友的歉意与满满的期待。所有参与的校友都感受到了校友聚会的重要和意义，他们也表示非常开心， учитыва ли вы в таком случае в мячах? "Но, я думаю, мы уже знаем о мячах, которые в мячах GT".
Malaysian alumni boleh!

NTU's Malaysian alumni gathering, held for the first time in Singapore, gets overwhelming response.

In the trademark Malaysia boleh, can-do spirit, the Malaysian alumni community responded with a resounding 'yes' to the invitation to attend the Malaysian alumni dinner gathering, held for the first time in Singapore. The dinner gathering saw a terrific turnout.

At least 350 Malaysian alumni and students, including staff, came to celebrate the dinner gathering, organized by NTU's Malaysian undergraduate for Malaysian alumni. The University's Alumni Affairs Office made the inaugural gathering possible with its generous support.

Timely reunion
Guest-of-honour, Mr Anthony Tan, Secretary to the University, hailed the dinner gathering of the Malaysian alumni, as a "terrific success." He said: "I am glad to learn that our Singapore-based Malaysian alumni are from hometowns as diverse as Kelah's Kiln, Kuala Lumpur, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu. I am sure among them are those who had studied at NTU's predecessor institutions - Nanyang University and the Nanyang Technological Institute.

Mr Tan called on the Malaysian alumni to reunite regardless of age and institutions. Amongst them were those who had studied at NTU's predecessor institutions - Nanyang University and the Nanyang Technological Institute.

The past was not far from the minds of the Malaysian alumni. They were along with the theme of the night, 'Bonfire of the past' and relived in some reminiscing laughter and joy as they shared anecdotes of their days dwelling at the campus halls.

Energetic performance
Amidst the warm sharing, the alumni exchanged namecards. They also enjoyed a sumptuous buffet spread before being treated to entertainment galore. The students regaled their seniors with their piano performances, hitting the right note, to the delight of all. There was a cappella and dance items, courtesy of the Malaysian student organizing committee. Following the entertainment, the much-anticipated lucky draws ensued. The casino style of drawing the winners got many excited.

The alumni were indeed reluctant to part ways and the evening dragged on till 11pm. The crowd dispersed, gradually, but pacts were made for another get-together, not unlike the present one.

The dinner gathering was held on 21 March, at the NTU Alumni Club located at NTU's one-month campus.
诚挚的会面，坦率的交流

4月9日晚上，城大校友事务处孙敏岚主任在香港拜会了香港南洋大学校友会前会长及多位校友会理事。在会议上，孙主任向学长学姐们互相交流的交流，校友们都对母校的怀念，对南洋理工大学生的发展的关心和提出的宝贵意见，令人感激又敬佩。

4月12日早上，阳光灿烂，万里无云。孙敏岚主任、学事处陈日新博士、李先生及校友事务处孙敏岚主任和校友会秘书长一行人抵达马来西亚槟城大学校友会的会所拜访校友。

槟城南大校友会沈会长及理事们听了邱炳芳校友的报告后，纷纷鼓掌表示热烈的欢迎和感谢。孙敏岚主任接着也报告了南洋理工大学生的发展和校友事务处在近二年来所举办的活动。大家在槟城南大校友会宴请的午餐会上诚挚的交流。

4月13日早上，马大的天空是阴沉沉的，南洋理工大学生校友会孙敏岚主任一行人参观了马大南大校友会的会所，接着在共进午餐时——介绍马大南大校友会的理事们。在午餐会上，各理事们坦率的言论及交流使得这次的访问更有意义。

港、新和马六甲南大校友会的热情招待及重要的反馈与意见让校友事务处获益良多。
"The NTU International Alumni Get-together Dinner felt like a warm and homely party, thanks to the organiser, being such a gracious host. It didn’t matter that all of us who sat at the same round table didn’t know one another! We skipped easily into discussion when the Guest of Honour highlighted the new campus redevelopment plan, voicing our varied views on the subject. We may be alumni from different countries, but showing our concern for the same cause – our alma mater – has blurred our differences."

Dr Ya Ming
EBE2004

The NTU International Alumni Get-together Dinner 2009

Guest of Honour
MR ANTHONY TEO, Secretary to the University
24 April 2009

‘Colourful community, global community’

NTU’s overseas alumni, who are based in Singapore, join the International Alumni Get-together Dinner, for a taste of the world.

It was a unique dining and mingling experience. For one, the guests were mainly NTU’s colourful alumni, who comprise nationalities of different countries. Hailed from China, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan, Vietnam, and even Nigeria, a global community is cooking right from NTU! All who came got a chance to see the world – at least for one night – through each other’s eyes.

Yet a unique feature, the International Alumni Get-together Dinner teases to open doors of opportunities. While the alumni guests indulged in some global networking, the organiser and host – NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office – leveraged on the contacts made at the event as seeds to facilitate the setting up of overseas chapters.

More than 200 or so attendees gathered for this year’s annual dinner get-together. They were among NTU’s 7,200 overseas alumni, who are residing or working in Singapore. Overall, NTU’s overseas alumni span 110 countries and makes up one fifth of the University’s alumni population of 121,000.

NTU’s overseas alumni family is growing fast. Mr Anthony TEO, Secretary to the University and the night’s Guest of Honour, said: “Our alumni are everywhere: From Inner Mongolia to Kazakhstan and Moscow and from the US all the way to Brazil, they are there. Which is why by the end of this year, we aim to have a total of at least 20 NTU Alumni Associations overseas.”

Hosted on 24 April, at NTU’s one-north campus, the gathering was definitely something for everyone.

多元民族的全球化校友大家庭

生活在新加坡的南洋理工大

大学的各国校友于4月24日出席了“南大国际校友晚宴”，充分感受了全球化大家庭的温馨。

这可不是一场平日里常见的晚宴。这场宴会

所邀请的客人都来自世界各地。来到南洋理工

大学的校友包括中国、印度、马来西亚、墨

西哥、泰国、巴基斯坦、南非、法罗群岛等。

他们来自世界四面八方，但对彼此的友好

气氛却有目共睹。南洋理工大学正是为校友们

营造这样一个全球化的大家庭。

举办这场与众不同的国际校友晚宴也同样是

在为校友们搭建桥梁，让大家进行国际化的

交流。作为活动的共同举办者之一的成员，

充分利用这样的交流机会与来自不同国家

和地区的校友充分联络，寻找机会以建立更

多的海外校友会。

有200多位国际校友出席了这个“一年一度的

晚宴会。南大共有7,200名国际校友在新加坡

或新加坡海外。南大校友来自110个国家，占

南大校友总数的五分之一。

近年来，南大的海外校友数量正在迅速增

长。作为南洋理工大学的国际校友会秘书长

说：“我们的校友遍布全球，从蒙古的乌兰巴托到

美国的纽约，再到我们身边的亚洲，我们

每年至少至少有20个海外校友会。”

"非常感谢主办者付出的每一份辛劳。

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同风情。大家赶快阅读起来。一股浓浓的

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温馨。南洋理工大学的校友们，我们真

希望你们不要错过这个机会，让我们

一起共享南洋理工大校友们带来的

美食和欢笑。南洋理工大校友们，

我们的心贴得更近了。”

南洋理工校友会2004年校友晚会博士
Model association, model alumni

Of the 12 school-based alumni associations set up to-date, one stood out. Its School made it to the 26th spot globally, a first for any Singapore universities and up from 81st last year in the Financial Times’ (FT) closely watched annual MBA rankings. Alumni’s career progression was one of the three criteria being assessed in the FT ranking, which NTU scored well in. “This is a very positive outcome for NTU and its alumni and something we can all be very proud of,” replied Mr Sanjit Singh, President of Nanyang Business School Alumni Association (NBSAA).

NBSAA works in partnership with the Nanyang Business School and the University’s Alumni Affairs Office to strengthen the bond between alumni and the University. Since its inception, NBSAA has grown to include more than 24,000 alumni, it is the largest number of school-based alumni in NTU.

Sanjit is supported by a high powered 10-member executive committee (EXCO), comprising chief financial officers, partners of ‘Big 4’ public accounting firms, general managers, business executives and public service officers. They share a common bond, which is their passion to serve their School alumni. The EXCO has in place a renewal programme where successive graduates of the School have opportunities to serve on the governing body. The School provides the secretarial support to the EXCO.

Driving change
What makes NBSAA tick?

Sanjit’s vision of an alumni association is one that encourages and fosters lifelong involvement of alumni in the life of the University. “The association should be committed to adding value to the lives of all alumni by engaging the community of graduates and celebrating alumni success,” says Sanjit. In simplicity, it is NBSAA’s ABC, which stands for Adding value; Building a community of graduates; and Celebrating alumni success.

At this year’s Dialogue of Presidents of NTU Alumni Associations, Sanjit was asked to share his experience of leading the NBSAA. He likened building a strong alumni association to creating a powerful organization. He says “Leadership, people, processes and technology, are its DNA or building blocks. An association that succeeds is one that works towards a common goal, and has these building blocks in focus and alignment.” Sanjit simplified his message, calling on yet another corporate tool – the diagram of focus and alignment quadrants. On the one hand, if there is high alignment, but poor focus, the people being fed will be choked. On the other, if there is low alignment yet high focus, this will lead to a lack of teamwork. And of course, there should never be low alignment and focus, as that would mean that the association is going nowhere!

The DNA of a Strong Alumni Leadership

Focus
NBSAA is run like a corporate organisation, where strategies, blueprints and building blocks are put in place. “We establish well defined goals and expectations. What is more, we communicate these goals and expectations to every member of the team and ensure that the team has the tools and control to accomplish the stated objectives,” says Sanjit.
The art of strategising

Inspired by the ‘The Art of War’, written by legendary figure Sun Tzu, NTU’s Strategic Initiatives Unit (SIU) initiated a five-year Strategic Plan 2008 to 2012, to strengthen NBSAA’s ability to promote investment in key strategic issues, and an impetus that identifies and responds to emerging trends and markets,” explains Sajit.

On SIU’s agenda, Ms Anna Chen revealed: “We have developed a five-year Strategic Plan 2008 to 2012. To strengthen NBSAA, it maps out the initiatives to help us achieve our vision and details our responses to the issues alumni face. The Distinguished Leader Forum, which is popular amongst our alumni, is one of the outcomes of our planning.”

Anna pointed out that the NBSAA model of running an association underlines the notion that the association belongs to every alumni. “Which is why we aim to reach out to each member, build a strong alumni base where every alumni can leverage on for networking support and raise the reputation of the NBS alumni community,” she says.

Delivering results

Indeed, the Plan has delivered. 2008 has been a remarkable year of success for NBSAA and sponsorship was forthcoming. Among the many achievements were: The Distinguished Leaders Forum series – A CEO’s perspective – My Vision of the 21st century; the Financial Markets in Perspective series in partnership with Citibank; Welcome Day events for freshmen to establish linkages with undergraduates; while they are in school; the Business Case Competition where alumni came back to judge and share their expertise; and the regular Alumni-Undergraduates Dinners – Insights into Working Life; for final year students where alumni return to share insights into the working world.

In the pipeline for 2009 is the setting up of the Employers Club. The Club, an outcome of NBSAA’s response to the current economic condition, aims to enhance the matching opportunities for new graduates. Also being initiated, the Senior Alumni programme, which involves going to the University the Young Alumni programme, where engagement of each graduating NBS cohort will be sustained; and branding and marketing initiatives.

“I am also looking at having a Leadership Council to put in place a succession plan. I see the Council as playing the role of ‘celebrator’, says Sajit. He wants to see NBSAA stay relevant and live far beyond him. “That would be my legacy,” Sajit concludes.
Flying the flag high

Singaporean alumni are making waves in big cities overseas, from the Big Apple to the Pearl of the Orient, and the cities in between. NTUlink tracks down four such alumni. They are flying high for Singapore and their alma mater. Surely, they had a little help from NTU?

Alumna Geraldine Ang (NBS/2002) has a promising career with financial giant Goldman Sachs in New York City. Another alumna, Elise Au (NBS/2006) got the chance to impress two big General Insurance players – Liberty’s London and QBE Sydney – at one go. If you had access to the two, thanks to NTU’s partner, the General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA).

And over in China, alumna Cai Tingting, Sharon (NBS/2002) landed a job in industrial Shenzhen immediately after she graduated. The NTU Global Immersion Programme had given her the big push. Still in China, alumnus Yves Chou Yang (CEE/2005) found himself in the heart of the Pearl of the Orient; the company he underwent Industrial Attachment through NTU had sent him to the office in Shanghai to head a department.

Living it up in New York (Graduate Ang, NBS/2002) made it to the Big Apple after responding to a newspaper recruitment ad four years ago. The ad was for a job opening at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the US and she could see the state she would like to work in. She asked New York, naturally. What can be more exciting than working in the financial capital of the world? The big city is after all a choice destination of finance professionals from around the globe. Geraldine left no time in packing her suitcase and taking off.

Two years on, she switched jobs and left for Goldman Sachs, where she found herself in a spiffy office on Wall Street, overlooking the Brooklyn Bridge.

Today, living in New York, she feels very fortunate. “I am in the epicentre of the financial metropolis that has shaped the world by storm. These are challenging and exciting times to be working in the financial industry especially in New York, where the action is,” she shares.

The 28-year-old is presently an internal auditor at Goldman Sachs, where she assesses risks and controls for the various divisions within the firm. Her adventure streak, she believes, is in part the outcome of her NTU education. “NTU has a vibrant international community on campus, be it faculty or students. Hence after graduation, it was natural for me to want to immerse myself abroad,” she says.

Geraldine has, on several occasions, bumped into Hollywood celebrities, the likes of Kate Moss, Mike Myers and Whoopi Goldberg, in John New York’s shopping enclaves.
Impressionable in London and Sydney

Li Xue (NBS/2008) impressed her host companies while in London and Sydney, where she had interned, and this landed her a job at QBE Insurance (International) even before she graduated. The 23-year-old spent two weeks in London with Lloyd’s and Ascot, a Lloyd’s syndicate, and another fortnight at QBE’s headquarters in Sydney, as part of her eight-week Global Internship Programme (GIP).

Her attitude, personality and strong technical knowledge – she had since graduated with a bachelor degree in business, double majoring in Actuarial Science and Economics – put her into many good books.

“During the GIP, I had the chance to rub shoulders with the senior management and show them what I was capable of. I also got an overview of the General Insurance industry from job-shadowing underwriters, as they negotiated deals with brokers on Lloyd’s trading floor. I also sat in at exciting high-level meetings with potential claimants, involving government parties, and observed global practices at work,” says Li Xue. If not for NTU’s partnership with GIA, she would not have experienced the GIP and found her career ambition.

On selecting NTU’s students for GIP, Mr Mark Lim, Executive Director GIA, says: “We partner NTU so as to attract quality local students to the General Insurance industry and offer them global experience.”

Surviving Shenzhen and Shanghai

Calling into being, Sharon (NBS/2007) and Yan Chau Wang (CEI/2005) found their niches in China. While still an undergraduate, Sharon went to Beijing as part of NTU’s Global Immersion Programme. There, the 24-year-old was attached to Coca-Cola for work and studied at Peking University, all at the same time.

Sharon says, “I am very thankful to the programme. Not only did the experience prepare me for what to expect from living in China, it also served to impress my current employer – Xpress Print Pte Ltd. As a result, I started work with the company’s China branch even before I graduated. I am now based in Shenzhen.”

The global exposure, she recalled, elicited employers to her resume. As those who interviewed her asked about her overseas experience, Sharon’s call-for-interview rate was 90 per cent.

Over at vibrant Shanghai, alumnus Yan Chau Wang, 28, is the senior project manager of Shanghai Bulls Expo Co., Ltd. He handles international exhibitions; one of which was Porsche prestigious automobiles. He is in-charge of marketing, sales and designing for exhibitions, events and construction. Chau Wang is thrilled with the bigger and more challenging market that Shanghai offers, having lived and worked there for three years. His company is one of NTU’s Global Immersion Programme partners.

NTU’s international imperative

That the four alumni were able to contribute beyond our shores is well for NTU’s international imperative, manifested through teaching, research and services. Of the University’s global ambition, Mr Sammy Lim, Director, International Relations Office, NTU, says: “We create, manage and facilitate quality learning opportunities for students overseas. This includes classroom studies, laboratory attachments, workplace internships and short cultural programmes. The Office is under the guidance of Professor Er Meng Hua, NTU’s Senior Associate Pro-Vice-chancellor.”

NTU’s latest initiative, the Global Immersion Programme, aims to enrich students’ experience through collaboration with reputable institutions and industry partners to offer overseas studies, work and living. The programme offers NTU students international experience of up to a year in another country and institution abroad.
Green inventor scores on world stage

He is none other than MAE alumnus, Teh Yong Liang, whose idea won him and his NTU team the silver prize at the World’s Best Technologies Showcase. NTULink finds out how Yong Liang conceived the idea whilst still an undergraduate during the days when green, well, wasn’t so in.

You could say Teh Yong Liang was ahead of his time. Six years back, Yong Liang, had a spark of an idea. Then, a third-year student at the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, he conceived the idea during a Design lesson under the tutelage of Professor Ooi Kim Tiaw.

Prof Ooi challenged the idea and set his young charge to design an energy-efficient compressor. And the outcome? A green invention called the ‘Revolving Vane Compressor’, which the professor and his charge took four years to refine.

The pair’s invention so impressed judges at the World’s Best Technologies Showcase (WB!Showcase) that they were confident it would revolutionise the compressor industry with its energy efficiency improvements. Innovatively green, the compressor will reduce friction and energy loss, potentially saving as much as US$16 billion (about S$24.2 billion), for the cooling and heating systems every year. It could reduce energy loss by 80 per cent when compared to the compressors currently available in the market.

The WB!Showcase was held from 24 to 26 March 2009 at Arlington, Texas.

Green birth

Asked how his green idea came about, Yong Liang explained: “The compressor is actually old technology. It consumes much energy and is used practically everywhere. So, one of the fastest ways to effectuate energy savings worldwide is to improve the efficiency of compressors.”

Yong Liang shared how he pursued the idea, doggedly. It helped that he stayed curious, too. “I don’t like to give up. I thought about the compressor a lot. The only time I didn’t think of it was when I was with my girlfriend! Each time I thought of it, more questions popped up. I was unable to contain my curiosity. Even as an undergraduate, friends would comment on why I had so many questions during tutorials although these would likely not appear in the exams. But, I just had to know,” said Yong Liang, bashfully.

“The design that won, which was my fourth, came to me one night when I was lying in bed thinking. The idea manifested. I jotted it down on my chalkboard and was so excited I couldn’t sleep the entire night,” he said. Yong Liang shared that his final design was motivated somewhat by the movie, An Inconvenient Truth, which heightened his awareness of global warming. The movie dealt with the myths and misconceptions surrounding the phenomenon.

His efforts to go green did not stop with the win. Ever persistent, Yong Liang tries his best to recycle and reduce usage of paper and plastic products. “As far as I can, I want to save the environment... We must save what we can. Our lives are good enough; it’s time to think of earth’s big.”

Yong Liang graduated in 2004 and is now a research associate at NTU.
"Our lives are good enough; it's time to think of earth's life."

Teh Yong Liang (MAE'2004)

Love matters

"As long as I can do research, I'm very happy," Yong Liang professed in child-like simplicity. It was research that motivated him then and it is still research that motivates him now. "I love science, especially physics and engineering," he enthused.

In fact, his passion for the subject is so great it superseded the achievement of his recent win. He said: "It is not about the winning. Being able to conceive a good idea makes me happier and more excited than actually winning any competition."

Speaking of love - the non-academic type - it came somewhat unexpectedly for Yong Liang. It was during his post-graduate studies when he was involved in, of all things, the 'Heat Transfer' project. Yes, he met his girlfriend and they have been together for one and half years.

As for his love for going green, working in the labs will ensure that it turns into a long-term commitment. He shared by way of his thesis, "...the mission (research) was undertaken without the slightest hesitation, as it was understood that the potential benefits, both to our society and the environment, will be deep and far-reaching for many years to come."

We wish Yong Liang success in his endeavours and hopes he brings glory to his alma mater.

Teh Yong Liang would like to take this opportunity to express his heartfelt appreciation to:

1. Associate Professor Ooi Kim Tiong, for co-inventing the 'Revolving Vane Compressor' and for being an excellent teacher and supervisor.
2. Dr Alex Yu Hou Cheong, Director of Innovation and Technology Transfer Office (ITTO), for believing in the NTU team and for patenting all our compressor technologies.
3. Yuenne Goh Fai YL, Assistant Manager, ITTO, for initiating our participation in the WBITShowcase and for being the NTU team's program manager.
4. Alumna Yeo Kerk Kan, for his many years of experience, working in compressor-related companies. He was engaged by ITTO to assist us in the commercial development of the compressor.
PERSONALITY

Volunteering for Singapore, overseas

A alumna Tan Yee Hua helps promote Singaporean business in Canada as a volunteer. We chat with her through an e-mail interview to learn of her calling.

How did you get started in voluntary work? Did you realise your calling after your move to Canada?
I took up voluntary work to fulfill a personal desire to contribute to society. Also, I felt that it was a good way to merge into the social fabric of Canada and to get to know the culture. My family migrated to Vancouver seven years ago.

I am a volunteer with the Singapore Business Council (SBC) and have been the Honorary Secretary since its inception. I still hold the position today. The interesting thing is that the founding and current President of SBC, Mr Kwok Teong Sin, is also my husband. I guess we share similar voluntary interests. He is a businessman and owns KTS Technologies Inc.

Another voluntary work I do is reading to vision impaired seniors in a senior's facility. Every week, I think I receive more than I give, for the seniors are always happy to see me and are eager to be read to.

Since 2006, I have been the Board Member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Volunteer Services Association, Vancouver Hospital & Health Sciences Centre, University of British Columbia Hospital.

How do you help Singapore businesses?
I help SBC to facilitate business opportunities for Singapore businesses in Canada. I especially help in promoting business networking amongst Singaporeans and Canadians keen to do business in Canada. As for Canadians keen to explore business opportunities in Singapore, I help with referrals. SBC offers business-oriented advice to members for free.

SBC was initiated by a group of Singaporeans and former Singaporeans, who saw the need for business networking amongst Singaporeans and Canadians keen to do business in Canada. SBC is a non-profit set-up. Like most such organisations, it does not have any form of financial or administrative support from government agencies of Canada or Singapore. All members of the Board volunteer their time to help carry out the mission of the Council.

What should Singapore businesses be looking out for in doing business in Canada?
As Canada is a developed country, just like Singapore, businesses that hope to succeed must focus on niche and unique products and services. I share this from experience and personal observations. It is important to tread carefully and seek legal advice before embarking on a business or launching a new product. Also, the market is highly competitive and the cost of doing business is high, aggravated by the small population base that is spread out over a very large country.

Presently, the number of Singaporean-owned businesses in Canada is small. There is still the tendency for professionals and retirees to choose Canada for immigration. So, we focus on promoting business networking amongst Canadian and Singaporean business people. SBC's current Honorary Advisor is Mr Koh Yong Guan, who is also the High Commissioner of Singapore for Canada and the Chairman of the Central Provident Fund Board in Singapore.

If alumni wish to do business in Canada, how would you advise them?
First, to make sure you are able to finance your business for at least two to three years. Also, banks do not lend you money easily for starting a business, especially since new immigrants or businesses do not have credit history in Canada. Sadly, a lot of new startups failed within one or two years. They were not able to see their business through due to a lack of funding although they had already begun to establish a name in the market.

Second, to find out what the market demands are for your product or services. Products or services that are in great demand in Singapore need not necessarily have appeal in Canada. Lastly, it is important to understand the customers, their behaviours and expectations.

And always remember that there is no short cut to success. Every business requires hard work.
A memorable occasion for Mrs. Jan (left) and her family during the ceremony of her daughter’s graduation from the University of British Columbia.

What was it like starting life in Vancouver, Canada? The biggest difference is space. There is just so much of it here. I also find driving to be less stressful. Canadian drivers are generally courteous and more willing to give way when you signal to change lanes, although they have the right of way. You can barely hear the sound of honking here. If you do hear one, it is either a warning signal or for safety.

Initially, I found the tolerance to drug use and sexual orientation unusual. After all, Singapore is more structured, politically and socially. There is also a high level of respect for privacy and freedom of speech.

The beach often asked why we came. My family had always enjoyed vacationing at places that have four seasons. The seasonal change brings out the natural beauty of the place. The moderate winter and summer and the cool spring and autumn were the main motivation for us to immigrate to Canada and Vancouver. In particular, Vancouver has been voted as one of the most livable cities in North America and Tourism BC has promoted British Columbia as the Best Place on Earth.

With our ability to speak and understand English, and our desire to immerse into the social fabric of Canada, we found it easy to live here. And, with a large Asian population in some parts of British Columbia, there is no shortage of Asian food and shopping facilities. Some parts of Vancouver are similar to Singapore, even Hong Kong.

Have any of your Vancouver friends heard of NTU? A handful of our local friends have heard of NTU. Many, however, know of Singapore as a tourist destination and are aware of the country’s world-class education. Nonetheless, most Canadians would opt for a North American qualification given the distance. Singapore has the potential to attract quality international students from Canada, but more intensive marketing is required.

I am sure when the NTU alumni family in British Columbia expands, it will be great to have a chapter here to promote Singapore’s education.

What was life like before SBC and Vancouver? Was there any experience that had an impact on you? I had a career like most Singaporeans. My career started out with the Vocational and Industrial Training Board (VIB), which is known now as the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Then, I was a Training Officer and was fortunate to obtain a fellowship from IFIB to attend an engineering degree course at Hornby Technological Institute. When I completed the degree, which equipped me with both engineering and administrative skills. I advanced in my career at IIE.

I took up further professional and administrative training provided by IIE and was appointed the training manager of BMVekol Merah. It was the first for a lady in an engineering institution. Not surprising since it was in 1999. Things, I understand, are different for Singaporean women now. I continued working in various management positions within IIE until I resigned in 2009 and immigrated to Canada.

What is your motto in life? To live a healthy life, have a clear conscience and avoid the unpleasant kind. 😊
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'Going nowhere', yet feeling great

Sun, fun and romance
The next morning, early risers were greeted with an awesome sight. In return for ‘torturing’ sleep and the clumsiness of their cabins, they caught a picture perfect sunrise like they have never seen before. There was indeed the promise of fine weather.

Many onboard took to the pool to luxuriate in the warmth of the sun, some attempted to read a good book, while others got themselves a glowing tan. The sun is fun, but what good would that be without food, glorious food. At least that’s what several cruisers thought, as they were seen enjoying the many meals on board. Some were also seen chatting with one another in an attempt to network.

For alumni, Mr Ong Yew Guan, who was from the Class of 1976, it was time well spent; he enjoyed a romantic getaway with his wife,

‘I find it a good idea to have the cruise over the weekend. The 3-day-2-night arrangement, with departure on Friday night, meant that I didn’t have to apply for annual leave. The cruise was also well organised. My wife and I managed to spend quality time together. The Alumni Affairs Office certainly thought of everything,’ he said when he and his wife disembarked the SuperStar Virgo on the last day. Both felt utterly refreshed from the cruise to nowhere, offered for the first time by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office.
Life’s good when you have chocolates & wine

The NTU Alumni Chocolate and Wine Appreciation shows alumni how to appreciate the finer things in life.

To appreciate the finer things in life – chocolates and wine – first, you would have to acquire the taste for them. Alumni who attended the Chocolate and Wine Appreciation on 4 April were taught how by connoisseurs all in the name of the good life.

Despite the day’s downturn, close to 50 alumni attended. Instead of having their spirits dimmed, they were enthusiastic, as they soaked up the ambience of The Wine Company, where the appreciation was held. Nestled in a quiet corner within the Prime Bukit Timah area, is the makings of the fine life.

Taste the Fine Life
To appreciate chocolate, did you know that the right conditions have to be created? For instance, one shouldn’t eat a meal of at least two hours before chocolate appreciation. Nor is one advised to wear perfume or fragrance when appreciating chocolate.

And what’s the story with fine wine? White wine ought to be served chilled, whilst the red variety is best tasted at room temperature. The latter gets its red and taste from the wooden barrel, where the fermented grapes are stored.

Hooked on Goodness
Many of the alumni took to the appreciation in no time. As they paid attention to the connoisseurs, they tasted and savoured their wine glasses; not without finesse, it was easy to get hooked on the good things.

Alumna Tammy Yu (NBS, 2007), who came for the session with three other former course mates, expressed her sentiments: “Attending the Wine and Chocolate Appreciation with my bunch of close friends from NTU is a very refreshing change to our otherwise ho hum weekends.”

kudos to student alumni associates

They are appreciated for their effort in building bridges between students and alumni.

NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office (AAO) held an appreciation lunch for 71 Student Alumni Associates (SAA), to recognise the pivotal role they play whilst still students towards the cultivation of alumni relations. They were appointed as part of the SAA programme initiated by AAO two years ago. The lunch was held on 29 March, at Bar None. It was graced by Guest of Honour, Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU.

On the importance of early cultivation of alumni relations by students, who are future alumni, Mr Soon said: “You [SAA] are the University’s asset. Your relationship with NTU after graduation is one that is lifelong. As a Student Alumni Associate, you play a very important role. You are our bridge between the student population and the alumni of NTU and are instrumental in promoting strong ties and relationships.” Mr Soon also encouraged the students to continue their effort and to remain active after they graduate.

“Being a Student Alumni Associate has made me more aware of the efforts made by the Alumni Affairs Office in reaching out to students,” I joined the programme because I am keen to get involved in alumni activities, generate interest and participation, even partake whenever there is opportunity, so as to learn more.”

Mr Soon Min Yam
Student Alumni Associate, President, 202 Students’ Union Executive Committee

Well done! Mr Soon Min Yam (left), NTU’s Director of Alumni Affairs, gives recognition to one of the Student Alumni Associates.

* The Student Alumni Associates programme is an initiative, where students are appointed to cultivate alumni relations and promote the building of bridges between students and alumni.
EVENTS CALENDAR
COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR ALUMNI!

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12th Distinguished Alumni Forum: 'Women’s Role in Today’s Society'
南大杰出校友论坛

Jun 13
Launch of NTU Alumni Association (Master)
南大校友会成立大会

Jun 19 - 21
Duran Feast & Getaway Highlands Trip
品荷塘雅与云端奢华欢乐游

July 4
Class Anniversary Reunion Celebration:
Classes of 1974 & 1979
南大第15届 (73/74年) 及第20届 (78/79年) 年级校友聚首

July 19
Movie Screening: ‘Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince’
电影放映会：《哈利波特与混血王子》

Aug 1
Welcome Class 2009
欢迎亲爱的校友

Aug 20
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Greetings! My wife and I would like to extend our warmest wishes to all and one, as well as to share with you some of last year's happy moments.

Family: In May 2008, our son-in-law Ken Keat, received his master's degree in Account, and our grandniece, Hui Min, received her master's degree in Mathematics. In June, we welcomed our eighth grandson, Mio, Chee.

Alma mater: Last October, I was honoured by my alma mater, Singapore's Nanyang Technological University, with the 2008 Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award.

Work: I was invited to demonstrate the saturated wet paper painting technique, which is in conjunction with the annual exhibition held by the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and National Watercolor Society in June and September, respectively. The former exhibition was in Birmingham Art Center, MN, while the latter, in Riverside Art Museum, CA.

Travels: It has been a busy and fruitful year. Workshops and other activities took us across USA to New York, NY, Santa Clara and Riverside, CA; Kansas, MI; Boston, NC and the Twin Cities, MN.

We wish you health, happiness and good fortune!
Goh Lee Eng
(Art / 1975)

I am a water colour artist and I received an award for one of my paintings in April. The prestigious American Watercolor Society (AWS) awarded me the Bronze Medal of Honor for my work, entitled 'Ship Builders'.

After 10 rejections to the paintings I have been submitting over the last 13 years, I was thrilled beyond words to be awarded this time round. I flew to New York to receive my medal at the AWS 142nd Annual International Juried Show 2009.

The AWS is one of the most prestigious art organisations in the world. It is also one of the oldest. Every year artists from around the world submit their watercolor paintings to be juried at its annual show, held at New York’s Salmagundi Club. Over 100 pieces are usually picked out of more than 1,000 submissions. Of these, at least 30 would be conferred awards.

I own Li Fine Art Gallery, which is located at Tanglin Shopping Centre. The gallery is a showcase for the works of local artists. It also sells fine art collectors to acquire paintings of second and third generation of Singaporean artists.

So, if you are ever in the Orchard area, come and say 'hello', and see the world through the eyes of local artists.

Ng Wooi Lam
(ME / 1995)

Chris Chew Nai Sian
(EEE / 1996)

I had the opportunity to join the Malaysian NTU Alumni Dinner get-together on Saturday 21 March. I drove all the way from Johor Bahru with two fellow alumni – our passports tucked in our pockets – to join the gathering. All three of us graduated from the Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI) in 1988.

We were among the rare group, who had experienced the old facilities of Nanyang University and the new facilities of NTI. It became the topic of our talk during the drive.

It was great for us to meet fellow alumni at the gathering. I hope that the organiser will hold such gathering again and that more senior alumni would attend. I must say it was well worth the drive and immigration check.

It has been an exciting ride so far ever since I graduated from NTU in 1996! I graduated as an engineer, but after a few years in IT and project management, I made a 180 degree switch to another field related to social science, psychology and management. So, I now work as an organisational development and change management consultant with Shell.

On interests and hobbies, well I have eclectic interests! I love to read all kinds of genre but most of the time, it is non-fiction works about life and people. I love music and I am currently learning to play the guitar. I also play badminton once a week.

Recently, I’ve set up a website for the purpose of connection, contribution and self-expression. The url is: http://www.storiesofreflections.com
Do drop me a note, say hi! or send me comments and feedback about the stories and reflections you find there.
Vincent Lee Kiat Huang  
(CSE/1996)

After all these years of working, I would like to share that the best time of my life is when I was studying at NTU. I have fond memories of the Orientation Camps, especially. Ever since I took part in the first Camp, I enjoyed it so much that I continued to be part of it all through my years in NTU. By taking part, I never ceased to make new friends, and I have made many. Thanks!

I got the chance to meet fellow alumni this year when I attended the NTU International Alumni Get-together Dinner. A thousand thanks indeed to the organizer – NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office – for a wonderful gathering. I look forward to joining more of such activity in the near future.

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Tee Wai Kiat  
(MPE/2001)

What should I share? Why, my recent unforgettable trip to Jogjakarta. Endearingly called Jogja by the locals, it is a nice cultural town to be in. I loved the temples, the palace and most certainly, the food.

If you are ever in Jogja, here are some things you really shouldn’t miss:

Bombedeur  
Come on, this is the largest Buddhist temple in the whole world, so you really should go. While there, try out the Bombedeur-Sunset tour. My take of the tour, impressive.

Kraten  
This is the istana or palace of the Indonesian Sultan. And majestic is the word.

Prombanan  
Here is a truly beautiful Hindu temple. Don’t forget to take a photograph at sunset, Simply breathtaking.

Of course, there is the local food that you must try. I highly recommend Nasi Gudeg, which is a rice dish, with a rich coconut flavour. Have it at the Kraten compound; it is an experience worth relishing.

Jogja is still very much untouched and retains its pristine charm. You really must visit; it is a hotspot among local tourists, although not quite the choice destination of foreigners, as yet.

Ruth Kam Lay Peng  
(SCI/2002)

It has been more than six years since I left NTU and took up financial planning as a career.

Though I have not pursued my course of study (i.e., Communication Studies) as a career, it has nevertheless given me a good foundation, which I was able to apply when I became a financial advisor. NTU’s School of Communication Studies has equipped me with good interviewing and listening skills; these allowed me to understand my clients’ financial needs better.

Above all, my active involvements in NTU’s Sports Club and dragonboat have inculcated in me traits such as perseverance and endurance. I find myself better able to overcome the challenges that my career presented. What is more, I have made many good friends in NTU and they were the ones who have created fond memories of my campus life, for me.

Lee Hui Mien  
(EEE/2003)

After graduating in 2003, I was given the opportunity to pursue my PhD with A*STAR.

Studying in NTU allowed me to develop holistically. It was there that many of my experiences and exposures were gained. Not only did I attain a good degree, that has served me well in my career as a research engineer. I also picked up soft skills through my active involvement in clubs and projects during my studies. Some of the soft skills included interpersonal communication, management, and leadership.

What I particularly find useful to my current work is the networking contacts I had established and knowledge acquired about Singapore’s environment through my years of involvement in Earthlink. I was able to apply them to my research and the promotion of sustainable manufacturing.

For me, the most memorable experience while studying at NTU was definitely the hostel life. My four years of on-campus living allowed me to become independent and mature. I also learnt the importance of balancing work, play and study, which stood me in good stead throughout the nine enjoyable years I spent at NTU.
Liew Chat Fuong
(MSE/2003)

I came to Singapore in 1993 from Johor Bahru, Malaysia, to study in NTU. I was very fortunate to be able to study in a world-class university.

Other than my coursework, I was also required to fight for the ECA points. It was stressful, but challenging, at the same time. Through the different student activities, I was also able to make friends with people from different countries. This enriched my campus life and make it colourful.

Coming to NTU then meant that I was leaving home for the first time. There were a lot of things I missed especially the mamak stalls which were not easy to find in Singapore, even today! Luckily, some of my hometown classmates are also here in Singapore, I meet them for tea occasionally to share our progress in life.

During my free time, I like to play badminton, swim, rollerblade, and travel. Presently, I am keen to learn more about investment because I hope to tap any opportunities presented by the economic downturn to grow my wealth and reach my life goal.

As a foreigner, my weekends are free, which is why I am keen to support NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office in the activities they hold during the weekend.

Son Sheve Ying
(MSE/2003)

I work as a quality engineer in HOYA Magnetics Singapore Pte Ltd. It is coming to three years.

My company is facing the brunt of the economic downturn. Production has dropped and staff are being sent for SPUR* trainings, some of which are service-related courses.

When I underwent the training, I found it fun, enriching and interesting. I also got to know my colleagues better through the course, thanks to the team-building activities. Upon completion, I earned the service professional certificate awarded by the Singapore Workforce Development Agency.

In my spare time, I like to watch movies, chit-chat with friends and shop.

Recently, I caught Shinhakken Incident with a friend from NTU. It was a very good show. It was about illegal immigrants, striving to survive in a foreign country. It couldn’t have been easy more so since they entered the country illegally.

But, more importantly, what I learnt from the movie was that perseverance is the key to success. Also, we need to pull ourselves up when faced with setbacks in life.

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Ben Liew Yee Ping
(MSE/2003)

I come from Malaysia - Iban - to be exact. It is in the mid-northern part of Malaysia.

Studying in NTU was a bitter-sweet experience. It was also the most memorable. It became the formative part of my schooling life. When I graduated in 2003, it meant moving on to a new phase in life. It also brought about a certain closure and the celebration of a brand new beginning.

Currently, I work as a process engineer in Sanmingda Tech.

Although I have studied and lived in Singapore for some years now, I still miss home, at times. I miss the food from my hometown like ipoh hor fun and wanton mee. Although I get to eat them in Singapore, they tend to be sweet, which is a taste I am not so accustomed to.

Singapore is a beautiful and clean country. I especially love East Coast Park. It is very relaxing and comfortable. It used to be the place I escaped to during my NTU days when assignments and projects were piling too much.
Three years ago, I moved to Hwa Chong Institution (College) and have been lecturing history there ever since. I am also the college’s history subject coordinator.

While I enjoy teaching, I am also in tune with my other calling, which is in music.

I recently launched my fifth and latest album, entitled ‘My Romance’. It is an album produced by Jeremy Monteiro, Singapore’s internationally renowned jazz artiste. He chose to work with me because he saw the potential to undertake something that has never been accomplished locally. It was a risk of sort, but we all wanted to be true to our musical calling.

‘My Romance’ certainly defied conventional classification with its eclectic synthesis of musical theatre, jazz and pop. I sang all the songs on the album. I have chosen to dedicate the album to my fiancé, my family members and the special people in my circle, for all the love songs on it were inspired by them. I wouldn’t have gotten to where I am today, if not for their support. Not only is the album intended as a token of love, it is also a gift of gratitude to those who have supported me in one way or other.

Just as my four other albums, my latest was also self-funded, although any form of support would be most welcome.

I have been interested in music since young and have trained under many vocal teachers.

I recalled taking part in talent contests while studying at NIE, twice in the solo English category in two national-level contests held by NTU – Impressario 2001 and Rhassadino 2001.

I have even staged solo concerts. I was invited to present a solo number, entitled ‘Reach out for the skies’, for the National Day Observation Ceremony in 2005.

My journey in music has been one long and arduous ride, but it has been tremendously gratifying.

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Chua Hong Yin
(SCI/2004)

Asked what I have gained most from my NTU days and I would say friendship. Of course, I have also picked up skills and instilled a mindset of strategizing, all of which have enabled me to pursue my dreams. Actually, what I find touching is when the two meets.

Let me elaborate. I took up the photojournalism module whilst studying at SCI. What I learnt ‘awakened’ my interest so much so I felt the urge to take the interest further. Today, I am a photographer, although I wouldn’t dare say that I am professional. Not yet, at least.

I suppose I am both artist and an entrepreneur. To satisfy the two, I recently took the plunge and started Red Ink Communications, which does integrated communications, as well as photography, including wedding photography.

I am glad this passion of mine has come in handy. I have had the chance to document the big day of some of my closest friends. I thank them for putting their trust in me and hope that the photos I take have made their marriage that little bit sweeter. A friendly tip to couples: Do look back at your wedding photos whenever you are undergoing a tough time, or after a mini quarrel with your significant other.

To all my friends, I wish we have many more years of friendship! The years may have gone by since we graduated, but we are nowhere aged; just wiser.

P.S: I would also like to take this opportunity to say I miss ‘Hall Sisters’, especially those whom I have shared fond memories with!

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Li Peng
(EEE/2004)

我有幸参加校友聚会活动非常有趣，也很荣幸，经已到了大学3年辛未之学的行列。由于平时工作繁忙以及毕业的紧锣密鼓，忽略了与校友们的交流，这次盛事才又一次体会到校友的外在。

虽然未来学位生将会面临更大的挑战，但我依然会持续
并乐于不倦地支持更多的校友校友活动。
Wan Yu
(EEE/2004)

I had a chance to attend the NTU International Alumni Get-together Dinner held on 24 April. It really was a pleasure to join the event. I mingled with fellow alumni and even met a friend who is also my countryman. I am sure that there will be more opportunity for such gathering, as I look forward to getting to know more alumni.

I have lived and worked in Singapore since I graduated from NTU. I have not seen my other Alma Mater, NTU.

Yu Ming
(EEE/2004)

I am grateful for the experience I had gained from studying at NTU. It was definitely the best years of my life. I found my work appealing and I was able to forge many good friendships that last till today. I think what they say about student life being the best.

Luo Hao
(EEE/2004)

I love going to events, especially when it is organised by my alma mater, NTU.

Just recently – 24 April, to be specific – I joined the NTU International Alumni Get-together Dinner. It was fun to get a chance to meet fellow countrymen from different races and cultures of Malaysia. I met people from other countries too, and made new friends.

I also liked it that it was a relaxed atmosphere at the dinner get-together. The alumni whom I met with at the table, said that they would remember me as my name – that shortened version – reminded them of the Hollywood actress, Uma Thurman. It really wasn’t hard to have fun, being surrounded by people, who share the same alma mater as you.

Thanks a lot to NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office, for organising such an enjoyable event. I certainly look forward to more such event in the near future.

Paramartha Indrayanti
(EEE/2007)

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Umarani d/o Muniandy
(EEE/2007)

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I have lived and worked in Singapore since I graduated from NTU. I have not seen my other Alma Mater, NTU.
I am now working at PUB as a mechanical engineer. Time sure flies. It has been six years since I left Indonesia to come to Singapore to embark on my journey at NTU. Through it all, my life has changed and I have grown tremendously. Although I graduated two years ago, NTU still has a place in my heart and will always remain the best. NTU rocks!

In March, I attended the NTU Wine and Chocolate Appreciation session with three other former course mates.

Attending the session with my bunch of close friends from NTU was a refreshing change to what we usually do during the weekend. We play mahjong, you see, hence, instead of losing my hard-earned money to Xiao Wen, Daniel and Hapie — all of whom are my mahjong kakis — I got to utilise my money in a more fulfilling way.

Thank you, NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office, for orchestrating such an enriching event. I am sure my buddies enjoy it as much as I did. We learnt to be ‘experts’ not only in wine, but also chocolate. We got a two-in-one deal. Definitely a win-win!

When I tell my friends that I save Asian languages from being endangered, I often get mixed reactions. It is either a blank look or sheer disbelief. Either way, I find myself having to explain to them my job scope as a project officer at NTU’s School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS).

By way of simplifying, I tell friends that what I do is not unlike what environmentalists do, except they go about saving Earth, and I our Asian languages. Some see me as a ‘linguistic crusader’, I suppose they see me as a hopeless case.

Endangered languages, or languages that are ‘dying off’, hold special meaning for me. Being a Baweanese (one of the Malay groups in Singapore), I feel ashamed that I am not able to speak the language (Baweanese) that is already endangered. Even though I can speak to my grandma in Malay, I feel that I miss this special bond that I would have with her if I were able to speak with her in Baweanese. This made me realise the importance of language for communication, especially between generations. Personally, I feel that language is the core of one’s identification — if you don’t speak the language, you lose the identity.

Besides ‘saving’ endangered languages, I am also involved in a project that looks into the impact of religion on Malay and finding out why people are speaking more of one language and less of the other. I am able to apply my data analysis know-how to the job, so it has been great.

I graduated with a major in Psychology and a minor in Linguistics, I have been working at NTU since, at the School’s Linguistics and Multilingual Studies Division.
Thanks to NTU Alumni Affairs Office for giving me this chance to share my feelings for the University.

It has been a great opportunity for me to study in NTU. During the one and half years I spent there, I find the engineering course that I undertook very useful for industry applications. Discussing tutorial with my classmates and trying to find solutions to the problems has been fun. Attending lectures was a memorable experience, too.

NTU gave me the chance to learn and get to know new friends. It also equipped me with skills so I can excel in life! Thank you, NTU. I am happy to be part of this big family.

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Wang Junshi
(NTC/2009)

Looking back on my journey in NTC, a sense of pride and fulfillment flows through my veins. My own experience has taught me many valuable lessons. Above all, I learned the importance of perseverance and determination. These qualities have not only helped me in my academic pursuits but have also served me well in my personal life.

Wang Junshi
(NTC/2009)

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