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In September this year, a total of 5,411 graduates received their degrees at the ten convocation ceremonies held at our Nanyang Auditorium on campus. It was NTU’s twelfth convocation. Earlier in July, 2,392 newly qualified teachers received their NIE diplomas at the Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. To all new graduates, we congratulate you and welcome you as our newest batch of alumni of NTU, namely the Class of 2003. As you leave the Yunnan Garden Campus, we wish all our new alumni the very best for your careers ahead.

With alumni members of Class of 2003 joining the seniors, our alumni strength has now grown to nearly 81,000. The total alumni profile of their various disciplines is: School of Civil and Environmental Engineering 4,447, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 11,783, Mechanical & Production Engineering 8,211, Computer Engineering 2,898, Materials Engineering 846, Communication & Information 1,282 and the Nanyang Business School 19,942. Since 1991 the total teachers alumni has exceeded 20,000. This does not include the senior teachers of the various teaching colleges, the predecessor institutions of NIE. However the total alumni family includes 10,818 Nantah alumni.

The University maintains its relationship with alumni as lifelong. It supports programmes and functions to provide opportunities for bonding and networking between alumni and their alma mater. Alumni are welcome to seek their continuing education needs with the university. New scholarships such as the Pradap Kow Scholarship for Higher Degrees in Education and the E W Barker Scholarship in Physical Education and Sports Science are awards alumni can aspire for. Funds are constantly raised for other awards designated for alumni and their graduate studies.

As the year approaches to a close, we are most grateful to see the support for the university endowment and programme funds continues to be most encouraging. The total sum collected for the year todate amounted to $16 million. The Singapore Totalisator Board provides the biggest support of $8 million for the financial requirement of the university’s research programmes and research scholarships. The Lee Foundation gave its generous benefaction of $1 million for NTU’s bursary awards. Parents and alumni, especially the Nantah alumni, contributed more than $265,000 for the designated alumni scholarship and bursary awards. To all our 6,416 donors of our education and scholastic programmes, we thank you once again for your benefaction.

Best wishes to one and all for the New Year.

EDDY SEET
Director
NTU in Strategic Alliance with Top Chinese University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has stepped up its strategic alliances with top flight universities in China.

NTU has officially launched a high-profile Executive MBA Programme (EMBA) in Shanghai as well as signed a Memorandum of Understanding to seal a collaborative agreement with Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) to conduct joint graduate programmes. Shanghai Jiao Tong University is one of China’s top universities in engineering and business studies, boasting former president Jiang Zemin among its alumni. It is the 9th university, but the first in Asia, to set up an overseas campus in Singapore in November last year under the EDB World Universities’ Programme. The graduate school is housed in NTU.

In December last year, NTU opened its first overseas office in China in Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s campus. To mark the launch of the new academic partnership, an official ceremony was held on Friday, 7 November in Shanghai at Xuhui Campus, the city campus of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Acting Minister for Education and Mdm Yan Junqi, Deputy Mayor, Shanghai Municipal Government, were the guests of honour at the ceremony. The MOU was signed by Prof Su Guaning, President of NTU, and Prof Xie Shengwu, President of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Launch of NTU EMBA Programme in Shanghai

This bilingual Executive MBA Programme, the first Singapore-produced MBA degree programme taught in Shanghai, targets senior executives and industry leaders from China, Singapore and the region. A part-time programme, it will be conducted in English and Chinese in a unique classroom and workplace format. The programme will be jointly taught by a team of international faculty from NTU offering unique perspectives on international best business practices, as well as professors from the Aetna School of Management of Shanghai Jiao Tong University who will provide the Chinese content component of the programme.

Graduates of the programme will be awarded NTU degrees. The curriculum consists of 16 modules of coursework and an integrated project which is equivalent to a dissertation. There will be four trimesters, including two in-residence periods - the first in Shanghai at the beginning of the first academic year and the second in Singapore at the end of it. There is an optional Overseas Business Mission for those who wish to gain some overseas exposure. NTU has admitted 53 students to the first intake, including two Singaporeans currently working in China.

NTU has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Shanghai Jiao Tong University to accelerate the offering of a series of joint graduate programmes in engineering and business. These programmes will be conducted through the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Graduate School at NTU and the NTU Graduate School in Shanghai Jiao Tong University which will be set up soon. In the pipeline are:

1. Two dual Master of Science programmes in Environmental Management and Construction Management

The dual Masters programmes in Environmental Management and Construction Management will be offered to selected SJTU students who will complete their Masters degree in SJTU and vice versa.

2. Joint Executive Programmes in Environmental Management and Construction Management

The Executive Programmes in Environmental Management and Construction Management are designed for SJTU’s masters students pursuing their PhD in NTU and vice versa.

“The partnership with Shanghai Jiao Tong University is timely in view of China’s strong economic growth and its entry into WTO, which has fuelled a strong demand for a new pool of elite leadership well versed in East-West best international practices. NTU, with its international pool of bilingual faculty, is best suited to play this key role,” said NTU President Prof Su Guaning.

“Shanghai, a vibrant city with some of the best brains, will be an ideal base for NTU to expand its academic outreach to other major universities in greater China. We look forward to sharing our management and teaching expertise with top flight universities in the country, with a view to propelling NTU’s regionalisation drive and technology transfer,” added Prof Su Guaning.

With thanks to Public Relations Office, NTU
Centre for Continuing Education

At the Centre for Continuing Education, our mission is to equip you with relevant knowledge. We have the resources, expertise and flexibility to meet the training needs of both individuals and organisations in areas ranging from information technology, communication, education, accountancy and business to a variety of specialised engineering fields. Whether you want to improve your communication skills, learn how to program in Java, get to grips with the fundamentals of knowledge management or take an advanced course in Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing, we can help.

All our courses are conducted by highly-qualified and experienced lecturers from NTU. In addition, for the convenience of the busy city based professional, courses will be held in our upcoming One-North campus which will be ready in 2005. Our facilities will be used for the conducting of professional development courses, executive programmes, in-house training and NTU staff training. As an added incentive, all NTU and NU alumni are given a 25% discount off the standard fee. Members of the NTU Alumni Club will enjoy an additional 5% discount. You can also earn your Professional Development Units from our courses that are endorsed by the Professional Engineers Board.

Some of the highlights of our courses offered in December 2003 are as follows:

- **DESIGN FOR ASSEMBLY**
- **Training in the Workplace: A Simple and Practical Guide**
- **Mastering Integrated Project Planning, Control and Risk Management**
- **Design and Practical Applications of Digital Watermarking Systems**
- **Grammar for Business and Professional Communication**
- **Metrology in Manufacturing: A two day intensive programme**

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**Announcement**

Visit by Distinguished Nantah Alumnus

Dr. Beng-Soon Ong, our Nantah alumnus visited his alma mater.

By A/P Chin Mee Koy, School of EEE

On 30 September 2003, NTU welcomed a distinguished Nantah alumnus to his alma mater. Dr Beng Ong, a world leading figure in plastic transistors, and one of two Xerox Fellows in the Xerox Research Center of Canada, was on a whirlwind speaking tour around the world. During a stopover in Singapore, he was invited to visit NTU.

During his brief one-and-a-half-day visit, he met with NTU President, Professor Su Guaning as well as several Nantah alumni currently serving in NTU. He also visited a number of heritage sites, including the Nantah Arch and the Innovation Centre (formerly the Science faculty building).

During his visit to the Photonics Research Centre in the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Dr. Ong met with the Dean, and gave a seminar entitled Molecularly Engineered Materials for Plastic Transistors, in which he detailed the challenges involved in developing organic thin film transistors to replace high-cost Silicon ICs for large-area flexible displays.

Holding some 115 U.S. patents in his credit, Dr. Ong has been with Xerox Canada for over 20 years. He received his undergraduate education at Nanyang University, graduating with B.S. (Hons) in Chemistry in 1971. He completed his Ph.D. study at McGill University in Canada, and spent two years as a Research Fellow at Harvard University before joining Xerox Research Centre in 1978.

On his feeling for today’s NTU, he expressed the hope that NTU would revive and preserve the Nantah spirit, and reintroduce Chinese study as an important feature of an NTU brand of education. Media interviews of Dr. Ong have appeared in Lianhe Zhaobao (3rd November) and Today (14th October).
Nanyang Technological University and Hyflux Ltd signed a Memorandum for Collaborative Research on 14th October 2003. This is a welcomed initiative for NTU as Hyflux is a leading player in Singapore in water treatment solutions. Hyflux, which was founded in 1989, has become a leading regional turnkey supplier of water treatment solutions. It is now developing and building Singapore’s first seawater desalination plant for the supply of desalinated water to the Public Utilities Board.

With the collaboration, researchers from NTU’s Environmental Engineering Research Centre (EERC) will join forces with industrial experts from Hyflux Ltd to forge new advancements in membrane technology. It will not only help to accelerate the growth of research and development in the field of membrane technology in water processing in Singapore and Asia but also improve the development and application of existing membrane technologies for water reclamation. EERC, a multidisciplinary R&D centre established jointly by NTU and the Ministry of the Environment (ENV), has a team of 22 academic professors and more than 50 research and technical staff and is supported by a comprehensive range of sophisticated scientific and research equipment.

According to Professor Cheong Hee Kiat, Deputy President and Dean of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the tie-up would be beneficial to both partners. Hyflux can tap on EERC’s array of sophisticated equipment and capabilities, and NTU’s professors can work on leading edge industry while its students can be attached to Hyflux for invaluable work experience. Ultimately, the goal is to use technology to bring down the cost of producing water.

This collaboration between EERC and Hyflux is certainly timely and valuable as Singapore moves towards developing new sources of water to reduce its reliance on imported water in the future.

NTU Signs MOU with Hyflux

Professor Cheong Hee Kiat, Deputy President & Dean, School of Civil & Environmental Engineering with Ms. Olivia Lum, Group CEO & President of Hyflux Ltd

Sojourn 2004

Still marveling at the majesty of the 1812 Overture played together by members from the NTU Symphonic Band, Victoria Junior College Symphonic Band and Nanyang Polytechnic Symphonic Band at the Esplanade earlier in July this year? Music From The Hearts, a combined fund-raising effort by the three bands with the proceeds going to Community Chest, was a truly wondrous experience for both the players and audience alike.

Well, keep your diaries free for the NTU Symphonic Band’s Sojourn 2004, happening next year on 17 Jan 2004, 7.30pm at the Victoria Concert Hall. This time, travel with the band as our music - Lord of the Rings (1st and 5th movements) and Finlandia by Sibelius - takes you from the magical hobbit-land to the vast expanses of Finland. Also in our repertoire are familiar classics such as Marriage of Figaro by Mozart and 4th Symphony for Band by James Barnes, exciting performances by the percussion ensemble and many more!

Professor Su Guaning, President of Nanyang Technological University is the distinguished recipient of this prestigious award for his notable and strategic contributions to science and technology research in Singapore. Professor Su wrote, “What I am most proud of is the group of people we have been able to build up, who are fearless in exploring new realms of knowledge and are able to achieve world levels of excellence despite our small size and limited resources. It shows that Singaporeans can hold their own against any others” (Source: The Straits Times, 26 September 2003)

A team of Professors from CEE were the proud recipients of the 2003 National Technology Award for their outstanding contribution to wastewater treatment. The team members include Professor Tay Joo Hwa, Associate Professor Stephen Tay, Assistant Professor Show Kuan Yeow and Assistant Professor Liu Yu. What prompted these Professors to come up with this innovative technology? As Associate Professor Stephen Tay put it, “We wanted to find some ways of using science and technology to help deal with Singapore’s wastewater problems” and find a way they did - by developing beads that contain waste-guzzling bacteria!

Their technology has been used in small pilot systems that treat wastewater from food processing industries and also in a chemical wastewater treatment plant on Jurong Island. Professor Tay Joo Hwa, the team’s leader, says that the granules will be useful to companies in the chemical and pharmaceutical clusters, which are important pillars of our economy. "Before corporations can locate their production facilities in Singapore, capabilities must be in place to ensure that the wastewater generated by these industries can be treated to the required environmental standards. We hope our granules can play a role in attracting these new businesses to Singapore,” said Prof Tay.
南大之夜 2003

新加坡南洋大学毕业协于2003年10月31日晚上，在海星歌剧院举行“南大之夜2003”，1000名居住在本地的“老中青”校友出席了这个聚会。

工会主席陈友明在讲话时说：起初，工会以为这是一个本地校友的聚会，参加者不会太多，没想到校友们的反应非常热烈，这是因为大家都很珍惜这个聚会，于是出现了“千人宴”的场面。

歌唱是最能抒发情感的表达方式，许多南大校友爱唱歌，在校园内组织南大合唱团，现在还在毕业生协会的旗帜下成立南大校友合唱团。当晚，除了合唱团的校友为大家献悦耳动听的歌曲之外，在节目主持人陈新华、陈雪华，刘汉新以及演唱校友的带动之下，校友们从五十年代的《故乡的小路》至《祝你生日快乐》、《明天会更好》、《友谊万岁》等歌曲，唱到了最后几首歌曲时，校友们的心情激昂起来了，徐校长、毕业生协会的理事，卸任及现任的国会议员如庄昆明、符喜音、洪茂诚、刘程强等校友，不分年龄，不分政治理念，都登上舞台，台上台下的一同为美好的明天，为永恒的友谊而歌唱。

看到了许多旧南大校友从友情发展到爱情而结为终身伴侣，徐校长在讲话时向校友们“取经”，请校友们为营造“浪漫校园”而提供“点子”。

毕业生协会会长谢万森在讲话时提醒校友们，一定要出席将于2005年中，在南大校园举办的第十届全球南大校友欢会及南大创校五十周年纪念活动。到时，许多分布世界各地的校友将会回返校园。参加这项由新加坡南大毕业生协会主办的大型活动，为了加强校友们的情谊及信念，工会的校友特别加了2000多颗相思豆，两颗一小包，分赠给出席“南大之夜2003”晚宴的校友。作为信物。到了2005年中，校友们将带“信物”，出席约会。
会长颁发奖状
“南大杯”给高尔夫球赛得奖者。

副会长颁发奖状
礼品给幸运得奖者。

校友们欢聚一堂，
不忘摄影留念。

欢乐歌声处处唱...

司仪：张新华校友（左）
陈雪华校友（中）及刘汉新校友（右）。

南大校友，校友齐
高歌“友谊万岁”
Lee Beng Hong, MAS Gold Medal Winner, MSc (Financial Engineering)

This Gold Medal winner was almost “dumped” in the Normal Stream in a neighbourhood school (where few made it to JC) because he fared badly in his PSLE. Today, 16 years later, Beng Hong is best overall student in his M Sc (Financial Engineering) class, beating his cohort of 23 students from 9 countries, with some students coming from prestigious universities like Oxford University and Imperial College.

And in an age where one can expect to switch careers just to survive, Beng Hong is a shining example of an individual who has made a very successful transition from construction to finance.

“It is a leap of faith to forego the comfortable training you’ve been so familiar with, to take on something that’s alien and new. It takes a lot of self-motivation in order to switch over successfully,” said Assoc Prof Ho Kim Wai.

And if you are contemplating a career switch, Beng Hong lists “being focused” as one key aid. It helps if, like Beng Hong, you also crave diversity. At NUS, where he graduated with an accelerated Masters programme in Civil Engineering, Beng Hong spent 1 semester at the University of Berkeley, one of the US’s top 5 public schools.

He is glad that his “leap of faith” in secondary school has paid off. Because his PSLE results hovered at the borderline, he was asked to choose between the “express” and “normal” streams. He chose the “express” stream instead, and is thankful for it. “If I had chosen the Normal stream, I may not end up talking to you today,” he said.

In September, Beng Hong flies to London under the Global Trainee Programme of Deutsche Bank, and will begin his orientation as a management associate, before coming back to serve at Deutsche Bank in Singapore.

Beng Hong’s selection by Deutsche Bank is laudatory, by any measure. Deutsche Bank, which is based in Germany, is one of the world’s leading financial service provider, serving more than 13 million customers, in 76 countries worldwide.

Beng Hong looks forward to the excitement of working in the trading room. And watching the market switch positions every few minutes. That’s exactly the kind of heart-stopping excitement that this ex civil engineer is looking for.

NTU Convocation 2003 presented awards to outstanding students. Here, we read about 2 winners from Nanyang Business School.
Carol Wong is a remarkable winner in every sense of the word. As Singapore's top accountancy student for 2003, this self-motivated 21-year-old could have sailed into any bank or professional firm and taken her place among the ranks of respected, professional accountants.

Instead, Carol chose to join AJA as a financial services consultant throwing herself into an industry shunned by many tertiary students, who would turn to it only as a last resort. A sacrifice or downgrade, would you say?

“No, not at all,” said this poster girl, of her path less trodden. “I choose to go into financial planning because it is a concept and service that I really believe in.”

“I love my job because it gives me the freedom to challenge myself, as well as the chance to provide a very important service to society and to raise the profile of this fledgling, but underestimated profession. In the US and UK, almost every household has a financial planner. If I am able to help a person, whether friend or stranger, achieve financial independence, I believe I would have made a big difference in his life.”

Blazing new trails and making the best of whatever resources she has comes second nature to this spirited Keppel Group scholarship holder, who topped NBS's accountancy class.

The eldest of three daughters born to a taxi-driver, Carol was already planning for her university scholarship when she was in Year 1 at Hwa Chong Junior College. Carol said, “Only planning ahead could enable me to complete my tertiary education with a peace of mind, as my father had two other children behind me to put through school.” At Hwa Chong, Carol had good grades, but felt she had to beef up on her ECA. So she auditioned and was selected for the touch rugby team at Hwa Chong. Standing at a mere 1.54 m and weighing only 40 kg, Carol proved to be the most unlikely candidate for a game like touch rugby.

But small as she was, she soon discovered one thing - she could dodge well, and that soon turned out to be her biggest competitive advantage. And dodge the pint-sized girl was certainly did, playing link or winger at the sides, often darting between her bigger and stronger opponents, to score goals.

And the life's lesson that she learnt is this: “In any game that you play, there will always be a position for you. And in any life situation you are in, there will always be something in it that you can turn into your advantage.”

The same openness and desire to connect with people and things around her has seen this exceptional girl through her volunteer work with Fei Yue Family Service Centre.

“Once, Fei Yue asked me, an economics, helped prepare her securities and monetary management, and the electives gave her a broader understanding of strategic management, and the electives that she took such as equity, securities and monetary economics, helped prepare her better for the working world. As a Keppel Group scholarship holder bonded to Keppel TatLee Bank, Carol went through a comprehensive internship programme. In Oct 2002, the bank wrote to her to say that they had released her bond. For someone who had been so conditioned to working in a bank, the “freedom” thrust upon her actually brought about a period of intense soul-searching. Carol ran through her greatest strengths - an ability to connect with people and things around her, communicative, enterprising, adventurous. Having interned in the bank before, she knew one thing for sure - she wants to explore the world beyond an office environment.

“In a bank, most customers I saw were either “walk-ins” or “referrals” from somewhere else. And in a closed office environment of structured cubicles and clearly demarcated boundaries, I can’t see myself being motivated enough to seek people out,” says this genial and outgoing girl.

Carol’s ambition is to professionalise the financial planning industry, to bring it up to the level accorded to an accountant or doctor. Her motivation is pure and simple - to uplift the standard of living of her family, which, though not wealthy, has provided her with much unconditional support, love and warmth.

“It is also because I have experienced real joy and support from my parents that I went into financial planning. The flexibility that comes with the job will give me time to raise my own family in future, and give my own children the comfort and closeness that I always found in mine.”

Life’s little surprises have a nice way of making things turn out well for Carol.

The spirit of this exceptional girl will certainly endure.
Nanyang Technological University held its twelfth convocation from 8th to 12th September 2003, Monday to Friday at the Nanyang Auditorium in NTU. A total of 5,411 graduates, inclusive of 4,154 first degree graduates, received their degrees at the ten convocation ceremonies this year.

NTU Chancellor President S R Nathan presided at the first convocation ceremony on the morning of 8th September, Monday. NTU President, Dr Su Guaning, spoke at the first ceremony.

During the first ceremony on 8th September, Monday, the university council conferred the degree of Doctor of Letters to Mr Tan Swie Hian, a renowned local artist and a graduate from Nanyang University (Nantah), has contributed significantly to the development of art and culture in Singapore. For the first time, after a long journey of 35 years, the outstanding artist returned to NTU, and was honoured as an Honorary Graduate. He is the sixth recipient to receive the degree of Doctor of Letters from NTU.
Tan Swie Hian, the most celebrated multidisciplinary artist of Singapore was born on 5 May 1943 in a fishing village in Sumatra, Indonesia. He migrated to Singapore at a very young age. Swie Hian completed his tertiary education at Nanyang University, Singapore, where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Modern Languages and Literature.

Swie Hian has received much international honorable recognition for the works he has done. Most recently, he was conferred the prestigious Crystal Award 2003 by the World Economic Forum for his outstanding artistic achievement and contribution to cross-cultural understanding.

Swie Hian has also been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during the 2003 National Day Awards.

The proud graduates of 2003.

NTU President, Dr Su Guaning, making his speech during the first ceremony at NTU Convocation 2003.

Tan Swie Hian receiving his honorary doctorate degree from President S R Nathan.

Dr Su with distinguished guests.
Tan Swie Hian was born in 1943 in a fishing village in Sumatra, Indonesia, a son of illiterate parents. Few could have imagined what he would achieve in the next 60 years. He moved to Singapore at a young age, and studied at Hwa Min Primary School (華民小學) and the Chinese High (華平中學), where he was known as a rebellious youth. In 1968, he graduated from Nanyang University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Modern Languages and Literature. Those were turbulent years at the Yunnan Garden, but Tan Swie Hian found it an inspiring environment for reading, thinking, and creative work. His literary and artistic talents bloomed and flourished, gaining recognition on and off campus. Upon graduation, he published his first collection of poetry, The Giant. In the next 35 years, 35 titles—both monographs and books—would follow.

As much as he excels in literary work, including poetry, novels, fables, literary critiques, and translations, Mr. Tan’s greatest contribution has been in the arena of art. His work has been exhibited worldwide, including 16 solo art exhibitions since his first in 1973. A self-taught artist, he does not limit himself to any single mode of artistic expression. His art appears in multiple media, straddling and fusing painting, sculpture, printmaking, calligraphy and seal-carving. He has also collaborated with choreographers, dancers and dramatists in numerous performances, and is a stage and costume designer. He has this to say of the varied forms of his creative work. “Everything starts with a vision of the world, a global vision. I have ideas and images in my mind. They materialize according to their specific aspects. Actually, they fall into places by themselves: some become poems, others become paintings or sculptures.” For his artistic and literary achievements, Mr. Tan has won many awards and honours. In 1979, at the age of 36, he was awarded the French Knighthood of the Order of Arts and Letters. In 1987, the Singapore government awarded him the Cultural Medallion. In the same year, he was elected as a correspondent-fellow of the most ancient artistic institution in the world, the Academy of Fine Arts of the Institute of France. He is still the only Southeast Asian artist to have been granted this honour. In 1998, he won the Marin Sorensou International Poetry Prize from Romania. In the same year, he was selected by the United Nations, together with 97 other established artists from all over the world, to illustrate a new edition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to mark the 50th Anniversary of its adoption by the world body. In 2000, his essay and calligraphy to celebrate the birthday of the legendary Yellow Emperor was inscribed on a boulder and erected in the Imperial Mausoleum in Shaanxi, a sacred site of utmost symbolic significance for the Chinese. In 2002, he won the Seoul International Calligraphy Gold Medal in a calligraphy exhibition to mark the Korea–Japan World Cup. Earlier this year, this outstanding Singaporean was awarded the World Economic Forum’s Crystal Award 2003, an honour for “exceptional people who have made a real difference in the world of the arts and have reached out to other cultures.” And just last month in August, he was conferred the Mentorious Service Medal by the President of Singapore.

The literary and artistic work of Swie Hian is deeply rooted in Chinese language and culture, from which he reaches out and interacts with the civilizations of India, Southeast Asia and the Western world. His creative work has synthesized the art and philosophy of both the East and the West, and bears a distinctive signature of universal humanism. Going beyond national and cultural boundaries, Swie Hian has developed a style that refuses to be defined. It breaks down all forms and conventions. His work speaks a universal language with a message for all. “I create to show how a free mind functions.” He explains, “To me, it is like a hummingbird flying forwards, backwards, sideways, as it soars, swoops or remains stationary in the air. Art could be the rainbow that leads to the ultimate great white light of man and universe.” A global humanist, Swie Hian sees the world and all human beings as one. This is best expressed by an excerpt from a poem titled “The Celestial Web.” In every mesh of this celestial web Is a radiant pearl O the twinkling and glittering pearl In your inner light is found a yellow man O the wrinkling and glittering pearl A white man is found in your inner light O the wrinkling and glittering pearl In the inner light is found a black man O the twinkling and...
A brown man is found in your inner light
The pearls are all in a pearl
The brown men the black men the white men the yellow men
Are all in a pearl
Slowly, slowly
The whole immense web is orbiting slowly.

Today, we welcome this outstanding son of Nantah back to the Yunnan Garden, his first homecoming since he graduated in 1978. It's been a long journey of 35 years, and he has soared high and far, artistically and spiritually. The homecoming of this "self-exiled Gypsy", as he once called himself, symbolizes the bridging of the gap between the old Nantah and NTU, which inherited both its name and the campus. The return of this grand master of arts and humanities also signals the next phase of NTU development, as it moves to become a comprehensive university by 2005. May the Gypsy find his home back in the Yunnan Garden, bringing with him the fresh air of creativity and humanism.

We honour his outstanding Singaporean, the world-class artist, a Renaissance man and a humanist.
Mr. Chancellor, may it please you to confer upon Mr. Tan Swie Hian the Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

8 September 2003
Acceptance Speech by Mr Tan Swie Hian, English translation

President S.R. Nathan, Chancellor of NTU; Dr. Su Guaning, President, NTU; ladies and gentlemen:

I am most honoured to be conferred an honorary degree of Doctors of Letters by Nanyang Technological University. It heralds NTU's dedication to the teaching of the humanities.

Science and the humanities form the pair of wings in Man's quest for Truth. Only when he is on both wings, is Man capable of having a balanced flight in the sky of knowledge. If the actuality of life could be likened to the story of Sisyphus in the Greek Mythology, life is suffering. As soon as Sisyphus rolls the rock up the hilltop, it falls back to the ground, going round and round, forever with no end. Science could create a cart for Sisyphus to lighten his labour; on the other hand, the humanities could not only explore why Man is doomed to the Sisyphean fate, but also carve designs onto the cart to beautify it, and burst into song for him, adding sentimental tenderness to his life.

Einstein said that Copernicus has radically changed Man's view of the Universe. Realizing Earth was not the centre, but merely a smaller planet, Man's wishful thinking of being the centre was shattered. Bell's theorem implies that the clearly separate parts of the Universe are at the most fundamental level closely connected; and Bohm's theory shows that at the most fundamental level, the Universe is an unbroken wholeness, which is “that-which-is”; all, including time, space and matter, are different manifestations of “that-which-is”. This is close to the parlance and idea of “One is all, all is one” expounded by Siddhartha in the Avatamsaka Sutra. Man will ultimately find his position in the Universe through the most advanced science and the most time-honoured philosophical systems.

Therefore, the world cannot afford to have Madame Currie alone without having also Coleridge. Both the scientist and the poet have made new discoveries within their respective realms of the great unknowns by intuition rather than intellect. Thus, the NTU's decision to set up the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is a far-sighted move by its President, Dr Su Guaning. He will activate the other wing of the NTU, turning it into a cradle for nurturing great poets, scholars and scientists.

I would like to thank NTU President, Dr Su Guaning for his kindness and generosity, and also to Professor and Deputy President, Lim Mong King, Associate Professor Tan Teng Kee and Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap, for their concern and encouragement.

Thank you.
News from NIE
by Public & International Relations, NIE

Honorary Doctorate for Prof Leo Tan

Professor Leo Tan (Director, NIE) was awarded honorary Doctor of Science by Loughborough University on 31 August 2003 for his distinguished contributions to Education and Science. Described by the University’s Vice Chancellor Prof David Wallace as one who “played a pivotal role in supporting the educational system in Singapore”, Prof Tan excelled as an educator, researcher and administrator. His abilities are equally acclaimed abroad by his participation on various international committees.

As an educator, Prof Tan held various teaching positions with the University of Singapore from 1973 to 1986 and now with NIE, NTU. As a researcher, his recent publications in the prestigious journal Nature and Science attest to his life long interest in Science and Science education. As an administrator, he was the Singapore Science Centre’s Director prior to his current appointment as NIE Director in 1994.

Learning Without Limits through Wireless@NIE

Wildlife@NIE is one of the most advanced networks in the world using the latest wireless local area network (WLAN) and security technologies. Staff and trainee teachers can access e-learning and enterprise broadband applications from their personal digital assistants (PDAs) and notebooks, surf the internet, enjoy video and audio streaming, communicate with one another via emails, forums, chat rooms and instant messaging securely anywhere on campus.

Wildlife@NIE transforms the entire campus into a single virtual classroom, taking learning to another level and out of the physical classroom anytime, anywhere.

For more details, please refer to http://wireless.nie.edu.sg.
Launch of Singapore’s First Biocomputational Laboratory for Education

The NIE Biocomputational Laboratory (NBL) was launched on 23 September 2003, in an effort to ramp up skills and resources in sync with Singapore’s goal to develop Life Sciences as the fourth pillar of its economy. Fully equipped to run both wet and dry laboratory activities, data production and collection, this S$2 million education facility is for both schools (teachers and students) and researchers (university and industries). This blending approach will spark off much zest and its fluid dynamic structure will be a boost for education and research.

IBM is working in partnership with NIE to advance research and discovery for Life Sciences through information technology. The Biocomputational Laboratory, the first in Singapore to integrate the wet and dry laboratories, will provide a model for other educational institutions in Singapore,” said Assoc Prof Chia Tet Fatt, Director of NTU’s Bioinformatics Research Centre and Deputy Head, Natural Sciences, NIE. With IT infrastructure supported by IBM, the Laboratory can facilitate projects on Bioinformatics for schools where algorithms and simple programming are taught for both wet and dry laboratory interfacing. Researchers and students can now conduct experiments in the wet laboratory with the findings captured immediately in the dry laboratory. The automatic transfer of findings between the laboratories eliminates manual data entry into computers for analysis, thus minimising human error. The projects, research and lessons that can be carried out in NBL are targeted towards fun and discovery where novel and cutting edge ideas are made simple for all. Some of the projects researchers and students can look forward to include human ancestry mapping of Singaporeans through deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sequencing and bioinformatics generation of our very own Singapore’s DNA tree. Others include transcriptome data collection and analyses of plants and animals through microarray and array informatics, phylogenetic studies and functional identification of unknown genes from genomic databases as well as studies into environmental and gene effects in obesity, myopia and diabetes. All of the projects are done in a teaching, learning and research atmosphere with schools, in collaboration with researchers and industrial partners.

The overall strength of NBL is clearly in the working together with schools, researchers and other institutions to forge and establish programmes to collect, establish and annotate biological databases in the area of genomic, transcriptome, phylogenetic, population health and lifestyle databases, which will be linked to NTU’s Bioinformatics Research Centre for further computational analyses.

Leaders in Education Programme Graduation Dinner 2003

A total of 28 senior educators received their Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) certificates at a graduation dinner on 22 October 2003 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Acting Minister for Education graced the occasion as Guest-of-Honour.

Administered by the National Institute of Education (NIE), the LEP is a six-month full-time training programme for talented educators selected by the Ministry of Education for principalship. The LEP is a highly intensive, executive-type programme, where participants learn from experiences in both education and industry. The programme focuses on innovation, thereby equipping future chief executives of schools with the capability to improve administration and education practice.

The theme of innovation is evident throughout the programme. This is operationalised through a major
innovation project in schools and a short industrial placement undertaken by all participants. In this manner, participants are exposed to varying ideas about leadership, other than those related to a scholastic environment.

Some interesting projects undertaken by this year’s cohort were eSpin@Northland - where students embarked on a learning journey to increase their exposure to the world of business and industry; Playground - a new model created to facilitate students to learn from one another during classroom lessons and while working on projects; Rosyth’s Online Community of Oral History - where students experienced authentic history learning by learning history from others who lived through it; and Fit for Teens: A Joint Project between Crescent Girls’ School and AWARE - where students learned to make intelligent financial decisions from financial practitioners.

The several parties to this collaborative effort include (besides NIE staff) MOE officials, steward principals who work closely with the participants, cluster superintendents as well as industry leaders.

Award Winners
Dr Ruth Wong Medal
Mdm Tan Bin Eng was awarded with this medal for the best performance in the LEP’s innovation project.

Academy of Principals Prize for Leadership Learning
Miss Tham Yoke Chun received a book prize of $100 for demonstrating the highest level of learning across the LEP.

Lee Kuan Yew Leaders in Education Programme Award
Mr Paul Chua Meng Huat received a plaque and $1,000 cash award for the best overall performance in the LEP.

Announcement
A University Homecoming: Reliving the Bukit Timah Heritage
Celebrating 75 years of the Bukit Timah Campus 1929 - 2004

The Bukit Timah campus has a long, rich academic history and educational heritage here in Singapore. Institutions that have resided on the campus include Raffles College (1929 - 1949), the University of Malaya (1949 - 1962), the University of Singapore (1962 - 1981) and the National Institute of Education (1982 - 2000). Graduates of these institutions include pioneers and prominent members of the political and business arenas from the past and present both in Singapore and Malaysia.

From 6 - 14 March 2004, the Bukit Timah campus will welcome home its alumni for a retrospective of yester-year. Former students, faculty and staff from the Bukit Timah years will be invited to gather together and relive memories from their educational years here.

This nostalgic event will be hosted by Singapore Management University, the current resident in a line of tertiary institutions that have called the Bukit Timah campus home. Do visit www.smu.edu.sg/homecoming for details and updates on the event.

A call for memories and memorabilia:
Singapore Management University is calling for stories, oral histories, photographs and memorabilia from the Bukit Timah campus years to be shared and displayed for this event.

To contribute your part of history, please contact us below (All items on loan will be returned to their owners at the conclusion of the event).

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A total of 2,392 newly qualified teachers received their NIE diplomas at the Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on 8 and 9 July 2003. It was an occasion to welcome them into the teaching profession.

The Guest-of-Honour for the ceremony was Rear-Admiral (NS) Teo Chee Hean, then Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence.

“As teachers, you will hold a unique position in the lives of the many young pupils who will come under your care. Your pupils will look to you not just for guidance in their studies but as role models on how they should lead their lives. You have been vested with the privilege of moulding the future of our nation. This is a heavy responsibility but also a deeply satisfying one,” said Rear-Admiral (NS) Teo in his address.

At the ceremony, Postgraduate Diploma in Education and other diploma certificates as well as the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) were presented. Besides honouring the achievements of deserving young educators, the OYEA served to inspire youths to take up a teaching career and be an excellent role model for the younger generation. The whole day conference allowed the two sides to exchange ideas and provided for each a clear picture of the priorities and strengths of English teaching in the two close neighbours.

The English Language and Literature Teachers’ Association of Singapore (ELLTA (S)) and their counterpart, the Malaysian English Teaching Association (MELIA), organized the trip. It was partially funded by a British Council ELTECS grant and was the first joint meeting between the two associations.

Although there are many differences between the two countries, the workshop identified areas in which each could successfully contribute ideas and experience to the other. Two areas were specifically identified: an innovative reading scheme being implemented in Malaysia, and cross-curriculum English teaching from Singapore.

A workshop similar to that held in KL is being sought with Vietnam. Through these contacts, the university plays a role in bringing together English language teachers and teacher educators’ expertise from across the region to share good practice and discuss common problems.
THE NANYANG MBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE FIRST INTAKE OF NANYANG EMBA PARTICIPANTS

By Nanyang MBA Alumni Association

On 5 October 2003 (Sunday), the MBA Alumni Association (MBAAA) hosted a dinner reception at the NTU Graduate Wing (S3.1) to welcome the first batch of Nanyang EMBA participants from Shanghai and Beijing.

This was an extremely good networking opportunity for the Nanyang MBA alumni and participants to interact with the pioneer batch of 104 EMBA participants comprising mainly CEOs, GMs and Senior Managers of key companies in China, commanding total revenue of more than RMB 2.5 billion.

The evening started with Mr Terence Chan, President of MBAAA and Mr Ng Siau Yong, Vice-President, welcoming the EMBA participants in English and Mandarin respectively. It was an honour to have a greeting message from Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Acting Minister for Education, welcoming the EMBA participants. As he was not able to make it to the reception personally, Associate Professor Choo Teck Min, Vice-Dean (MBA) read the greeting message on his behalf while Associate Professor Michael Li, Director of the EMBA translated the message into Mandarin.

"It was a great opportunity meeting up with the EMBA participants. Keep up the good work!" commented SK Chan, alumnus of 1996.

Dear Nanyang EMBA Participants,

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all the participants in this inaugural Nanyang EMBA Programme. We are delighted to have you here in Singapore. Let me congratulate you on being a part of the EMBA programme. The Nanyang MBA is already one of the top-rated MBA programmes in the region. The engagement of this group of top executives from China in the new EMBA programme can only reinforce its reputation.

I believe your two weeks in Singapore will be an intensive and exciting learning period. There will be opportunities for you to learn about the business cultures and practices in Singapore. You will also meet people from leading companies and government organisations. I hope that you will be enriched by this experience, as much the NTU EMBA programme will be enriched with your rich management experience and practical knowhow.

I wish you a fruitful stay in Singapore.

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Acting Minister for Education, Singapore

More than 100 alumni and participants turned up for the event. It was an evening of good food and interactions.

YEAR 2003 GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

A Special Invitation to ALUMNI who graduated in year 2003.

If you have studied for a bachelor degree in NTU on a full-time basis and had graduated in year 2003, then you are the ONE we are looking for.

The Office of Professional Attachments (OPA) has officially launched the annual Graduate Employment Survey on 15 October 2003. If you graduated from NTU this year, we would like to invite you to take a few minutes to share with us your job search experiences since graduation.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To make participation in this survey easier, the year 2003 Graduate Employment Survey is now available online. To participate in the survey, simply complete the questionnaire at http://www.ntu.edu.sg/opawww/ges

As a small token of our appreciation, we would be giving away a souvenir to every online participant. Alternatively, you could contact us to arrange for a printed questionnaire to be mailed to you.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Any enquiries on Graduate Employment Survey, please contact us at

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ATTACHMENTS
Tel: (65) 67904451
Fax: (65) 67925576
E-mail: ges@ntu.edu.sg

As an alumnus, we sincerely hope you will support your alma mater and participate in the survey. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires. In the meantime, if you have already participated in the survey, we want to thank you for your contributions to this important study.
我在新加坡南洋理工大学过中秋节
管理经济学硕士学位项目2003/2004级学员 马晓峰

新加坡的华人占总人口的77%，所以，国民对中华民族的传统节日中秋节格外重视，浓厚的节日气氛，丰富多彩的欢庆活动，十分热闹和民同。中秋节是富有诗意和大情味的节日。

离开节还有十天左右的时间，2005年中秋节庆祝活动很快就会到来。中秋节为国人小朋友节日，大部分家庭出游，欢度中秋，一些中要事在外地的亲朋好友，也会提前到家与家人团聚。中秋节在新加坡称为“月节”，是新加坡的传统节日，受到新加坡华裔华人的热烈欢迎。

中秋节这天，不少新加坡华人家庭会举行中秋晚会，欢聚一堂，共度佳节。晚上，新加坡华人会举行“月节”传统的“赏月”活动，欣赏明月，品尝月饼，共庆佳节。

中秋节是中国的传统节日之一，它的文化内涵丰富多彩，既有传统文化的韵味，又有现代时尚的元素。庆祝中秋节的方式因人而异，有的家庭会举行中秋晚会，有的则会举行“月节”传统的“赏月”活动，欣赏明月，品尝月饼，共庆佳节。中秋节作为中华民族的重要节日之一，也是新加坡华人的重要节日之一。它不仅是一个团圆的节日，也是一个充满文化内涵的节日，它让人们在忙碌的生活中找到了一种宁静和安宁，让人们在忙碌的生活中找到了一种幸福和快乐。
AMISTAD - MPE GRADUATION PARTY 2003

by Charles Ang Wee Lin and Velda Josef, Class of 2003

You may not have recognised them. They were in their best, literally, well groomed and dressed to celebrate the passing of a chapter in their lives. It was only a few months since they last saw each other but the feeling of meeting in one place again was exhilarating.

Excitement, anticipation, jubilation and laughter filled the ballroom as Amistad: enthusiastic students arrived with beautiful smiles, stunning attire, and of course, their digital cameras. As students chatted and exchanged best wishes and congratulatory messages, Professors were equally delighted to meet their students again. The Guest-of-Honour for the evening was the Dean of School of MPE, Professor Yue Chee Yoon, accompanied by Mrs Yue.

The chairman of the organizing committee, Mr Dag Leong, invited the Dean to give an opening speech. Using the theme Amistad, the Dean encouraged the students to keep in contact with each other, with the Professors and the school. His inspiring speech also reminded all graduates to always “thrive” in the future. As the eight-course meal was served throughout the night, the Emcee brought out laughter and applause with his wits, games and staging of the (MPE2 “Most Popular Engineer” of MPE pageant contest.

The crowd was drawn into further excitement when the Emcee announced the lucky winner of the top three prizes. The Alumni and Endowment Office and five Professors sponsored a total of twenty-one lucky draw prizes. These prizes were given away to the lucky winners by Mr Ashley Kok (from Cooper Cameron, which sponsored our door gifts), Mr Andrew Tan (President, MPE Graduate Club), Mr Eddy Seet (Director, Alumni and Endowment Office) and Prof Yue. The grand prizewinner walked away with a Pioneer home entertainment system. The Alumni and Endowment Office and five Professors also sponsored a total of twenty-one lucky draw prizes. These prizes were given away to the lucky winners by Mr Ashley Kok (from Cooper Cameron, which sponsored our door gifts).

As students chatted and exchanged contact details. It was a beautiful night with the true essence of Amistad. As the eight-course meal was served throughout the night, the Emcee brought up laughter and applause with his wits, games and staging of the (MPE2 “Most Popular Engineer” of MPE pageant contest.

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EEE GRADUATES’ EVENING

The EEE graduation dinner took place on Oct 4th 2003 at the Orchard Hotel. Graduates, the alumni and staff attended the dinner. Most of them had not met each other for months. People exchanged their contacts, chatted away, and took out their cameras while waiting to enter the ballroom. More than 500 people turned up for this event where they were able to catch up with the old times and enjoy a sumptuous dinner as well. The Dean of EEE, Professor Er Meng Hwa was invited up the stage to deliver a speech. The president of the EEE Alumni Association, Mr Inderjit Singh also went up and he thanked Professor Er for his continued support in the alumni association.

The evening also marked the launch of the third publication of the EEE year book. The EEE graduate employment survey 2003 was also presented to everyone. This was followed by the colour awards presentation. These awards are presented to students who were outstanding in their studies as well as extra curricular activities.

The humorous emcee entertained the crowd with his jokes, making sure that the crowd did not get bored. Throughout the dinner, he played games with the audience. Gifts and vouchers were given away to reward the audience for their participation. People were called up the stage to play games, and even Prof Er was not spared. It is not everyday that you can see Prof Er doing a catwalk. He even sang a song.

One of the more interesting games was one which required everyone on the same table to cooperate. Each table had to produce 10 items named by the emcee. The 10th item even required a member from each table to invite a foreign tourist to be present on stage. Everyone played along enthusiastically and this game made people interact with one another. The food was served throughout the night while the emcee brought more joy and laughter to the audience. One of the highlights was the lucky draw as many attractive prizes were given out.

Finally, the night ended with a toast proposed by lecturers and the alumni to all the graduates and wished them all the best. Everyone left in high spirits and this dinner was definitely a successful one as it served the purpose of reuniting the EEE graduates, letting them feel a sense of belonging in NTU.

A toast for prosperity!
Cee Graduates’ Dinner 2005

Just a few weeks after the
convocation ceremony at the
Nanyang Auditorium where
249 CEE graduates received
t heir degree from the
University, they met again at
the annual CEE Graduates’
dinner on 19 September
2003. CEE has kept this
t radition of getting together
to congratulate those who
have graduated for many
years now and this year too,
we met at the NTU Alumni
Club. The civil engineering
industry has been labeled by
many as the sunset industry
but the 100 odd graduates
who were present certainly
did not feel the same way. In
fact, one of them cleverly
quipped, “When the sun sets
in one place, the same sun
ris es in another part of the
world, it is a matter of taking
opportunity as it comes”. This
diversity and
versatility was echoed by the
Dean, Prof Cheong Hwee Kiat,
who pointed out in his
friendly welcome speech that
in a fresh survey of new
graduates, CEE graduates
had one of the highest
employment rates. This was
certainly met with boisterous
hoorays, loud laughter and
ear-shattering applause. We
applauded particularly the
‘never-say-die’ attitude that
has become the hallmark of
the CEE graduates. Everyone ate, drank and
made merry. After about 15
minutes of coyness, no
matter how impressive their
professional appointments
were- some are design
e ngineers with large
consultant firms, some are
officers in the SAF who
command hundreds of man;
some are highly paid civil
servants- everyone reverted
to the undergraduate he or
she once was.

Ms Lee Bee Wah,
President of the Nanyang
CEE Alumni Association also
took the opportunity to
courage the graduates to
sign up to be members of
the CEE Alumni Association.
Dangling incentives like $20
subscription discount and
promoting events they
organize such as site visits,
golf tournaments and wine
appreciation sessions, it was
certainly hard to resist and
many signed up as members
on the spot.
The night of merry-
making went on and on with
good food, constant flow of
beer and wine from the bar
and lots of chatter and
banter. The annual
graduates’ dinner is indeed
memorable and as A/P Lok
Tat Seng pointed out “This is
a tradition for which CEE is
very proud of - the annual
Graduation Dinner is an
 event on our social calendar
each year we try to be as
grand and memorable as the
last.”

The night could not have
been made possible without
the kind contribution of the
Alumni and Endowment
Office and sponsorship from
Mr Tan Siew Song from
Trimble Navigation
Singapore for the wonderful
door gifts (a mug with a
lovely logo of CEE and year
of graduation) and the time
and effort put in by the
organizing committee.

Though people felt sad to
depart, there was always the
promise of meeting up again
soon!

SME Graduates’
Evening for Class of 2003

Saturday evening,
September 20, at the
Peninsula Excelsior Court
Hotel was special. It was
Graduates’ Evening,
organized by School of
Materials Engineering
together with the newly
formed School of Materials
Engineering Alumni
Association (SMEA), and
generously supported by the
Alumni Endowment Office,
NTU.
The highlights of the
evening were the speech by
the Dean of SME, Prof Fong
Hock Sun, and a cheque
presentation of $1,000.00 to
the SMEAA from the
academic staff of SME.
The Graduates’ Evening
was an event for the School
of Materials Engineering
(SME) graduates Class of ‘03
to spend time with their
peers and classmates. It was
also an occasion for the new
graduates to mingle with
their professors and
academic staff, who guided
and supported them
through the four years at
university. The graduates
had great fun with games
and a lucky draw. Prizes
included a DVD player, a
digital camera, and a mini
hi-fi system, which were
generously donated by
Ashokan Ramakrishnan and
Ting Chee Kheong of
SMEA. The evening also
gave the graduating batch
the opportunity to take
many memorable
photographs with their
classmates and friends.

One of the main
objectives of the SMEAA is
to forge lasting bonds
between the alumni, the
School, and the students. It
is heartening to note that
many graduates signed up
as members of the newly
formed alumni association
during the evening.

The Graduates Evening is
the first of many events that
SMEA has in store.
Upcoming events include - A
Visit to a Toastmasters Club,
Alumni Day celebrations,
Wine Appreciation
workshops, Career workshop
for the Final Year Students
and an event in support of
the community. A website
has been created at
http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sme2/
/alumni/index.htm.
The 4th NTU CEE Alumni Charity Golf Tournament was successfully held at the Raffles Country Club on 14 October 2003. There were more than 125 participants for the event and the Guest of Honour was Professor Su Guaning, President of NTU. The proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund bursaries for needy NTU CEE undergraduates. We would like to thank the many sponsors and participants for their generous support that make this event possible. For those who missed the fun, don’t forget to make a date with us at the next event!

SCUBA DIVING TRYOUTS
The tryout held on Sunday, 5 October 2003 was organised by MPE Graduates’ Club for all alumni association members, graduates, staff and students of the five engineering schools. A mixed group of students, staff, alumni and their spouses was given an introductory lesson on scuba diving by 3 Mako Sub-Aquatics staff and Vincent Chan who is also an ExCo member of the Club. The participants donned all the essential equipment - almost except for the wet suit. Carrying air tanks on their backs, each participant was led by an instructor under water in the pool of NTU Sports and Recreation Centre. They were taught safety procedures, equalisation techniques and hand signals to communicate underwater. All participants spent about 15 minutes each under water and enjoyed it so much that they were reluctant to resurface and wished they were doing it in the deep sea. Some of them are now contemplating the next step, that is, going for full scuba diving lessons and heading for the sea.

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- VSL Singapore Pte Ltd
- Willy Insurance Brokers
- Yeoh Boon Kang & Party
- YJ International Pte Ltd
- Zap Piling Pte Ltd
- Pteuk Asia Pte Ltd

News Round-up
Upcoming events
Watch out for our coming 12 December 2003 “CEE Alumni Re-Union and Xmas Party”. Also coming on 6 February 2004 “CEE Alumni Club Annual Dinner cum AGM”. Other Activities
- Regular “Wine Appreciation Nite” will be organized
- Coming up soon, we will introduce our “CEE MENTOR SCHEME” where we assign suitably qualified Mentors to provide guidance for our members venturing into their careers or businesses.

Get updates from our website, www.ceealumni.org.sg. Kindly update us by emailing to lbw@lbw.com.sg, if there is any changes in your personal particulars or if you have any suggestions or comments.

Winner of the Tournament, receiving his prize from Prof Su Guaning
IT'S GREAT TO BE REUNITED AGAIN!

It was a warm memorable night on 31st October 2003 for the 50 alumni from the EEE Classes of 1988, 1993 and 1998 who turned out to celebrate the anniversary occasion at Marina Mandarin. Partying through the night and enjoying the games and food specially planned for them, everyone was very thrilled to be back, meeting old friends.

The evening started off with a welcome speech by Prof Er Meng Hwa, Dean of the School of EEE. This was followed by an update on the latest developments in the teaching and research activities and professional services of the School by Assoc/Prof Tay Beng Kang, Sub-Dean of Alumni Affairs.

At about 9.30 pm, lucky draw prizes sponsored by the Association were presented, and a photographing session was also conducted. Everyone was intant on making the most of the occasion 'to catch up' after all these years. It was not until 11.00pm that with heavy hearts, we bade each other farewell and with good wishes. Indeed it was a memorable evening!

Announcement

School of MPE Graduates’ Club

NIGHT CYCLING

20 – 21 December 2003
Saturday, 9pm – Sunday, 6am

Don’t know what to do during the weekend of 20 – 21 December 2003? Then why not join us for a fun and interesting 50 km cycling trip round Singapore. An exciting route that start from East Coast Park (ECP) to the city (e.g. Suntec City, Esplanade, Orchard Road, etc.), then to Bedok Reservoir, Changi Point, Changi Airport and end at ECP to view the sunrise at the beach. It will be lots of fun and interaction.

Participants must be able to cycle at least 50km. Cost includes bicycle rental. Ready to take the challenge? Come and join us Saturday night at ECP, 9.00pm. The trip is expected to end at ECP on Sunday morning, 6.00am.

To register for the event, please visit our website, www.ntu.edu.sg/mpe/others/alumni/ to download the registration form.

For further enquiries, please contact Dr Hoon Kay Hiang at tel: 67905523 or email: mkhhoon@ntu.edu.sg.

Duration: 1 Night
Distance: About 50km
Group Size: About 20 persons
Who Can Go: Anyone who can cycle!!
Price:
- Include Bicycle Rental: $526.00 (member*)
- Non-member: $580.00
For those that bring their own bicycle:
- $52.00 (member)
- $54.00 (non-member)
Date: 20 – 21 December 2003

* Members of MPE/CEE/EEE/SCE/SME Alumni Association

MPE Alumni members, get ready for more sizzling hot events, which will be coming up next year! We are planning for the following events:
- Talk on Lean Six Sigma - January 2004
- Go-Karting - May 2004
- Snorkelling Trip - June 2004

Don’t forget to check regularly at our website at http://www.ntu.edu.sg/mpe/Others/alumni/ for more details of the upcoming events.