No, we’re not your typical graduates

Convocation 2010 valedictorians (from left) Kelvin Ng Wei Siang, Lin Junjie, Shari Chong Ying Yi, Fung Foon Yin and Vivian Koh Wei Wen
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Class of 2010, you rock!

NTU celebrates with its latest batch of graduates at the Welcome Class 2010 Alumni Party@Zouk.

The Class of 2010 is welcome into the folds of the Nanyang alumni family, which comprises more than 144,000 alumni spread across 100 countries to date.

Not only have they graduated with degrees from a reputable global university, the Class of 2010 surpassed the record for the Graduation Class Gift campaign, which supports student bursaries.

The Class’ participation rate was almost 71 per cent!

The Welcome Class 2010 Alumni Party@Zouk was graced by NTU President Dr Su Guaning. He got the party going after launching it onstage, along with four from the Class of 2010.

The four were: Dimas Harry Priawan, Winston Chow, Ahmad Mubarak Bin Amir Hamzah and Lim Jieying. They each represented the schools, namely, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Nanyang Business School and Materials Science & Engineering, respectively.

Clara Lam, who graduated from the Nanyang Business School, came to the party with six of her peers. They have been buddies since their first year. Ms Lam said: “We want to celebrate together our graduation before we embark on a new chapter in our lives.”

As many as 1,200 alumni, faculty and staff attended the party held on Saturday 7 August.
共同的经历 难得的缘分
南洋理工大学河北校友联谊会的成立，使南大与河北省的悠久关系锦上添花、更上一层楼。

“6月26日、星期六，是一个吉祥如意的日子，也是个值得留念与感怀的日子。大家都以别样的开心出席今天的盛会，共享校友重逢的喜悦。共同见证南大河北校友联谊会的成立。”这是河北校友联谊会会长宋长瑞校友感人至深的话。

2010年6月26日下午，新加坡南洋理工大学河北校友联谊会成立大会在石家庄中茂海悦酒店隆重举行。南洋理工大学校长徐冠林博士，周庆全总监，刘云华博士，陈国辉博士，陈光炎博士，李志峰博士及孙敏炎院长莅临石家庄，前来祝贺的有北京、天津、上海、山东、辽宁、江苏、云南及陕西等8个兄弟省市校友会和来自本省的近300名校友相聚省城，共叙情谊。

当天下午，河北省省委常委，宣传部长聂辰席校友及河北省人大常委会副主任宋长瑞校友在讲座开始前会见了徐校长一行人并参加由南洋理工大学亚洲研究所所长陈光炎教授所主讲的讲座会，题目为“全球金融危机及未来趋势：对中国的机遇与挑战”。在谈到“增加GDP方式从投资和出口转向国内消费驱动可以减少中国对美国，欧洲的出口依赖”时，陈光炎教授用了很恰当的比喻，他说：“现在美国是火车头，中国是车厢，如果美国对中国压力，中国就会受到一定的牵制和影响：如果经济增长方式转向国内，中国就可以从车厢变成一个火车头，可以带动自己经济增长，甚至带动亚洲国家和全世界。在这个过程中，不仅可以提高普通老百姓的消费和福利，对中国在区域甚至全世界的政治、经济和外交也会有很深远的影响。”精彩的讲座赢得校友们的阵阵掌声。讲座由校友联谊会副会长兼常务副秘书长王大为所主持。
共同的经历让我们共生亲切，难得的缘分让我们结为校友，这是一份宝贵财富。”下午6点15分，南大河北校友联谊会常务副会长兼秘书长杜金卿主持了成立大会，南大校友事务处孙敏炎主任宣布了河北校友联谊会办事机构的组成人员，徐冠林校长和宋长瑞会长分别作了热情洋溢的致辞。当宋会长从徐校长手中接过南洋理工大学校旗时，全场报以热烈的掌声！

徐冠林校长在致辞中对南大河北校友联谊会的成立表示祝贺，他说，河北校友联谊会的成立对推动南大海外校友工作具有里程碑的意义。我期待校友会能凝聚校友的力量，积极促进中新两国的友谊，也协助南大百尺竿头，更进一步。

“河北与南大牵手1995，十五年金岁月，十五年硕果纷呈。回望这些年来，我省先后有500多位同志肩负重托，从不同岗位走向新加坡这块热土，步入南大校园求学深造，用勤奋和不倦体味了知识的滋养，用互助互助建立了深厚的友情。”宋长瑞会长在致辞中倡导广大校友发扬“自强不息、力争上游”的南大精神，在各自岗位上扎实工作，为母校添光增彩，为推动河北科学发展、富民强省，促进中新友谊与合作做出积极的贡献。
The university brings its longstanding links with Hebei to the next level with the launch of the NTU Alumni Association (Hebei).

Going forward
On plans for the newly set up chapter, Mr Song highlighted in his welcome address his goal to nurture a close-knit alumni community in the province. He said: “I hope to enhance communication between alumni in Hebei and among those in other provinces, strengthen ties with NTU, and encourage alumni to take part in activities organised by the association.”

The launch was held in conjunction with a forum on ‘Global financial crisis and future trends: Challenges and opportunities for China’. Forum participants were taken up to speed on China’s economy vis-à-vis the world by speaker Professor Tan Kong Yam.

Mr Wang Dawei, Deputy Chairman-cum-Standing Deputy Secretary General of the NTU Alumni Association (Hebei), chaired the forum.

The two-in-one event was held on 26 June, at Zhongmao Haiyue Hotel.
NTU adds Tianjin to its growing number of overseas chapters in China.

The NTU Alumni Association (NTUAA) (Tianjin) joins 15 other overseas chapters already set up in China. They are in Beijing, Chongqing, Fujian, Guangdong, Hong Kong SAR, Hubei, Hunan, Jilin, Liaoning, Shanghai, Sichuan, Shandong, Yunnan and Zhejiang.

NTU plans to form more of these alumni chapters by the end of the year in Guangxi, Shanxi, Jiangxi, Henan and Heilongjiang.

Besides China, NTU’s alumni chapter has also found its way to India, Indonesia, Thailand, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Deepening of ties

NTU President Dr Su Guaning flew to Tianjin to officiate the launch, as well as to connect with alumni there.

In his opening address, Dr Su said: “Great changes have taken place in Tianjin, the biggest coastal city in northern China to open up in the last 30 years. Through our connections in Tianjin, we hope to explore and open up even more opportunities for NTU to grow within China.”

The launch of the NTUAA (Tianjin) was also graced by Singapore’s Ambassador to China, BG Chin Siat Yoon, along with representatives from Beijing, Guangdong, Hunan, Jiangsu, Liaoning and Shandong.

Helming the NTUAA (Tianjin) is Mr Zhang Weili who had previously attended the Executive MBA programme at the Nanyang Business School. Mr Zhang is also the President of the Nankai University Yungong Group.

So, what were the president’s plans and directions for the association? Mr Zhang said: “I shall work hand in hand with the committee members to foster communication, maintain close ties with each other and our alma mater, and fulfil our duties to keep the Nanyang spirit strong here in Tianjin. We hope to do NTU proud with our achievements!”

Indeed, the day the NTUAA (Tianjin) was launched will remain an unforgettable one for NTU alumni based in Tianjin. A committee member of the association, Mr Dewin Wang Di (NTC/Class of 2007), summed it up aptly when he said: “I believe the alumni living and working in Tianjin will always be proud of the continual developments of our alma mater.”

The launch was held on 31 May, at Tianjin’s Hotel Nikko.
南大校友会又添新成员

新成立的南大天津校友会继续为南大中国校友家族壮大发展。

5月31日晚，新加坡南洋理工大学在天津市举行了天津校友会成立大会。新加坡驻中国大使陈雯荣将，南洋理工大学校长徐冠林博士和其他校方领导、师生代表前往天津并向天津的校友们表示祝贺。

在成立仪式伊始，天津校友会张伟力会长发表了热情洋溢的讲话。他代表所有在津校友向徐校长一行人的到来表示了热烈的欢迎，并向各位贵宾介绍了天津近几年的发展，尤其是在国务院批复《天津滨海新区综合配套改革试验金融创新专项方案》之后，天津已经成为中国最具有强劲的经济体增长潜力地区。而“中新生态城”这个中国和新加坡两国政府选择的战略性合作项目，更是将天津与新加坡紧密的结合在一起。张会长表示，他们作为新加坡南洋理工大学的毕业生，为自己的城市和新加坡能有如此双赢的发展机会而感到高兴。天津校友会将用自己的实际行动为天津和新加坡的友好合作尽绵薄之力。

接着，徐冠林校长向天津的校友们通报了母校近年来在教学、科研和人才培养等方面的发展和变化，特别是南洋理工大学别具特色的六项以中文授课的硕士课程，以及正在酝酿中的2015年战略计划和5个重点发展方向，即：实现地球可持续性发展；新媒体科技；医药科技和保健模式；新丝绸之路和创建亚洲大学的创业创新模式。徐校长说：“校友们对母校的关怀与帮助，是我们在新世纪力争上游的巨大动力。我们欢迎天津的校友们，重返南大校园参与校友活动，并支持其他有益于学校发展的活动和项目。南大的办学实力与持久发展离不开校友的热心支持。” 徐校长的讲话赢得了校友们阵阵热烈的掌声。

随后，大家观赏了南洋理工大学最近的介绍短片以及校友事物处制作的校
友活动简介。优美的风景，动人的画面将校友们带回到了那个青葱翠绿的美丽校园；勾起了校友们对自己留学生涯的美好回忆。

南洋理工大学校友事务处的孙敏炎主任上台为在座嘉宾介绍了南洋理工大学天津校友会本届理事会的理事。随后，徐冠林博士上台主持此次校友会的成立仪式。他和陈燮荣大使共同揭开“南洋理工大学天津校友会成立仪式”的牌匾，并将新加坡南洋理工大学学校旗授予了张武力会长，表示母校对天津校友会的认可和支持，同时也宣告南洋理工大学天津校友会正式成立。此后，校友和天津校友会互赠礼品。而天津校友会也向莅临的新加坡驻华大使赠送了礼物。

目前，南大校友人数已经超过1万5千名，遍布中国各个省、市、特别行政区和自治区。而南大天津校友会是南大在中国设立的第16个校友会，也是南大全球校友网络的第22个校友组织。成立仪式当晚，活跃于天津市教育、金融、市政等各行业的150余位校友和南大在中国各个省市的校友会代表也参加了成立大会。天津大学、南开大学、北京大学、清华大学等校友会也发来贺信表示祝贺。

南大天津校友会理事王迪先生（南洋创业中心2007年校友）恰如其分地总结说：“2010年5月31日是在天津的南洋理工大学校友终身难忘的日子。在徐冠林校长的主持下，南大天津校友会正式成立了。在母校生活学习的日子让人怀念，母校日新月异的发展进步更让在津校友感到骄傲和自豪。非常感谢南大校友事务处为天津校友会成立所付出的辛勤努力，感谢孙敏炎主任不辞辛苦的奔波筹备。作为理事会的一员，我将努力为天津校友会的明天贡献自己的一份力量。心系南大，情牵南大，感恩南大。”
alumni homecoming
23 & 24 October 2010

Guest-of-Honour 大会贵宾
Dr Ng Eng Hen
Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence
教育部部长兼国防部第二部长黄永宏医生

Saturday, 23 October 2010
Alumni Forum @ School of Biological Sciences, NTU
校友论坛（南大生物科学院）

3.00pm    Arrival of alumni and guests 校友与来宾莅临

3.15pm    (1) Alumni Forum: “Parenting Challenges of Today - Be a Friend or a Parent to your Teenagers?”

(2) 华语论坛《更灵活的人民币汇率政策，是利还是弊？》

5.00pm    End of Forum 论坛结束

*Please choose either Forum 1 or 2
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*Subject to change from organisers
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Saturday, 23 October 2010
NTU Alumni Night @ Nanyang Auditorium, NTU
南大校友之夜（南洋大礼堂）

5.00pm  Arrival of Alumni 校友莅临
        Campus Tour 校园游览
        Cocktail Reception 茶点招待

6.00pm  Arrival of Guests 来宾莅临

6.50pm  Alumni and Guests to be seated in Nanyang Auditorium 校友与来宾就座

7.10pm  Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
        Dr Ng Eng Hen
        Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence
        大会贵宾，教育部长兼国防部第二部长黄永宏先生莅临

7.20pm  Welcome Address by Dr Su Guanning, NTU President
        南大校长徐冠林博士致欢迎词
        Speech by Minister Ng
        黄永宏部长致辞
        Presentation of Nanyang Alumni Awards “南洋校友奖”颁奖典礼
        Cultural Performance 文艺表演

8.30pm  Buffet Dinner 自助晚餐

9.30pm  End of Event 聚会结束

Sunday, 24 October 2010
NTU Alumni Sports Competition @ NTU Sports & Recreation Centre
南大校友体育竞赛（南大体育与休闲中心）

9.00am  Arrival of guests and participants 嘉宾与参赛者莅临

9.30am  Commencement of Sports and Games 各项比赛开始
        • 3-on-3 Basketball (Men / Women) 三人制篮球（男子/女子）
        • Badminton (Men / Women Doubles) 羽毛球赛（男子/女子双打）
        • Table Tennis (Men / Women Doubles) 乒乓球赛（男子/女子双打）
        • Tennis (Men / Women Doubles) 网球赛（男子/女子双打）
        • 5-a-side Soccer (Men) 五人制足球（男子）

12.30pm Prize Presentation 颁奖礼
        Buffet Lunch Reception 自由午餐

1.30pm  End of Event 活动结束
May was set aside for members of the NTU community to come and play with their family in the company of feathered friends.

As many as 720 showed up with family members, bright and early, at Jurong Bird Park, where the NTU Alumni Family Day was held.

One nucleus family in particular – Chua Joo Hiang (Commerce/Class of 1976) and her husband Lim Choo Guan (Science/Class of 1974), along with their children who are currently studying at NTU – spent precious, quality time with one another.

Mdm Chua said: “As the four of us are linked to the same university, we feel a sense of belonging. So, we had to come. Besides, the NTU Alumni Family Day also gives us a chance to spend more time together as a family, which we don’t sometime get to do, caught up as we are in day-to-day goings-on.”

The Lim family like the other families there strolled along the park, catching sight of birds of different species and fascinating colours. They also watched majestic eagles, hawks and falcons swooping in serial loops and soaring above treetops.

**Family ties**

NTU President Dr Su Guaning, Professor Er Meng Hwa, Senior Associate Provost, Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Chief University Advancement Officer and Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs, also graced the event in celebration of family ties.

In his welcome speech, Dr Su said: “As alumni of this university, you are part of
the NTU family...This event (NTU Alumni Family Day) is a celebration of family ties and the bonds that hold a community together.”

The NTU Alumni Family Day 2010 was organised by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office.

Parents and children were able to share the same fun, as the organiser had planned something for everyone, observed alumnus James Ong (SCE/Class of 2007). Mr Ong came with members of his extended family – his girlfriend and business partner.

Carnival magic
Members of the NTU community did not just spend the day enjoying what the Jurong Bird Park had to offer.

They were treated to stage performances like magic show, games, modern jazz dance, as well as a lucky draw.

A Japanese Tenko Drum performance kicked off the event and lifted spirits with its upbeat tempo. There were also carnival-like game stalls, with plenty of treats for all like popcorn, candy floss and potong ice-cream.

Alumnus Tan Leong Gee (CSE/Class of 1989) who came with his wife and son enjoyed the day from start to end.

Mr Tan enthused: “My son couldn’t stop talking about the game stalls, art workshop, magic show and competing with other kids onstage to say ‘NTUuuuuuuu!’ We all had a ball!”
欢庆南大校友家庭日
南洋理工大学校友、学生和教职员们集聚到裕廊飞禽公园里欢庆2010年南大校友家庭日。

今年5月22日对南大校友们是个特别的日子，他们一早就携家人一起来到裕廊飞禽公园，愉快地度过这一天。共有720多位校友及其家人参加了2010年南大校友家庭日。

南洋大学商学院1976年毕业的蔡裕香校友和她的丈夫、南洋大学理学院1974年毕业的林志任校友以及他们的两个目前还在南大学习的孩子——也来到飞禽公园共同度过这个美好的家庭日。

蔡裕香校友说：“由于我们一家四口都在同一所大学读书，因此我们都有强烈的归属感。另外，这个活动也给了我们一个家庭团聚的机会，因为我们每天忙碌工作，很少有机会团聚。”

她们一家人和其他校友家庭成员们一样，在飞禽公园里悠闲地漫步，欣赏着品种各异、色彩鲜艳的鸟类；他们看到雄鹰、老隼、猎鹰等巨型鸟类在空中翩翩翱翔、俯冲猛扑、腾空飞到树顶的雄姿。

家庭凝聚力
南大校长徐冠林博士、副校长余明华教授、大学事务总管总监周庆全先生、校友事务处主任孙敏炎先生等嘉宾出席了家庭日，对成功举办这个能促进家庭凝聚力的活动表示欣慰。

徐校长在致欢迎词时说：“你们作为这所大学的校友，就是南大家庭的一份子……这项活动歌颂了把大学社群融合在一起的家庭联系与凝聚力。”

嘉年华魔术表演
南大大家庭的成员们不仅在飞禽公园里欣赏了各类美丽的鸟儿，他们还观赏了精彩的魔术、各式各样的节目表演并参加了有趣的互动游戏。

作为开场戏的日本天鼓表演使大家的精神一下子振奋起来。紧接着，现代爵士舞蹈、魔术表演也精彩纷呈，互动游戏、幸运抽奖等活动更让他们尽情地享受其中。其中最令人难忘的是小朋友们拉长音喊“南大……”的比赛，能够以最大的声音和持续最短的时间喊出“南大”的儿童赢得让他们心仪奖品。

此外，还有专门供大小参加的户外竞技游戏、嘉年华游戏摊。游乐其间享用着香甜可口的爆米花、棉花糖和冰淇淋，真是悠哉闲哉。

南大土木与结构工程学院1989年毕业的陈良义校友与妻子和儿子一起参加了这个家庭日活动，自始至终都玩得特别愉快。他说：“我们离开时，这些精彩纷呈的游戏场、艺术工作坊、魔术表演、高喊‘南大……’的比赛等等令我儿子赞不绝口。这次活动真让我们回味无穷！”
NTU Class of 1985
25th Anniversary Reunion

Calling all Class of ’85 graduates!

It has been 25 years since your graduation, and now’s the time to celebrate your anniversary reunion in style!

Come together with your fellow classmates for some fun and a night of revelry.

Your lecturers will also be attending, so don’t miss this chance to meet up with old friends and rekindle memories of yesteryear.

NTU CLASS OF 1985
25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION
Friday, 29 October 2010, 7pm
Sheraton Towers, Singapore

For more information and to register, please click to www.ntu.edu.sg/class85
南洋大学经济系1974年毕业生戴文雪校友出席了纪念南洋大学创校55周年的晚宴。在接受采访时他说，觉得仿佛回到一个温馨的大家庭。他说这种气氛让他感觉很熟悉：“我们可能不是来自同一个系或同届，但是我觉得到大家都有一种岁月所不能磨掉的亲切感。我认为这是我们（南洋大学校友）和当代的南洋理工大学校友不同的地方。”

他们属于55年前团结一致、万众一心努力创建南洋大学的那一代校友。当年东南亚的华人社会从各个角落到三轮车夫，以众志成城的决心创建东南亚第一所华文大学，他们就是当年先锋队中的一员。正因为这样，这些校友们才得以在以华语授课的本地高等教育学院继续深造。

这场晚宴是南洋大学毕业生协会所主办的，出席聚会的校友多达880位，戴文雪校友是其中的一位。

共同的命运

南洋大学毕业生协会会长谢万森校友针对南洋大学校友的凝聚力发表讲话时说：“由于南大校友与母校有着共同的命运，因此，校友们之间的凝聚力很强。不论他们在什么地方，哪一个行业，地位的高低，都珍惜同窗的友谊，有文化的自尊。”

自然，岁月流逝，沧海桑田，有些校友已是白发苍苍，带着子女甚至孙子孙女出席晚宴，有的还坐着轮椅或者拄着拐杖前来赴宴。

南洋大学毕业生协会为了让这些南大校友们有机会重聚，决定安排每5年在新加坡举行一次聚会。

和蔼融洽的大家庭

南洋大学校友团聚一堂，像一个大家庭一样共庆母校创立55周年。
这场由该协会主办的晚宴是于5月29日在新达城国际会议展览中心宴会厅举行。

南大精神代代相传
南洋理工大学校长徐冠林博士也前来与南大校友们一起庆祝南洋大学创校55周年。他作为晚宴的主宾发表讲话说：“令人鼓舞的是，南大三度师生的背景虽然不同，但是自强不息的精神仍旧存在，使南大得以继续茁壮成长。”徐校长所说的“三代”，是指南洋理工大学、南洋理工学院和南洋大学。

徐校长接着说：“五年前，在南洋理工学院庆祝校庆50周年的时候，大会贵宾李显龙总理在讲话中，肯定了南大精神和南大毕业生对新加坡所作出的贡献，并认为自强不息的南大精神应当存在于整个社会之中。”

出席晚宴的校友来自各地，最远的是来自纽西兰。徐校长为聚会的圆满成功感谢主办者，并向大家敬酒祝贺。

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蔡文军
南洋大学经济系1974年毕业生校友
We are family
Generations of alumni reunite at the 55th Nanyang University Anniversary Graduates Dinner.

When alumnus Tay Boon Suat (Commerce/Class of 1974) attended the 55th Nanyang University Anniversary Graduates Dinner, he felt as though he had walked into the embrace of a close-knit family.

Warming up to that familiar familial feel, Mr Tay said: “We may not share the same course or class, yet I sense we all had a certain closeness that the years couldn’t erase. I believe this sets us (Nanyang University alumni) apart from today’s generation of NTU alumni. I must say I don’t sense in the young that level of affinity we seemed to have.”

Mr Tay, after all, belongs to that generation of alumni who were united in a common cause to build Nanyang University or Nantah 55 years ago. Along with the Chinese community in South-east Asia – from the wealthy business tycoons to the humble trishaw riders – they were the pioneers who had rallied together to set up a Chinese university in the region. This was so there would be a local university he or she could attend to continue his or her higher education in the Chinese language.

There were 880 alumni who came for the reunion dinner organised by the Association of Nanyang University Graduates.

Common destiny
On the bond that binds alumni of Nanyang University, the association president, Mr Chia Ban Seng, said: “It is the common destiny...”
shared by the alumni and their alma mater that solidifies the foundation of the strong bond among the Nantah alumni.”

Mr Chia went on to add that regardless of location, occupation, or position, Nantah alumni tend to cherish the kinship and friendship they shared as though time had stood still.

Naturally, one cannot defy the onslaught of time and age. Some alumni came to the dinner with children or even grandchildren in tow, as well as wheelchairs and walking sticks placed within arms’ length.

For the benefit of these Nantah alumni, the association has arranged for its reunion to be held in Singapore once every five years.

The night’s dinner was held on 29 May, at the ballroom of Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Nanyang spirit: Passing it on

Proud to share NTU’s 55th anniversary with Nantah alumni was NTU President, Dr Su Guaning. He was the Guest-of-Honour for the dinner reunion.

Addressing the alumni, Dr Su said: “It is heartening to note that generations of alumni are still perpetuating the everlasting Nanyang spirit, despite their diverse backgrounds.”

Dr Su toasted the organiser on the reunion’s success; local alumni as well as those from as far as New Zealand were brought home for the reunion.
He came away inspired by the four speakers at the 15th Distinguished Alumni Forum he had signed up for.

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Financial services partner Sean Ong Ming Chuan (NBS/Class of 2002) would be participating in his first marathon and wanted to learn from seasoned marathoners how to run a good race.

“I did pick up some useful tips and also found role models,” said Mr Ong, 32.

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Up to 220 alumni, students and staff thronged the Auditorium at Nanyang Executive Centre on 23 July to hear what the speakers had to share.

No route too long
The first speaker, ultra-marathoner Stephen Lim Nghee Huat (Commerce/Class of 1975),
has been challenging himself to long-distance marathons since discovering a penchant for running during his varsity days spent at the Yunnan Garden campus.

From then, Mr Lim has gone on to conquer treacherous terrains such as the 217 km Death Valley Challenge in the US and his latest adventure, the 218 km Run Round Singapore.

Being the oldest runner to have completed Run Round Singapore – five full marathons combined – the 57-year-old Mr Lim stressed the importance of having the right mindset. Mr Lim said: “We should see things as being 'mission possible'. If you view them as 'mission impossible', the negative mindset is enough to deter you from success.”

Mr Lim also constantly redefines his own limits. Set to take on a 1,000 km run, criss-crossing 25 cities in China come October, he stressed the need to ‘learn to enjoy whatever we do’.

Fellow ultra-marathoner Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE-Class of 1997), who was the forum’s second speaker, held the record for being the first to finish the 218 km Run Round Singapore. How did he push himself to the finish line? He ran, walked, limped, overcame physical and mental tortures, and even a bout of diarrhoea along the long route.

His motivation was Ultra-Marathon Man Dean Karnazes. Sharing a quote from Karnazes, Mr Yong said: “If you can't run, then walk. And if you can't walk, then crawl. Do what you have to do. Just keep moving forward and never, ever give up.”

The plucky 38-year-old Physics teacher also shared that he was sickly as a child, but competitive at heart. Rather than blame his parents for the genes he was born with, Mr Yong chose to work at tackling his 'weakness'. He decided to challenge himself to do well in areas he wasn’t strong in.

He said: “During my schooling days, I wasn’t good enough to join any sports teams. But, I thought with training, I could get somewhere. I recall taking up canoeing, where I trained seven days a week. When it came time to race though, I lost. It was then that I took up running. I realised I was able to cope with long distance. I ran my first marathon at 21 and never looked back.”

Ain't no cause big enough
Alumna Sophia Pang (NBS/Class of 1994) defied extreme environment challenges like ‘plain white vastness’, brutal winds, sub-zero temperatures and 24-hour sunlight, to become the first Singaporean woman to ski the South Pole.
Ms Pang’s strategy? “I came up with mission statements,” said the mother of three. One that was life-changing was ‘I am important’. She explained: “I realised that it is okay to put myself first sometimes and go after my own ambitions. For, it is only when you do that can you be of any good to others.”

Signing up for the Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition began with Ms Pang wanting to do something for herself. But, when her daughter quipped that it would take a miracle if she succeeded, Ms Pang became motivated by a cause bigger than herself – a desire to show her children life’s possibilities.

Ms Pang beat 80 other Singaporean women for a place in an eight-women team, representing eight Commonwealth countries. She went on to make it to the South Pole in 38 days.

NATAS Singapore Women’s Everest team member Ms Esther Tan (WKWSCI/Class of 2005), the forum’s last speaker, revealed that fear was the demon she had to fight.

She explained: “After witnessing an avalanche while our team was at the base camp, we began to have doubts. We saw helicopters arriving to pick up climbers that had changed their minds about taking on Mount Everest when they saw fellow climbers getting their life snuffed out.”

Ms Tan also recalled the body disposal form she had filled out; the reality of what she was to undertake hit home. Still, she and her team mates decided to stay to complete the task which had been six years in the making, including training and soliciting for sponsors.

On reaching the world’s highest peak, Ms Tan who hadn’t climbed a mountain before, said she drew strength from her role model, Kurt Hahn, founder of Outward Bound. She quoted: “We are better than we know; if we can only come to discover this, we may never again settle for less.”

**Stretch and be inspired**

Facilitating the Question & Answer session, Chairman Dr Michael Chia Yong Hwa, NIE’s Head of Physical Education and Sports Science, drew parallelism with what the forum speakers had shared, to life itself.

In life, Dr Chia noted, we all have our own cold corners, high places, and long routes.

Yet, what do you do when there is a thought that keeps coming back and weighing you down? A question among several posed by participants met with inspiring answers from the speakers.

Mr Lim’s advice was to expect the unexpected. Mr Yong, on the other hand, suggested holding on to the belief that a rebound is at the next corner just when you are at your lowest.
Art Peh Eng Kiat (Science/Class of 1975) met some of his classmates for the first time since graduating 35 years ago. Likewise, IT Manager Noor Hayati Ahmad (Commerce/Class of 1980) rubbed shoulders with former classmates whom she hadn’t seen since she graduated 30 years ago.

Both were from Nanyang University and among the 250 alumni and guests at the reunion of the Classes of 1975 and 1980.

The reunion was organised by alumni of the respective class and facilitated by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office. It took place on Saturday 10 July, at Nanyang Auditorium foyer.

Coming full circle
The Saturday gathering marks the reunion held for all 21 classes of the Nanyang University alumni.

The first batch to have graduated from Nanyang University is the Class of 1960 and the last, the Class of 1980.

NTU President Dr Su Guaning, Guest-of-Honour at the gathering, acknowledged that the reunion of classes would have come one full circle when the Class of 2010 laid their class plaque at the Quad during Convocation.

The Quad is a site on campus where the class plaques of the present, past and future graduating classes, are placed.

Dr Su made the remark in his welcome address delivered at the start of the Classes of 1975 and 1980 reunion.

He also assured alumni that the Nanyang Lake, which used to be their favourite haunt, would not be ‘filled up’, as plans were in the pipeline for the expansion of the lake.

The assurance made was in response to the opening remarks of Chairman Sim Siok Chye (Science/Class of 1975) and Vice Chairman Tan Yew Beng (Commerce/Class of 1980) of the Combined Reunion Organising Committee. They had shared that the Nanyang Lake was where friendship and even romance had blossomed.

Keeping up
Still, the Yunnan Garden campus where they once studied had changed.

Alumni who hadn’t been back for decades were in awe of the changes as they took them all in, whilst being ferried around on a campus tour.

Alumna Lee Yeow Khiang (Commerce/Class of 1980) said: “The campus is now so huge. During our time, there were only three major schools offering varying disciplines. It is heartening to see that NTU is keeping up with the changing times.”

So they could see more of their alma mater, Ms Lee and nine fellow alumni put up at Nanyang Executive Centre, which provides hotel accommodation on campus.

For this group of good friends, they had more than a reunion. They had a weekend of re-discovering their alma mater up close.
南大旧貌换新颜

南洋大学第16届校友和第21届校友在阔别30多年之后，回到母校与昔日同窗久别重逢，缅怀往事，重叙友情。

艺术家白英杰（理学院1975年校友）自35年前毕业于南洋大学之后，第一次见到他的一些同班同学。资讯科技经理努哈雅蒂•阿末（商学院1980年校友）也是一样。她在30年前从南大毕业之后，第一次与昔日同窗握手言欢。他们是参加南大第16届（1975年校友）35周年和第21届（1980年校友）30周年聚会的250名校友中的两位。这场与昔日同窗和老师们的聚会，在各个班级校友的组织下于今年7月10日（星期六）在南大南洋大礼堂举行，南大校友事务处对这次活动的成功举办给予大力的支持。

圆圈即将圆满

随着这场校友周年聚会的举办，校友事务处已为南洋大学第一届（1960年）至第21届（1980年）的校友都已举行毕业周年聚会。

南大校长徐冠林博士指出，当最新一届（2010年班级）的毕业生在今年在四合院放置他们的毕业班级牌匾时，通过班级周年聚会在这个圆圈放置牌匾的任务终于完成。四合院是用于放置过去、现在和将来的毕业班级牌匾的地点。

徐校长在聚会上致欢迎词时发表上述讲话，也向校友们保证，南大校友们昔日喜欢去的南大湖非但不会被“填平”，而且大学已经制定计划来扩大南大湖。他的这番话是针对聚会联合工会主席和副主席的意见的回应。联合工会主席沈淑才（理学院1975年校友）和副主席陈友明（商学院1980年校友）在周年聚会的欢迎词中强调，南大湖是校友们建立友谊和爱情的地方。

与时并进

参加聚会的校友们已经30多年未回母校，他们当天下午在参加游览校园活动时，亲眼目睹南大日新月异的变化。当看到云南园校园的巨大变化时都惊叹不已。

李瑶娟（商学院1980年校友）说：“我们参观了以前住过的宿舍，发现现在宿舍周围多了好多新邻居，有新的宿舍区，也有很多新的建筑。现在的校园很大，那个时候我们只有三个学院，现在提供各种专业。看到南大与时俱进，令人兴奋。”

为了更好地看看母校，李瑶娟和其他9位校友住宿在南洋高级培训中心。
Anniversary Reunion Celebrations

Make plans to come for your class reunion this September!

Date: Saturday, 25 September 2010
Time: 3pm to 7pm
Venue: Nanyang Auditorium Foyer, NTU
Price: $20.00 per alumnus/partner; $10 per child (3 to 12 years old)

Highlights:
- Wine appreciation
- Art of tea making
- Children’s Magic-cum-Science show
- Campus tour
- Class plaque laying ceremony
- Sumptuous high-tea

Surf by www.ntu.edu.sg/reunion for more information.

Alumni who register and attend the reunion stand a chance to win an iPad!
All-round excellence: This fresh crop of graduates will be able to put to good use their holistic educational experience, thanks to NTU’s motivation to mould students to be all-rounders.

Is NTU increasingly turning out a different crop of graduates, one may well ask. The Class of 2010, comprising all-rounders, ‘yin yang sinsehs’ and even passionate ‘troublemakers’ are among the latest breed of the university’s graduates.

Meet the five valedictorians, who are representative of the schools in NTU, and suss out their ‘A’typical factor.

Valedictorian from Convocation Ceremony 1, Ms Fung Foon Yin, 24, was one of 59 modern sinsehs and among the first batch that has graduated with a unique qualification from NTU.

Ms Fung scores on the ‘A’typical factor, for graduating from what is believed to be the first medicine degree programme in the world. She obtained a double degree – a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Sciences and a Bachelor of Medicine, majoring in the traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).

The unorthodox double degree offered for the first time by NTU is also dubbed to be as tough to get in as a medical degree programme. It can be completed over five years.
Ms Fung enthused: “My ambition has always been very simple – to be someone who can contribute positively to the society, in any possible way. While it was never my dream to be a TCM physician, my undergraduate experience, especially the final two years in Beijing, has inspired me to work towards promoting the development of TCM as a complementary medicine and play a role in improving the healthcare of people.”

For her double degree, she studied three years at NTU for the first degree, and another two years at the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine for the second.

“I remember sprinting full-speed on to catch up with the latest breakthroughs in science and technology, while building foundation in TCM basics and philosophies. This was followed by two years of acceleration across 5000-years’ worth of Chinese medical knowledge,” she shared.

She also spent 17 hours studying every day! It paid off, for she earned the Beijing Foreign Students Scholarship which gave a cash prize of RMB 15,000.

Ms Fung is now preparing for the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board examination in October – to be deemed fit to practise TCM in Singapore and be granted a licence.

Electing valedictorians

Valedictorians are elected by the graduating class, from among candidates shortlisted by the schools in consultation with the student clubs.

They are those who demonstrate excellent academic performance, leadership qualities with high level of participation in extracurricular activities, including community service. They should also have good public-speaking skills, as they are required to deliver their valedictory speech.

Pursuing his passion saw Mr Lin starting a photography school even before he graduated. While 71.7 per cent of NTU’s Class of 2010 graduates are already employed, according to the university’s preliminary survey, it is less common for them to start a business on their own before graduating. The 25-year-old is making the leap.

He said: “I started a photography school (http://phocus.com.sg) with another NTU graduate in my final year and have been teaching and photographing full-time after my exams. I’m currently exploring my childhood passion in computer programming and hope to eventually expand my business into the iPhone or iPad software development.”

It was this same passion that had fellow graduates of WKWSCI launch an online petition to air their views on the university’s initial decision to have one representative, typically, for the combined ceremony of the School of Art, Design & Media and WKWSCI. NTU listened and Mr Lin was thus Valedictorian elected.

Believing strongly that many graduates from WKWSCI do it for passion, he, in his valedictory speech, said: “I’m sure all of us knew that we aren't going to be millionaires when we signed up to study at our schools four years ago. If it’s not for money, I can only assume that we’re all here because of passion.”
All-rounder
Vivian Koh Wei Wen
Nanyang Business School (NBS)

Believing in giving, Mr Koh said: "It is by giving back can we ensure sustainability for future economic prosperity. Giving also helps in character building, moulding us into complete individuals."

The Valedictorian for NBS believes in giving back, especially to the communities that support career development.

In an overseas service-learning project in Indonesia which he was involved in, he found a new perspective to life; the project taught him valuable lessons on humility and the gift of giving.

He is susceptible to the heightened worldwide focus on corporate social responsibility and sustainability. For, he is aware that only with a secured sustainable community can corporations enjoy continued success into the future.

Mr Koh is also among the rising trend of NTU graduates who secure employment before graduating. Hired by Deloitte and Touche Financial Advisory Services, Corporate Finance, he is grateful to be able to set foot into an MNC though a fresh graduate. His work entails dealing mainly with mergers and acquisitions deals.

'Strategic' advocate Kelvin Ng Wei Siang
School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE)

"You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world," Mr Kelvin Ng Wei Siang, 24, pointed out in his valedictory speech.

During his third year at NTU, Mr Ng participated in the university’s INSTEP programme. It brought him to the Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) in the Netherlands. There, he gained exposure to alternative learning methods.

He said: “We all need to keep an open mind and I say this, from my student exchange experience at TU Delft, which is one of the most established universities for Aerospace Engineering education. The learning culture there was very different. There were minimal notes, relying instead on textbooks, with few or no tutorials.”

INSTEP, or the International Student Exchange Programme, is one of several programmes offered by NTU to develop students’ global perspectives and enrich their learning experience.

Thanks to the student exchange, he saw the possibility of furthering his studies at TU Delft. His plan fell into place when he was awarded the A*Star Pre-Graduate Scholarship. It gave him a head start to a research career, which he embarked on immediately upon graduation. He is now pursuing his PhD, at where else, but TU Delft.

Ms Chong cites her parents as being her source of inspiration. Her father has been a dedicated teacher for 30 years and her mother, a high school counsellor.

While most graduates her age would rather focus on building a career first, the 23-year-old Shari Chong Ying Yi has marriage on her mind. Her pursuit has also led her to fellow graduate Mr Jim Ho Chun Mun, an NTU graduate from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
The five valedictorians were among 8,526 students from the Class of 2010. They attended their convocation where 17 ceremonies were held over a six-day period, from 26 to 31 July.

His Excellency, President S R Nathan, who is also Chancellor of NTU, and Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence, presided at the first ceremony.

The largest graduating cohort ever, the Class of 2010 adds to NTU’s alumni strength of more than 144,000.

Look who’s joining the ranks of NTU alumni

Distinguished luminaries
This year, honorary degrees were conferred on two luminaries who have made outstanding contributions in education, research and science.

Professor Rudolph Marcus, Nobel laureate in Chemistry (1992), received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, while Professor Perry L McCarty, Silas H Palmer Professor Emeritus of Environmental Engineering and Science at Stanford University, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering.

C N Yang scholars
Also receiving their degree scrolls were the pioneer graduates from the first cohort of the C N Yang Scholars Programme. Named after Nobel Physics laureate (1957) Professor Chen Ning-Yang, the premier programme gives students a sound foundation in science, engineering and mathematics. It aims to inspire future Nobel laureates.

Koh Boon Hwee Scholars Award recipients
As many as 19 outstanding university scholars of the Class of 2010 received the Koh Boon Hwee Scholars Award from His Excellency President S R Nathan. The Award celebrates the accomplishments of well-rounded achievers, while honouring the teachers and faculty members who have inspired them.

Previously known as the University Scholars Award, the award was re-named this year in recognition of Mr Koh Boon Hwee’s personal gift of $2.5 million to the university. Together with the Singapore Government’s dollar-for-dollar matching, the gift by the Chairman of NTU’s Board of Trustees established a $5 million endowment fund that will support the award.
Valedictorians, leading the transformation

Imparting values to students is now part of the 21st century teaching competencies; a message that resonates among the valedictorians at the Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony.

The new teachers and valedictorians sang the same tune when delivering their speeches, at the National Institute of Education’s (NIE) Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony (TIC). If their learning journey is anything to go by, they will be the change many hope to see in education.

Ms Clare Yip Mingli: An educator in the art of living

“The impact we have on our students cannot be underestimated and we must resolve to make it a positive one – one that prepares our children to face the challenges of life with the right values, beliefs and attitudes…I firmly believe that there is no greater calling than to educate about the art of living,” said Ms Yip, 24.

Finding her training at NIE a calling, she sees herself as an educator of individuals and not just the subjects. Someday, she hopes to be an education psychologist.

The ladies were among the three TIC valedictorians.

NIE celebrated the graduation of a total of 1,986 newly qualified teachers. They joined the ranks of the teaching fraternity in the Singapore Education Service during the ceremony held at NTU’s Nanyang Auditorium from 13 to 15 July.

Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence presided over the first ceremony. He also presented the Outstanding Young Educators Award to three commendable teachers. They are: Miss Yuen Chai Lin from Pioneer Secondary School, Mr Samuel Lim Kok Boon from Swiss Cottage Secondary School and Mr Muhammad Fadylla Rashiman from Boon Lay Garden Primary School.
Dr Liang Wern Fook, a name iconic of Singapore’s xinyao movement, is the creator of the first ever local Mandarin musical staged here – December Rains. He speaks with NTULink about the musical and on being sought for his compositions by international artistes like Kit Chan and Andy Lau. Not so much in the spotlight though is Dr Liang’s business pursuit; the music genius runs a Chinese language enrichment centre and has two branches set up.

Certainly not raining on his parade

Dr Liang Wern Fook
Alumnus (NIE/Class of 1999)
These days, the man whose influence has been felt in Singapore’s music scene since the xinyao days in the 1980s, is focused on finding a fine balance. “Music is not my everything,” he says.

**Educating, a priority**

Now 46, Dr Liang Wern Fook has put in time and effort into his business of 13 years. He runs a Chinese language enrichment centre for students from primary and secondary schools.

He says: “I enjoy the time spent with my students, teaching and mentoring them so they can improve their command of the Chinese language.” Dr Liang set up Xue Er You Language Centre with his wife whom he met at the university.

In recent years, their Chinese language enrichment business was expanded with a bigger branch set up in Jurong West. Their first branch is also located in the Housing Development Board heartland – Yew Tee.

He explains: “I don’t believe in rushing to expand our business. Being lean is how we can be close to our students and be more in tune with their needs. After all, we are in education where credibility and standard are essential.” He adds that students taught at the Centre have been producing 100 per cent passes in their Primary School Leaving Examination for Chinese, since its set-up.

Dr Liang also teaches and mentors students in the Chinese language, literature and creative writing as Assistant Professor (Adjunct) with the Division of Chinese at NTU.

He hopes that through his teaching and works, those whose life he has touched could appreciate the beauty of the Chinese language and use it more frequently in everyday life.

**Making musical, an inspiration**

Dr Liang’s passion for education deserves applause as much as his latest musical *December Rains*, which was a box-office success.

Dr Liang shared that he had consciously written the musical – a love story – for the audience. The story set in 1950s Singapore resonates with society as well as history.

Asked where he drew his inspiration from and what his favourite musical was, Dr Liang replied, *Phantom of the Opera*.

Dr Liang took almost a year to finish putting together the storyline, scores and lyrics for *December Rains*. He had also composed some new songs for the musical along with singer-composer Jimmy Ye, a fellow collaborator.

Director Goh Boon Teck, whom he collaborated with on stage design, brought out the plots to great effects through the clever use of space, lightings, hues and nifty contraptions.

*December Rains*, starring Singapore’s international singing sensation Kit Chan, Broadway star George Chan and Singapore-Hong Kong theatre luminary Jeffrey Low, had the audience wet-eyed. It was staged in August, at the Esplanade Theatre.

**Song-writing, for expression**

To be able to move the audience is having his craft honed to perfection.

For song-writing, Dr Liang quietly observes people, listens to their stories and tries to feel their emotions.

“I wrote Watch the Sunrise with Me for Joi Chua so as to express the hardships she had faced in becoming a singer, her life journey, as well as the memory of her late mother,” he reveals.

His compositions have been well received and even sung by ‘Heavenly Kings’ and divas such as Andy Lau, Jacky Cheung and Stefanie Sun.

Both Andy Lau and Jacky Cheung had
commissioned Dr Liang to write songs for them, for instance, Every Time I Wake Up, It’s Great to be Home and She Came to My Concert. He enthuses that there is a demand for songs composed by Singapore songwriters.

“Nowadays, I have become rather selective. I pen songs and offer them to singers whom I feel are best able to convey the nuances and emotions of my works,” says Dr Liang.

A particularly iconic composition of his to date is the song Negotiations and Love, which was written in the aftermath of the Tiananmen June Fourth Incident in 1989. Recorded by Taiwanese singer Wen Zhang, the song was a hit in Singapore, Taiwan and China.

Of early days and xinyao
Dr Liang grew up in a music-loving household where the family was listening to all kinds of music from folk songs to choir performances and pop. He and his two younger siblings, as well as their parents, used to indulge in sing-along.

When he was 10 years old, he heard his neighbour playing the piano and fell in love with it. Dr Liang was keen to take up piano lessons and approached his parents to ask if he could.

Those days, learning how to play the piano and owning one, weren’t common, says Dr Liang. “Besides, I come from a very traditional family and we weren’t all that well-off either,” he adds.

Dr Liang made a bargain with his mum that he would not make music his sole career. She relented, insisting that he would have to persist with the learning and not give up willy-nilly since the family would have to scrimp and save.

Moved by her words, Dr Liang went on to attain a Grade 8 certificate although he had started piano lessons at the age he did, which was considered late.

Needless to say, Dr Liang was a natural. He even learnt by ear all kinds of tunes and found he could play the piano without any score sheets.

At 16, Dr Liang wrote his first song – A Song for You – to express his frustration for losing his inter-school debate competition. It was commercially released in 1984.

Thereafter, from 1986 to 1992 during the xinyao phase, he released five albums, some of which sold 20,000 copies. Xinyao literally means Singaporean Chinese folk songs.

Dr Liang wrote songs, as well as sang; he was among the pioneers of the xinyao movement.

“We belonged to the first generations of Singaporeans that matured with the nation. The xinyao movement is thus significant to Singapore. It is more than a musical movement; it is also cultural. It has laid the foundation for today’s SingPop,” says Dr Liang.

He was voted ‘Person Who Best Represents the Xinyao Spirit’ in a public poll conducted by COMPASS in 2003.

From columnist to essayist and poet
Dr Liang has an illustrious career not only in music. He is also an acclaimed essayist and poet.

His essay collection The Last Years of Kreta Ayer, poetry collection In Fact I am in Love with Time and short-story collection The 21 Dreams of Liang Wern Fook, have garnered critical acclaim and paved the way for Singapore’s Chinese literature.

These literary works chronicled the changes in feeling and expression in a post-modern society brought about by peer pressure and the added complexity of life.

He has at least 15 publications in various genres of creative writing and was conferred the first Young Artist Award in Literature by the National Arts Council in 1992.

A former columnist for Chinese newspaper Lianhe Zaobao, he began writing for newspapers from as young as 13 years old.

Dr Liang was voted the ‘Most Popular Writer’ by students in a poll organised by Lianhe Zaobao in 1990.

Dr Liang has left an indelible impression on the local and international music and literary scene; an influence that will continue to shape future generations to come no doubt.
他的生活充满阳光——梁文福博士访谈录

梁文福博士是新加坡新谣运动的代表人物，也是新加坡第一部长篇乐剧《雨季》的作者。他在接受《心系南洋》编辑采访时谈起他的多元创作以及教育事业。虽然他在乐坛的成就有目共睹，但他在其它领域的发展却保持低调。这位音乐才子经营的华文学习中心，在两个校址帮助新生学习华文。

写音乐剧

梁文福认为，写音乐剧的同时，梁博士的华语音乐剧《雨季》于今年8月在新加坡滨海艺术中心重演，名叫《雨季》，缔造了本地华语戏剧最高入场人次记录。这部以写情为主的音乐剧，带领观众们回顾20世纪80年代到90年代新加坡人的心路历程。

《雨季》在1996年首演，传为佳话。为了2010年的重演，梁博士几乎花了一年时间去收集故事情节，组织曲词。他也与创作歌手叶俊杰合作，为这部音乐剧谱写新歌。

导演吴文德巧妙地运用舞台空间、灯光、色彩，创造出独特唯美的舞台效果。今次《雨季》演员阵容非常强大，主角包括陈浩仪、田伟鸿、刘俊杰等知名艺人，演出赢得了热烈的掌声，也赚足了观众的热泪。

词曲感人

对一个作品来说，能感动人，才是最高的荣誉。

身为创作人，梁文福与制作人、作曲人等共同创作，体会创作的乐趣。他说：“我为梁文福书写《梁文福》，描述了她作为一个乐师的艰辛历程，以及她对将乐曲传给孩子们的信念。”

梁文福的作品深受华语乐坛的喜爱，像《梁文福》、《梁文福》、《梁文福》、《梁文福》等歌曲，都出自他手。梁文福说：“我现在较有选择性地创作歌曲，将作品留给那些适合诠释的歌手。”

梁文福的一首代表作品《情商》，写于1999年天安门事件之后。这首歌曲由知名歌手文章录制演唱，在新加坡、台湾和中国获得很大的反响。

文人作家

梁文福的创作不仅限于音乐，他也是著名的散文家、诗人、微型小说作家。

他的散文集《最后篇的牛车水》、诗歌集《其实我是在和尚猪爱恋》以及微型小说集《梁文福的21个梦》、《左手的快乐》广获好评，记载了后现代社会中人的心和人情的演变。

梁文福是《联合早报》专栏作家，他从13岁起在报章发表文章。《联合早报》于1990年举行民意调查时，学生们投票推选他为“最喜爱的作家”。迄今，他至少出版了15种各类体裁的著作，并与1992年获国家艺术理事会颁发的第一届“青年艺术家奖”（文学）。

梁文福在海内外乐坛和文坛留下了不可磨灭的印记，他的影响力无疑将继续塑造我们的未来一代。
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Y es, you can make your own ice-cream right at home without an ice-cream maker or a freezer. All you need are ice, milk, cream, flavourings, sugar and most importantly, air. And even salt! Oh, throw in a zipper storage bag, too.

First, what is the salt for, in a sweet as delightful as ice-cream?

“If you do not have an ice-cream maker at home, then without salt, you will never get ice-cream,” said Mr David Yim, the Chief Milkman at Udders, where the workshop was held.

Mr Yim, an NIE alumnus, explained that salt is crucial in lowering the freezing point of ice when mixed together.

The cool tip was one of many dished out at the Ice-cream Workshop-cum-Ice-cream Buffet, organised for the first time by the Alumni Affairs Office.

Magical ice-cream, flavourful buffet

Eager to see with their own eyes, participants added the salt-and-ice mixture in the zipper storage bag, before throwing in the mixture of cream, milk and sugar. The concoction transformed magically into frozen ice-cream, at room temperature.

And voilà, your very own DIY ice-cream.

After trying their hands at making ice-cream, participants got to indulge their sweet tooth in an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Many wasted no time in sampling the unique flavours spread out. The ’D24 Durian’ flavour was a hit! While some gushed about the ‘Snickers Mars Honeycomb Vanilla’ flavour, others swooned over the ‘ChocMarsh™’. Udders’ unique selling point is however the range of liqueur ice-cream flavours.

Alumna Christina Liew from the Class of 1995, attended the workshop with her husband, Lee Soo Khoon, also an alumnus, and their two sons. Ms Liew said: "What I loved about the workshop was how hands-on it was. My two sons, Don Lee, 11, and Shawn Lee, 9, loved the experience. Their favourite moment was getting to eat their ‘self-made’ ice-cream!"

As many as 40 participants, including alumni and their family and friends, signed up for the workshop conducted by home-grown ice-cream chain, Udders.

It was held on 3 July, at Udders’ Kilat outlet.

It’s so easy! Participants learn how to make their own ice-cream without the need for an ice-cream maker or a freezer.

Success is sweet! Sampling their ‘self-made’ ice-cream are Nur Aishah Binte Abdul Rahim (NIE/Class of 2009) (right) and her friend Norizawaty Mohd Noor.

Alumni learn how to make ice-cream in a zipper storage bag, at a workshop held for the first time by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office.
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Last March, I had the chance to connect with my alma mater in a meaningful way.

I took part in Run Round Singapore, a signature event for the university’s 55th anniversary. Imagine I had graduated 35 years ago!

Still, I had remained close to the university all these years. My participation in Run Round Singapore this year is my second one.

I took part, too, in 2005 when NTU organised the run in celebration of her 50th anniversary. Then, I came in first and finished the distance of 168 km in record time.

For the 55th anniversary run, the distance was expanded to 218 km, which is the equivalent of five full marathons combined. I completed the run in 34hr 35min 39sec and came in fourth. I did not push myself as hard as I did five years ago, as I wanted to enjoy the whole experience of running.

I was thrilled to be able to complete this year’s Run Round Singapore. I had many support runners who paced me throughout the run, including my own son and daughter.

My son, David, a medicine student in NUS, who was on study attachment in London, flew back specially to run with me. He came immediately after his plane landed in Changi Airport.

I am very grateful to all my support runners.

I am an avid ultra-marathoner. I had run in Death Valley Challenge in the US and will be looking forward to undertake a 1,000 km run across 25 cities in China.
I have established my career in Great Eastern, and as part of my working life, I have been given many opportunities to explore the world.

A most memorable one was attending a convention in South Africa. Yes, the same place where World Cup 2010 was held!

Upon reaching our hotel at South Africa, I was pleased to see that we were staying at one of the glitziest 5-star hotels at Cape Town, the Table Bay Hotel. Past guests of the hotel included Mr and Mrs Clinton. It is a beautiful hotel overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

After breakfast the next day, we hired a local cab that brought us to the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. It spreads over 500 hectares of Table Mountains and is one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. There were about 9,000 South African plant species found there. The number is part of South Africa’s 22,000 plant species.

We also visited the ‘Green Flea Market’ on the recommendation of the cab driver. There, handicrafts from all over Africa are being sold.

On the third day, we headed for the famous Table Mountain in Cape Town. The Swiss-made cable car took 10 minutes to reach the peak. It was the first time I took a cable car that rotates 360 degrees, allowing us a panoramic view of the city.

We then headed for the southern tip of Africa, which is also known as the Cape of Good Hope.

Travelling in southern Africa, we encountered some ramshackle shanty towns. According to our guide, the people living there were those who had emigrated from neighbouring African countries to look for fortune in South Africa. They eventually landed in this part of the country and formed communities.

Finally, we drove to Boulder’s Beach located at the historical Simon’s Town. It is a village with charming Victorian architecture.

There, we saw a colony of African penguins settling close to a small public beach. We saw the penguins up close. It was really an unforgettable experience.
The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is more than just my alma mater. NTU also happens to be my current employer.

My relationship with NTU started way back in 1995 when I first enrolled in the National Institute of Education (NIE) to pursue my teaching qualifications.

NIE was absorbed into NTU in 1991. Today, it is an autonomous institute of NTU and Singapore’s national teacher training institute.

Twelve years after I graduated from NIE, in 2007, I enrolled once again in NTU. This time, it was to study at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information (WKWSCI) so as to become a librarian. In fact, before I completed my course, I joined the NTU library in 2008.

Though I have been an alumnus of NTU for 14 years, it is only recently that I participated in two movie screening events organised by the Alumni Affairs Office (AAO). Incidentally, I am also a movie buff.

I enjoyed thoroughly the two great movies, ‘Shutter Island’ and ‘Iron Man 2’.

I would like to applaud AAO for its efforts in organising such event for alumni. It is a good platform for movie buffs, for they get to enjoy a movie as well as find the chance to meet up with friends and even make new acquaintances.

However, I would like to suggest having some ice-breaking activities like movie charade at the tea reception held before the movie screening. This will enable alumni to make acquaintance and forge new relationship. This way, it’ll truly help alumni to ‘stay connected’.

I took part in Run Round Singapore as an opportunity to teach the younger generation about effort. Being a teacher, it is important to show my students that we can achieve the extraordinary no matter how ordinary we are. And, that there is no limit to the human spirit.

I would like to share my Run Round Singapore 218 km ‘itinerary’.

As I suffered from a foot injury three weeks before the run, I went much faster for the first 100 km (more than two marathons) than I normally would. This was so I would have gone further before the pain set in, which might impel me to give up.

However, upon reaching Bishan, the second checkpoint of the run, I was still quite far behind four other runners. I had suffered bad cramps for long stretches due to the heat in the day. Still, I could afford to leave without taking up too much time having spent it on an ice bath and dinner of two slices of pizza, as well as waiting for the auxiliary police to have his dinner. The auxiliary police accompanied us throughout the run to ensure our safety.

For every hour I took a five-minute walk-break to eat. The organiser of the run and my support runners ensured that I had the best in terms of food and drinks. On top of pizza, I had burger twice, porridge, cakes and even char kway teow. I also took Accelerade, Milo and hydration salt drinks. We had a carload of food and drinks trailing us as well, as we ran.

I started to have frequent diarrhoea during the third marathon, somewhere near Sengkang (around 95 km). I kept going to the bushes, but I was still running well and made it to the lead position near Kembangan MRT (around 110 km). Even I was surprised!

At the end of the third marathon at Pasir Ris, two of my dislodged toenails gave me so much pain I wasn’t able to run at all. My support runners decisively and creatively cut holes in the shoes so I could be relieved of the pressure on my toes.

As precious time was lost, I sped up thereafter at Changi. I was exhausted upon reaching East Coast. Sleepiness had also crept in. The diarrhoea was not improving either. As I used water to clean myself after going to the bushes and also to keep myself awake, I developed blister on the sole of my left foot.

I kept up with the pace until I reached Katong Community Centre (161 km). I was relieved to reach the Centre five hours ahead of schedule. There, I had my left foot taped for the blister.

Upon reaching Shenton Way (168 km), I realised I was almost three hours faster than what I had clocked at the Run Round Singapore I first took part in back in 2005. The run then covered 168 km, or four marathons combined. This meant I had one more marathon to go.

The final 42 km was a real torture. Being an experienced runner, I knew I had gone beyond my limit, as a result of pushing myself due to the worry I had earlier on about my foot injury. Though that was no longer a main concern, both my entire legs especially my knees and ankles were so painful that I couldn’t run at all. I even had problem maintaining a 6 km per hour walking pace enforced by my support runners. I had gone into a ‘mental’ state.

Fortunately, my very supportive support runners kept me moving steadily towards the finish. During the last leg of the run, I was experiencing so much pain and fatigue that I was mentally very frail. My mind was almost completely switched off and I was practically sleep-walking!

Just 12 km to the finish, the pain became so excruciating that the doctor had to give me a painkiller injection. It was at this difficult phase that my support runners, made up of close and revered friends and former students, did a wonderful job.

With their wonderful support, I finally completed the run. I was fortunate to be the first. I was later told that I made it in 3hr 28min 51sec and set a national record for being the Fastest 218 km Ultra-Marathon Runner (Male). It is a timing I’d never had thought I could clock.

Before any tough challenges, I always tell my friends or students that ‘I hope my body is as strong as my heart’, because anything can happen in an ultra-marathon.

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My wife and I, at the screening of Iron Man 2. She is also an alumna and her name is Mona Goh Mei Ling (NIE/Class of 1993).

Frank Seah Eng Kiat (NIE/1996)

I (far right) made it to Shenton Way in Run Round Singapore – four marathons down and one more to go.

Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE/1997)
I have lived in Thailand for six years now. The capital city Bangkok, though marred by protests and political unrest in recent times is still a great home for me.

I must say however that we were glad the protests were confined to only certain areas. Most of us who chose to stay in Bangkok during the violence stayed away from the downtown so it was very safe.

Life went on as per normal except I closed my office for a week for the safety of my staff.

I guess one sometimes should not overreact to what one reads in the media.

What is surprising though is how fast things bounced back after the protests. The Thais have resumed their daily life – it was as though the protests hadn’t happened at all.

I supposed every country has its own set of challenges to grapple with. When I was living in Singapore, for instance, I find the cost of living somewhat challenging.

I guess wherever we are, we need to do our best, stay nimble and count our blessings in life!
I took part in Run Round Singapore to challenge myself and be an example on resilience and perseverance for my students.

It was the first-time I participated in the 218 km run and my strategy was, ‘to simply enjoy it’.

I became confident that I could finish the run only after two marathons.

I am truly glad to have completed it and I couldn’t have done it without the support of colleagues and friends.

My Principal came to join me and ran some distance. It was his way of lending support, for which I was grateful. My fellow teachers also rallied behind me.

My good friend whom I knew from my NTU days, Adrian Mok, also took part in the run.

We ran together right from the start, but he had to give up when he developed fever and other crippling pains. I was devastated but pushed on none the less.

I supposed I would be remembered as the runner who did two ‘Chaplin Hops’ at the finishing line. It was a tribute to my friends from the Lindy Hop Ensemble, who paced me throughout the run. Some also bought me food like tau huay and porridge which are perfect for a run.

I find that dancing is complementary to sports as it emphasises the element of joy and self-expression.

I had been dancing the Lindy Hop for more than 10 years and had performed in New York City’s Lincoln Center, Edinburgh Festival Fringe and our very own National Day Parade in year 2002.

Running is very much like life – there are highs and lows that we have to go through.

I had the chance to put the belief to the test when I took part in Run Round Singapore in March.

Not only did I personally run, my company also sponsored the power gels for all of us nine core runners, who were attempting to complete a distance of 218 km around Singapore.

I am glad to be able to share my passion for sports and make a career out of my personal pastime.

After graduating from the Nanyang Business School, I established a sports business venture.

I have since introduced the Aviva Ironman race and the Adidas Sundown Marathon to Singapore, both landmarks in the local sporting calendar.

Taking part in Run Round Singapore was my second attempt. I first took part five years ago when the same run was held to celebrate NTU’s 50th anniversary, although the distance was then 168 km.

This round, I was glad to be able to run with my good buddy from NTU, Chua Kok Chiow (CSE/Class of 1999). We made a pact at the start to stay with each other and fight till the end.

Alas, that was not meant to be. I had to discontinue the run at the 135 km mark. I had developed a fever and suffered a strained hamstring, tight calf muscles, dislodged toenail and a nagging plantar fasciitis problem, which made even walking impossible.

I encouraged Kok Chiow to continue, for we each have our own demons to fight. I was very happy when he completed the 218 km run. That to me is the true spirit of Run Round Singapore.
Diana Ser Siew Yien (WKWSCI/2003)

I got my master’s degree from NTU as a part-time student, but I am very grateful that the university considers me one of its own.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Dr Hao Xiaoming and Dr Lee Chun Wah. I would not have got through school without their guidance and encouragement.

I have not really been in touch with any of my former classmates due to our hectic schedules, but I do see some of them around; after all most of us are working in the media industry.

I have met many successful young professionals in the media industry and I am very proud that they are the product of the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

Currently, I work with its executive education arm as a guest lecturer in communications.

As for alumni activities, it would be great if there could be more media industry talks and events being organised. I would look forward to attending them if they do come up in future.

Melvin Lee Hua Qun (SCE/2006)

I graduated from NTU four years ago and found out when I took part in Run Round Singapore that my alma mater was celebrating its 55th anniversary this year. Happy 55th Anniversary, NTU!

Run Round Singapore was organised to kick off the anniversary celebration. This year’s run was my first participation.

For me, what was memorable about the run was appearing in Zao An Ning Hao, also known as Good Morning, Singapore, for a live interview. As it is a programme on Channel 8, I had to speak Mandarin. This was somewhat nerve racking given that my command of the language has gone rusty due to a lack of use. The programme was aired on Tuesday 23 March, three days before the run.

Then, I was still training hard. It certainly paid off, for I managed to complete the entire 218 km of Run Round Singapore. Although I came in third, I was pleased with my time of 33hr 10min 35sec.

I also made sure I had a good nutrition plan for the run. I had a checklist and high on my list was Milo, which was a must-have.

I wiped out all my stock of Milo and even had to get my support runners to buy me extra cans.

I also found the power gels sponsored by one of my fellow runners, Adrian Mok, very good for replenishing energy.

Runners tend to develop food cravings during ultra-marathons and more often than not, muesli bars are the least wanted food item. There was no way to predict what the body craves for at any given time during an ultra-marathon.

Some of the food cravings we all experienced during Run Round Singapore were for porridge, burgers, pizzas, char kway teow, tau huay and cheesecake.

Teng Teck Hou (SCE/2003)

I graduated from NTU seven years ago and am presently undertaking my PhD at the School of Computer Engineering.

You could say research and running are my two main interests.

In March this year, I took part in an 218 km ultra-marathon organised by NTU – Run Round Singapore. This is the second time the run was held. I also ran in the first one, which was 168 km.

I felt that such ultra-marathons gave me a good opportunity to hone my ability to run for extended duration.

Although I practised hard, I found myself perspiring heavily due to the intense heat during the two days of the run. Losing a lot of water had certainly crippled my speed.

For practice, I did three to four short runs on weekdays and more than 50 km long runs during weekends.

I am glad I completed the 218 km distance and did five full marathons with minimal breaks. My timing was 34hr 36min 32sec.

祝卫国 Zhu Weiguo (国立教育学院/2007)

在新加坡南洋理工大学国立教育学院攻读教育管理硕士的一年里，无论是在学习交流方面，还是在业余生活方面，自认为我的收获最大！因为我学会了带着金链般的眼睛看事情：人生的烦躁和恐惧，任何的问题和困难，在我的眼前，都变得金光灿烂，价值倍增。因此，在我回国后的几年里，感到有使不完的劲儿和用不完的力气，感到了一种激情、一种自信和对事业的自豪感。无论领导安排我做什么事情，我都能够做得津津有味，在最平凡的岗位上做出很不平凡的业绩！
I have been active in the local film industry for the past five years and have taken on a multitude of roles in pursuit of my passion for film.

First, I started out as a production assistant. Then, I went on to establish myself as a location manager before progressing to production management and line producing.

My professional experience includes working on feature films such as Kelvin Tong’s *The Kidnapper*, Royston Tan’s *getai*-inspired double-bill *811* and *12 Lotus*, on top of numerous commercials, short films and print advertisements.

My four-minute short film, *Mu Gui Ying – A Legendary Female Warrior*, picked up the best film prize at the Crowbar awards ceremony in 2008 and was also the opening film for the Best of ADM show in NTU.

This notable piece of work even travelled to Hong Kong for a screening at the 4th IndPanda International Short Film Festival. It was selected for the 19th European Union Film Festival screened at VivoCity Golden Village theatre, as well.

My recent collaboration with Lim Teck Siang (cinematographer) for our thesis film, entitled *Mu Dan*, resulted in a win at the Crowbar awards ceremony in 2009. It won the Best Short Film.

The thesis film then went on to compete in the 23rd Singapore International Film Festival, winning in both Best Performance and Best Cinematography categories. The wins dominated the award ceremony.

I was also involved in another short film, *Promises in December*, as Art Director. It was awarded Best Film at the festival.

I am currently pursuing my dream of becoming a cinematographer. I have landed several independent and commercial projects from the school and professional arenas.

I was also the cinematographer for *Promises in December*, which won both Best Film and Best Director at the 23rd Singapore International Film Festival.

And I also produced *Threshold*, which had a world premiere (under Wide Angle section) at the Pusan International Film Festival 2009.

For more information on my works, please refer to my website at www.framesinmotion.wordpress.com
Hello, NTU!

Exactly two exams have passed since I left your doors and out into the world of bosses, invoices and annual leave.

I must say I still remember your tutorial rooms, lecture theatres, canteens, sports centre and of course, the ‘dreaded’ Nanyang Auditorium foyer (where the exams were usually held).

But, what I miss most about NTU are the friends I made there.

Those I count as friends are my MAE lecture pals, project mates, Hall 4 residents and my NTU Archery team.

So, if any of you are reading this Class Note, let me say that I remember each and every one of you.

To all the undergraduates who may be reading this as well, please enjoy the time spent in NTU.

There are so many things to enjoy – the four-hour JCRC meetings, MAF and Hall birthdays, Inter-Hall and Inter-Block games, FOC, D&D, TOTS, committee gaming nights, late-night suppers, Chinese New Year orange giveaways, Pesta, NTU Open, NUS Indoor, hamburger and balloon games, overnight mugging at Canteen B – the list goes on. Exams are but only three weeks in every half a year.

To the Class of 2009, let’s take time to meet up with our pals.

Meanwhile, let me quote a colleague who said: “It doesn’t matter how old I become. Every time I go back to my old school, I feel young again.”

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