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NTU establishes two new alumni chapters in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to cater to the growing number of alumni in Vietnam.

While 488 Vietnamese students are currently in NTU pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, there are more than 500 NTU alumni living and working in Vietnam today. The number of alumni is on the rise, what with Vietnam ranked among the top five countries represented by NTU’s 4,000-strong foreign student population.

So, it was a matter of time before Vietnam replaced the sole NTU Alumni Association (Vietnam) it had formed in 2006. Recently, in January, NTU set up two chapters in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Having the two will help NTU to better forge ties with the growing number of alumni there.

NTU President Dr Su Guaning was present at the two cities to officiate the launch of the new alumni associations. “It (the launch) will certainly seal the bonds between our alumni and the university…I encourage each alumnus and friend of the university to be an NTU ambassador, by supporting our initiatives with your time, talents and resources,” Dr Su said in his speech.

The new alumni associations in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City bring NTU’s global alumni network to a total of 21. Having more overseas chapters will serve as focal points for our overseas alumni to apprise themselves of and give feedback on the latest developments of their alma mater.
The launch this evening is extremely meaningful as the relationship has been strengthened on all sectors and fields. As NTU alumni, we belong to a growing community of all the NTU Alumni Associations. We hope that these associations will help to facilitate continued conversations, enhance people-to-people links and multilateral cooperation. 

Dr Ha Nam Khanh Giao, President
NTU Alumni Association (Ho Chi Minh City)
This strategic partnership was formalised with the presentation of the signed MOU by Mr Nguyen Van Hung, Co-Chairman of VSIP Group, to Prof Ng Wun Jern, Executive Director of NTU’s NEWRI (Nanyang Environment and Water Research Institute), at the VSIP Hai Phong launch ceremony on 13 January.

The collaboration, an expansion of NTU’s global network in environmental sciences research and development, will help to propel Singapore’s efforts to become a global environment and water hub for business, investment and research.

Fostering partnership
NTU is also playing a major role in supporting the nation’s collaboration with Vietnam. The university has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park (VSIP) Hai Phong Co. Ltd to collaborate in research, education and feasibility studies at the 1,600-hectare industrial park located in Hai Phong, Vietnam.

Cheers to an expanding alumni network in Hanoi.

Alumni residing in Ho Chi Minh City will have more opportunities to network.
The alumni community in Yunnan, China, unites under NTU’s global alumni network, with the setting up of an overseas chapter.

Alumni in Yunnan can now look forward to strengthening ties with one another, as well as with their alma mater, with the setting up of the NTU Alumni Association (Yunnan). Launched on 7 November by NTU President Dr Su Guaning, it will officially be a part of the university’s global alumni network.

The NTU Alumni Association (Yunnan) will join NTU’s 14 other China chapters based in Beijing, Chongqing, Fujian, Guangdong, Hong Kong SAR, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jilin, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Sichuan, and Zhejiang.

Special occasion
The launch of the Yunnan chapter was significant for the over 100 alumni who got together for the occasion.

NTU, where they once studied, was after all often referred to as the Yunnan Garden campus.

There to grace the special occasion, along with Dr Su, were Chief University Advancement Officer Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Nanyang Business School Associate Dean (China Programmes) Professor Tan Kok Hui, and Alumni Affairs Director Mr Soon Min Yam.

Also in attendance were Standing Vice Chairperson of Standing Committee of the Yunnan Provincial People’s Congress Ms Yan Youqiong and Vice Chairperson of the Yunnan Provincial People’s Consultative Conference Ms Ni Huifang.

Representatives from the Beijing, Jiangsu, Sichuan, Chongqing and Shanghai alumni chapters were there as well for support.

Alma mater affinity
Dr Su tapped the launch platform to apprise alumni and guests of the university’s progress in his opening address. He cited the progress that NTU has made in advancing ties with the overseas alumni.

The President of the new association, Mr Wang Minzheng also spoke at the platform. Sharing with all present the affinity he has for NTU, Mr Wang said: "I am proud to be part of the Nanyang family." Mr Wang is the Mayor of Zhaotong City Municipal Government in Yunnan, China.

"I am proud to be part of the Nanyang family."

Mr Wang Minzheng (NBS/Class of 2004)
NTU Alumni Association (Yunnan) President
学子之心筑起彩云之桥
记南大云南校友联谊会成立庆典

沈从文先生说过，云南的云，健美、飘逸、温柔、崇高，似乎是用西藏高原的冰雪，和南海长年的热浪，两种原料经过一种神奇的手续完成的。2009年11月7日，这神奇的云横亘长空，架起了沟通师生情谊、同窗友谊的彩云之桥。南洋理工大学校长徐冠英博士莅临昆明，亲自主持南大云南校友联谊会成立仪式。徐校长、大学事务推展总监周庆全先生、南洋商学院副院长陈国辉副教授、校友事务处孙敏炎主任与百名校友相聚言欢，重叙师生之情。

云南省人大常委会常务副主任晏友琼女士，云南政协副主席何广女士应南校校友会邀请参加，北京、重庆、江苏、四川、上海等兄弟校友会派出代表出席庆典，祝贺云南校友联谊会成立。

昔日师生，同窗情谊，久别重逢，老友新朋，济济一堂。在“昔别君未婚，儿女忽成行”的感慨之余，更多的是对在校时光的深情怀念，对母校发展的殷切牵挂。

徐校长向校友们介绍了南大近年来的发展。一方面，进一步发挥融贯中西的优势，加强与全球优秀学府的合作，加入“全球科技大学联盟”；另一方面，加强与曹中中国的教育交流，拓展了涵盖研究、培训、合作办学的多样化合作道路。徐校长感谢云南校友对母校发展的关心和支持，期待由新成立的云南校友联谊会，加强校友与母校联系的纽带。

当选云南校友联谊会会长的王敏正校友代表云南近250位校友表达了对母校的感恩之情。他说，母校校史艰难的历史，厚重典雅的文化，博大精深的思想，美丽校园的记忆，为我们留下了灿烂美好的记忆。母校的精神魅力，师的才气德才，也不断激励、
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南大北京校友会2010年年会成功举办

2010年1月23日下午，新加坡南洋理工大学北京校友会年会在北京国际饭店国际厅举行。参加年会的除了北京校友，还有来自福建、广东、山东及江苏等地的兄弟校友会成员以及嘉宾，总人数近三百人。

年会分为校友论坛与新春联欢两部分。校友论坛从下午14：30开始，由专业心理咨询师、华海蓝博士与协和心理中心谢主任分别作“健康减压”与“教育专题——成功的孩子需要成功的教育”两个讲座。精彩的讲座使得广大校友的共鸣。

下午六点整，新春联欢会正式开始。南大余明华副校长、中国全国人大外事委员会副主任、欧美同学会副会长、文教授先生及中央对外联络部亚洲局局长、中国驻新加坡大使馆刘波等嘉宾出席了晚会。晚会首先由北京校友会沈会长致辞欢迎辞和介绍新一年校友会工作；余明华副校长及参会校友介绍了母校近况和发展规划，并向北京校友会沈会长颁发新南大校旗。

接下来的晚会演出可谓让校友们在亲身参与中感受到热烈的气氛，节目大部分由校友们亲自策划并组织表演。孙侠、郝国平、张琳、贾宝忠以及夏锐五位校友担当起策划的重任，歌曲、诗朗诵等文艺节目精彩连连。EMBA二班的郭春雨、EMBA三班的贾宝忠和杨为东、银行班的欧伟宝等校友和班上同学一起，带来了《老上海联唱》、《莫斯科郊外的晚上》、《人鬼情未了》、《众人划桨开大船》等歌曲，EMBA五班的郝国平、孙侠两位校友朗诵了《面朝大海，春暖花开》、《我是怎样地爱你》、《我爱这土地》三首诗歌。

小游戏“满汉全席”在娱乐的同时，也体现了校友们互助互爱的精神。联欢会上还回顾了过去一年校友会举办的“墨子游”、“泰山游”、“青海游”等丰富多彩的户外活动，以及校友们捐助德阳小学的公益活动。由夏锐校友带来的短片“校友风采”中，沈冰、郝国平等几位校友共同回顾了在南大的难忘学习与生活经历，同时对自己过去一年做了总结，也谈到了对未来的希望，也表达了为校友会贡献一份力量的意愿。

三次抽奖带来了联欢会上的三个高潮，11位校友幸运地获得了茅台养生酒、茅台十五年陈酿、3G手机等奖品。

此外，来自国家大剧院的演员演唱了《Think Of Me》与《我的太阳》两支脍炙人口的曲目，伴奏乐队献上了精彩的表演。每个到场的校友还得到了校友会精心准备的礼品。

最后，在《难忘今宵》的歌声中，校友们纷纷走上台，一起合唱，合影留念，在浓浓的情谊中结束了这个难忘的夜晚。
Beijing 2010

The NTU Alumni Association (Beijing) hosts an annual gathering and forum to celebrate Chinese New Year with friends and guests.

Beijing was a wintry city when it ushered in 2010.

The NTU overseas chapter there went out of their way to bring in some ‘warmth’. It held a gathering and a forum to get friends and guests to huddle together for a celebration to welcome the Year of the Tiger.

The get-together was graced by NTU Senior Associate Provost, Professor Er Meng Hwa; Vice Chairman of the Western Returned Scholars Association Chinese Overseas – Returned Scholars Association, Mr Ma Wenpu; Director of the Asian Affairs Bureau of the International Liaison Department, the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Mr Tan Zhonghua; Ms Foo Teow Lee, Deputy Chief of Mission Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore; Former Ambassador to Myanmar and Singapore, Ms Chen Baolui; Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU, Mr Soon Min Yam; and Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry in China (SingCham), Ms Dorothy Seet.

Prof Er updated guests on NTU’s recent developments and presented Ms Shen Bing, President, NTU Alumni Association (Beijing), with an NTU flag.

Starting the year right
In providing alumni the right start to the New Year, they were treated to the ‘Healthy Ways to De-stress’ and ‘A Successful Education for the Successful Child’. These were the two topics being addressed at the forum.

Speaking on them were Dr Hai Lan, a Professional Psychotherapist who is an American Chinese, as well as Ms Yang Xia, Director of Xiehe Psychological Consultation Centre.

Time to party
The Chinese New Year get-together put guests in the partying mood with performances galore, thanks to five programme planners. All NTU alumni, they put together songs, recitals, and cultural performances. They were: Sun Xia, Hao Guoping, Zhang Lin, Jia Baozhong and Xia Rui.

A presentation on Deyang Primary School’s activities ensued. This was followed by the familiar scenes of NTU’s Yunnan Garden campus flashed across a large screen.

As the night drew to a close, artistes from the National Centre for the Performing Arts mesmerised the audience further. They performed two popular songs. Think of Me and My Sun (《我的太阳》). And in their parting rendition of Nan Wang Jin Xiao (《难忘今宵》), alumni walked up to the stage to sing in unison.

Guests and representatives from Fujian, Guangdong, Jiangsu and Shangdong, also attended the gathering held on 23 January. As many as 300 participants showed up.
传播南大文化，凝聚南大校友
南大上海校友会举办2009年年会暨新华传媒大型论坛。

2009年11月14日下午，南洋理工大学
上海校友会2009年年会暨新华传媒大
型论坛在南洋新雅华美达酒店宴会
大厅举行，论坛主题为“企业家的精神
锻造与社会责任”

上海校友会年会的宗旨为“传播南大文
化，凝聚南大校友，分享前沿信息，
交流同学友谊”。有全国各地赶来的
230多位南大校友参加此次盛会。

校友会许震会长首先对来宾们
致欢迎词，接着校校长徐冠林博士
应上台讲话，他对此次年会和论坛
的召开表示热烈祝贺，随后介绍了南
大的发展蓝图、南大与中国的合作
前景，以及校友的重要作用。他表
示这次盛会是一个高端人脉的交流平
台，并衷心感谢各赞助和支持单位，
以及南大上海校友会为筹办此次年会
和论坛做出的不懈努力。

新加坡驻上海总领事谢伟杰先生、南
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南大商院中国项目主任陈国辉博
士、南大校友事务处孙健管主任以及
多位来自商业、企业、文化教育等各
界精英莅临了此次盛会。

南大上海校友会第二届理事会的全体
成员在会长许震女士的领导下也在
此次年会上集体亮相。第二届理事会
定位于将南大上海校友会“建设成为南
大品牌文化传承的平台；成为校友交
流的家园；成为资源共享的团队；成
为尽职社会、服务社会的非正式公益
组织”。理事会秉承为广大校友热情服
务、共同学习的原则，成立了“热点论
坛”、“健康休闲”等多个俱乐部，并定期举办活动，受到校友的欢迎。

随后，著名企业家，上海复星高科技
（集团）有限公司副董事长兼首席执
行官梁信军先生作了主题演讲《投资
策略：波动中的变与不变》，上海交
大战略管理研究所所长孟宪忠则就
《企业家精神》的论题进行了精彩演
说，各界精英也纷纷参与论坛讨论，
与大家分享南大校友及校友企业的感
人成长故事。

此外，孟宪忠教授、梁信军先生、上
海凯泉泵业（集团）有限公司董事长
林剑华先生、上海新华传媒股份有限
公司副总裁袁女士、盛大游戏副总
裁陈光先生、星雅集团执行主席吴学
光先生几位嘉宾进行了对话，共同探
讨中国改革开放、经济腾飞，特别是
国际金融危机背景下，企业发展扮演的角
色以及如何应对危机、生存并持续发
展的对策。

晚上9点，南大上海校友会2009年年会
暨新华传媒大型论坛圆满落下帷幕。
南大上海校友会于2007年6月21日成
立，是最早在中国成立的南大校友
会。此次是该校校友会的第二届年会。
Shanghai embraces change

The NTU Alumni Association (Shanghai) welcomes its newly elected committee and treats members and guests to a forum on entrepreneurship and social responsibility.

The university's Shanghai chapter now has a new committee in place. Welcoming the second term committee, the NTU Alumni Association (Shanghai) held an official ceremony and a forum on 'Entrepreneurship Building and Social Responsibility.'

The forum provided an ideal platform for discussing China's reform and liberation, economic boom vis-à-vis the global financial crisis, surviving the crisis, the role of enterprises and continual development.

Both ceremony and forum were held on 14 November at the Shanghai Majesty Plaza.

Official welcome

The new committee, elected since April, strove to put in place some changes to enhance its service to the alumni based in Shanghai.

Its new President, Ms Xu Lixia, vouched to develop the chapter into a platform for cultural exchange and shared resources. She would also ensure that friendship is fostered within the alumni community. Unity among alumni and the spread of the NTU culture would also be emphasised.

Congratulating Ms Xu on her appointment, NTU President Dr Su Guaning presented her the NTU flag. Dr Su also presented a gift to former President Mr Teng Chiang Fong.

Also there to grace the ceremony were: Singapore Consul-General to Shanghai Mr Yip Wei Kiat; NTU Board of Trustee Ms Lien Siaou-Sze; Dean of Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Antai School of Management Professor Wang Fanghua; Associate Dean (China Programmes) of NTU Nanyang Business School Dr Tan Kok Hui; Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU, Mr Soon Min Yam; faculty and staff representatives from NTU, as well as guests from Shanghai-based organisations.

Forum of exchange

The new committee rallied the support of companies associated with alumni and held its first forum.

The forum's keynote speakers were Shanghai's entrepreneur, Mr Liang Xinjun, Vice Chairman and CEO of Shanghai Fosun High Technology (Group) Co., Ltd and an academician Professor Meng Xian Zhong, Director of Shanghai Jiao Tong University Institute of Strategic Management.

While Mr Liang spoke about 'Investment Strategy: To Change or not amid Fluctuations', Prof Meng gave an inspiring presentation on the topic of 'Entrepreneurial Spirit'.

Ms Ye Rong, a popular host of CBN or the China Business Network, hosted the forum. She also facilitated the ensuing dialogue session, which was turned into a lively and in-depth exchange with the help of a panel of alumni.

The panellists comprise Mr Wu Hsiao Kwang, Executive Chairman of Straco Group; Mr Lin Kai Wen, President of Shanghai Kaiquan Pump Group; Ms Li Ping, Vice President of Xinhua Media Enterprises; and Mr Chen Guang, Vice President of Shanda Game.

As many as 230 alumni from Shanghai and even provinces such as Jiangsu, Shandong, Zhejiang and Hunan, attended the forum.

“I hope our alumni association will organise more activities. I can see the voluntary spirit of the alumni who had put in effort to ensure the forum went well. I also found the speech of Dr Su Guaning, NTU President, inspiring.”

Ms Wang Jin Xiu
Executive MBA alumna
上海交通大学新加坡MBA项目，是由上海交通大学安泰经济与管理学院和南洋理工大学商学院合作，在新加坡招生，授予上海交通大学工商管理硕士学位（MBA）学位的国际合作办学项目。该项目采用课堂讲授、案例研讨、管理实战、情景模拟、项目作业等多种教学方式。遴选两院学术造诣深厚，具有丰富的企业管理人员培训和管理咨询经验的资深教授、知名学者联袂授课。

上海交通大学安泰经济与管理学院致力于培养具有全球视野和国际竞争力的经济管理人才，坚持“以规范保质量，以质量创品牌，以品牌求发展”的办学宗旨，依据国际标准建立了一套严格规范的管理制度和管理程序，并获得了国际权威的AMBA认证和EQUIS认证。全球著名财经媒体《金融时报》2008年度MBA全球百强排行榜，上海交通大学安泰经济与管理学院MBA项目首次参评便取得佳绩，列为全球第41位。

报考条件
- 具有大学本科学历，自毕业后3年或3年以上工作经验（2007年前毕业）。
- 具有大学专科学历，自毕业后5年或5年以上工作经验（2005年前毕业）。
- 具有研究生毕业学历，自毕业后2年或2年以上工作经验（2008年前毕业）。

录取方式
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Alumni who hailed from China may be as diverse as the country they are from. Yet, at the recent People’s Republic of China (PRC) get-together, they all shared a single objective – to network with fellow PRC alumni who shared the same alma mater.

As many as 630 alumni showed up. Addressing them, Special Guest, Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU, took the opportunity to introduce the roles and services provided by the office.

Under Mr Soon’s leadership, the alumni networks have expanded far and wide. To-date, there are 21 overseas alumni associations. Of these, 15 are based in China, spanning across different states and provinces.

Further, Mr Soon urged alumni to stay connected with their alma mater and to maintain close ties with fellow classmates and the alumni community.

Juniors from the NTU PRC Students’ Union rallied to put together the event. That they managed to garner strong support from their seniors – the turnout was three-fold that of 2009 – bode well for such gathering in the future.

The PRC Alumni Get-together was held on 30 January, at the Peony-Jade Restaurant, Keppel Club.
小记南大中国校友聚会

第二届南洋理工大学中国校友于1月30日在风光秀丽的壹巴俱乐部举行聚会。670位毕业于南大的中国学子们纷纷前来，欢聚一堂，共叙同窗情谊。

下午5点左右，校友们或携妻抱子，或呼朋引伴，涌动着对往日聚会的期待。他们有的还带着学生时代的青涩；有的已蒙上了一层进入社会的成熟；有的气宇轩昂不似精英风貌，却依然保留着年少的活力。在他们的学弟学妹——南大中国同学生会的工作人员的指引下，他们来到了会场。会场内外被装点得极具中国风，让校友们在农历新年即将到来的时候感受到了一份故乡的温暖。仿佛又回到了校园里和久违的朋友打招呼，会场上充满了欢声笑语。

一阵寒喧过后，校友聚正式开始了。首先，南大中国同学生会主席李柔刚同学向学长学姐们发出了欢迎词，接着南大校友事务处的主任发表了讲话，着重介绍了校友事务处的服务。作为联接母校和毕业生的纽带，校友事务处在协助组织校友聚会和扩大校友的交际面上都发挥着重要作用。同时，事务处还协助世界各地的校友成立南大校友会，以联络世界各地的校友们，让他们始终与母校相连。

在接下来的自由交流时间里，校友们一边享用着丰盛的自助餐，一边和刚见面的老朋友开怀畅谈起来。其间，南大中国同学生会则献上了他们精心准备的文艺表演。随着歌声响起，校友们的思绪也被拉回到了青葱的大学生活回忆里。当晚最后的节目是悬念迭起的幸运抽奖。奖品价值多少并不重要，但它代表着母校对校友的一份心意，这才是真正的无价之宝呢。惊讶、欣喜交织着紧张和期待，这样的气氛把晚会推向了最高潮！

在两个多小时的聚会上，校友们依依不舍地告别中，第二届南大中国校友聚会落下了帷幕。

据南大校友事务处孙敏生主任介绍，和去年第一次的中国校友聚会相比，此次活动反响更为热烈，规模扩大了好几倍。去年参加的人数大约200人，今年则有将近700人出席，而明年的活动规模将进一步扩大。针对个别校友提出未收到校友处的活动邮件通知问题，孙主任则表示校友事务处会尽力和更多的校友取得联系，比如通过南大中国同学生会通知校友。

“如果没有校友的联络资料就无法联系到人，校友也无法收到我们的活动信息，”孙主任说：“所以，希望更多的校友主动的联系我们，例如在网络上更新校友联络资料。我们也将会为校友们提供更好的服务。”

两个多小时的时间虽然短暂，但天下没有不散的宴席，因为有了这一晚的相聚，久未联络的朋友找到了彼此，素不相识的朋友在异乡觅得了知己。所以，珍惜今晚的相聚，更期待下一次的相逢！
课程旨在培养勇于创业、敢于创新，具有凝聚力和领导力，适应全球化发展及能从容应对知识经济时代种种挑战的创业型企业家和经理人。课程从企业生命周期的视角出发，层层推进及探讨企业如何从起步、高速成长到成熟的发展过程，注重引导创业者如何识别机会，制定商业计划、评估专利技术、风险融资、组建创业团队、制定创业战略、管理企业财务和设定退出机制等各个核心层面的必要知识与技能。在一年的全日制学习中，学员有机会考察六个国际化城市，参观和考察国际著名的创业园并与世界一流的风投人和企业家面对面交流。无论是立志成就一番事业的创业精英、私营企业主，或是政府部门扶持与推动创业的决策人员及各地区孵化器和创业园的中高层管理人员，以及怀有强烈创业志向并有意到海外进修的大学毕业生，都将从本课程受益，极大地开扬国际视野、增进才智、增强实力和提升自我，从而为创业的成功之路打下坚实基础，引领时代潮流。

课程特色
- 海外留学（新加坡）、面向中国
- 独特的跨国界学习平台（新加坡、马来西亚、美国、中国）
- 拓展国际人脉、发掘海外商机

课程学制：全日制一年，授予南洋理工大学硕士学位
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As many as 357 newly qualified teachers join our Nanyang alumni family.

“From today, you will become the next generation of torchbearers in our education system,” said Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Education. She was the Guest-of-Honour at the Teachers Investiture Ceremony held on 20 January at NTU’s Nanyang Auditorium.

Noble calling
Acknowledging the noble vocation of teaching, Ms Fu commended the new teachers on their decision to teach.

She said: “Each one of you here has made the right decision to be a teacher. You have passed a rigorous selection process and you have demonstrated the necessary qualities to take on the important task of nurturing and inspiring future generations of young Singaporeans. It is a tremendous responsibility but few careers offer an experience quite as rewarding as teaching.”

The teachers received their Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Bachelor of Arts (Education), Bachelor of Science (Education) and Diploma in Education, at the ceremony. Among the outstanding graduands was Valedictorian Mr Harman Dev Singh Johll s/o Bhajan Singh.

Model teaching
Professor Lee Sing Kong, Director of the National Institute of Education (NIE) addressed the new teachers and guests as well. He shared how NIE is keeping itself relevant in the 21st century with the formulation of a strategy entitled ‘A Teacher Education Model for the 21st Century’, or ‘TE21’, for short.

“TE21 is NIE’s refreshed, strengthened and improved model for teacher education and professional development. It squarely puts the needs of the 21st century learner (that is, students) at the heart of our teacher education goals. The thrust of the six key recommendations contained in TE21 has a strong synergy with MOE’s Vision for the Teaching Service of ‘Lead. Care. Inspire.’ through a value-based underpinning philosophy of what it means to be a teacher in Singapore,” surmised Professor Lee.

“Values such as care and concern for pupils, respect for diversity, commitment and dedication to the profession, collaboration, sharing and team spirit, desire for continuous learning, excellence in innovation and the belief that all pupils can learn, are subtly espoused in our lessons in NIE. The facets of knowledge and skills in education pivot on these pillars of values. It is our duty to uphold these values and pay it forward.”

Mr Harman Dev Singh Johll s/o Bhajan Singh
Valedictorian, NIE/Class of 2010
Nine are about to attempt the equivalent of five consecutive marathons and complete the total distance within a day and a half. If successful, these alumni, faculty and students will make it to the Singapore Book of Records for conquering the country’s first and longest endurance run in history – Run Round Singapore (RRS). RRS is organised by NTU to celebrate 55 years of achievement.

In a media conference held to unveil RRS, NTU revealed who the nine core runners were, as well as the highlights of the 218-km run. The conference was held on 9 February, at Nanyang Executive Centre, NTU.

Redefining limits
NTU’s Chief University Advancement Officer, Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, in his welcome remarks, said: “That the university has come thus far is cause for celebration. I urge alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends to take part in RRS.”

Among the nine to run for their alma mater, Mr Lim Nghee Huat (Nantah/Class of 1975) is also the oldest. No stranger to marathons, Mr Lim has conquered 217 km in Brazil and the Death Valley Challenge in the US.

While 45 CSCs are stepping in to man half of the 68 stations along the 218-km running route, the other organisations are rendering their strong support.

Going the extra mile
RRS is supported by People’s Association and its Constituency Sports Clubs (CSCs); South-West Community Development Council; Singapore Sports Council; Health Promotion Board; National Parks Board; Singapore Athletic Association; and Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.

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Health Promotion Board’s Mr Robert Alan Sloan who jokingly described RRS as ‘brutal’, is encouraging his staff to take part. Mr Sloan, the Deputy Director of Physical Activity, Adult Health Division, finds RRS apt for promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Running for a cause
The nine RRS runners are also going the extra mile for a good cause: To raise funds for needy NTU students.

Those keen to donate can pledge $1, $10, $50 or $100 for every kilometre they covered, or simply make a general donation. The money raised will go to the NTU endowment fund, where financially strapped students can get assistance.

Come and do your bit for your alma mater and join in the fun run. Sign up today!
In the past, one could not imagine life without print media. But, can we still say the same about print media today? After all, the new media and technology has made a difference in the way we receive news and information.

Media are evolving. Our alumni in Singapore’s media industry who are key players offer their views on the impact made in the local media. Tune in to Mr Chua Chin Hon, US Bureau Chief, The Straits Times; Ms Lynne Chee, Producer of Channel 8’s current affairs programme, Frontline; and Mr Lim Jim Koon, Chief Editor of Lianhe Zaobao.

Media have evolved over the years with the advent of technology. Media consumption habits are changing; how we receive news today is very much dependent on the factors that are shaping media evolution. So, what’s ‘sexy’ and what’s not? NTU Link speaks to our alumni experts in this industry to get the low-down on the trends.
Technology, here to stay

With technology, the 21st century will bring on changes that will impact traditional media like newspapers, radio and TV.

Mr Chua, who has been in the industry for almost 12 years after he graduated in 1998, sees technology as the driver behind many of the key changes. He says: “The rapid advancement in technology has made the news cycle and the attention span of readers much shorter. On the flip side, technology has also given journalists more avenues to share their work.”

“The media industry knows it has to harness these new technological tools, but the question is: Can the old business model be maintained? The bottom line is if you cannot stay in business, it doesn’t matter even if there are more than a million ways to spread the work.”

Agreeing with Mr Chua is Ms Chee, who has seen how technology facilitated the spread of news far and wide, and at a great speed, too. “And along with the Internet, journalists face more pressure in the timing for breaking news. Every news organisation in Singapore now has a corresponding website where snippets of breaking news are uploaded even before they are published,” says Ms Chee. She has been with the media industry since her graduation in 2002.

Boon or bane?

“Technology itself is neutral,” says Mr Chua. “The question to ask is whether the industry is smart enough to make good use of it. From what I can see so far, the industry hasn’t figured out how best to use technology to make the kind of money the players are used to making,” he observes.

Technology has been a boon in her line of work, asserts Ms Chee.

She says: “Thanks to modern technology, I have more time and can afford to watch how one story is covered differently by the various media channels and organisations. This is due to more news clips, interview programmes and news bulletins that are being transmitted online.”

As the number of young and tech savvy readers increases, she feels that they are accessing news and information much faster although they may not always get the complete picture.

Ms Chee elaborates: “Nowadays, people can easily snap pictures or record videos and upload them onto the websites. With such images and footages, the news is usually disjointed with no real narrative to support them. Although the audience gets to view the visuals, there is a lack of a clear story and available answers to the questions that may pop up in their minds. This is where professional journalists have a role to play in closing the ‘gaps’ and completing the story.”

New media vs mainstream

Amid the backdrop of advanced technology, do mainstream media – newspapers, radio and TV – still have a place these days? After all, the new media – broadly referred to Internet news sites, blogs, videocasts, podcast, social networks, business news sites and RRS feeds – are prevalent these days.

Traditional media had had to check themselves in order to continue to attract readers and stay in business. Veteran newspaper man Mr Lim Jim Koon, Chief Editor of Lianhe Zaobao, prided himself for moving with the times.

Mr Lim says: “The impact of the Internet can be felt on the young. More young readers are going to the Internet to feed their information needs and turning their backs on traditional media such as newspapers.”

Newspapers in particular, are challenged by the Internet. “We are seeing the demise of a number of English newspapers in the West,” laments Mr Lim.

For the Chinese newspapers in Singapore, it is a double whammy, notes Mr Lim. “On the one hand, we experience the decline in the use of the Chinese language and on the other, we have competition from the new media.

New media impact the newspapers of different languages in varying degrees. Mr Lim says: “The English papers are probably facing a greater impact. I find the older generation of Chinese are still dependent on the Chinese papers for their daily dosage of news.” But he acknowledges that the Chinese papers are not totally spared either as the Chinese new media are becoming more vibrant.

In the case of The Straits Times, Mr Chua reveals that the editors there are definitely thinking hard about the prevalence of the new media and are trying to strike a balance. “The old problems don’t go away just because there are new challenges,” he says.

Media dot.coms, fair game?

Mr Lim, who graduated from Nanyang University in 1972, has had first-hand experience of the turbulence in the Chinese newspaper world as he started his journalism career in the former Sin Chew foreign news desk as translator and copy taster in 1977. Lianhe Zaobao, the papers he now oversees, came to being in 1983 after the merger of two former rival Chinese newspapers Nanyang Siang Pau and Sin Chew Jit Poh.

According to Mr Lim, the Chinese media are influenced by the education trends in Singapore.
When Chinese medium schools ceased to exist in the late 80s, the language scene in Singapore changed, too. Mr Lim says: “In the past, there were endless supplies of Chinese educated journalists and readers. But, in the 80s, the numbers started to dwindle as English became the dominant language.”

“We need to keep up with these changes so as to continue attracting our readers,” he says.

Mr Lim initiated zaobao.com in 1995. The online portal attracted so many readers, it was mind boggling! Mr Lim gushes: “It simply took off! I recall one year after we started, we garnered 250,000 page hits per month. And today, we have 5 million page views daily!”

He explains: “Zaobao.com enjoys huge popularity in China. We do not face restriction from the Chinese government as they see us as being objective and fair. Some readers even get their domestic news from our site instead of their own online papers.”

“The new media has worked in the favour of Zaobao! We are able to make our presence felt in such a huge country like China, although we are a tiny nation,” says Mr Lim. Still, he cautions that the new media is not an established business model as yet. “You cannot make a lot of money from an online portal, as compared to the earnings from traditional print media,” says Mr Lim on the profitability of the new media.

“We have made some profit, but it does not commensurate with our popularity,” he surmises.

**Citizen journalism: It’s the rage!**

Zaobao is taking advantage of the popularity of its online version.

In 2007, it launched Singapore’s first bilingual online portal, omy.sg, targeted at the Net-savvy generation aged between 18 and 35. The portal has an interactive platform that allows the public to take part in online discussions and to send in videos and photos.

Posting videos and photos on websites such as Stomp and RazorTV is catching on fast. One can express his or her views or broadcast breaking news and become a newsmaker; citizen journalism has its appeal.

Mr Chua feels that these are attempts to reach out to a younger audience and connect with readers in different ways. “I am however, not entirely sure that these bells and whistles are what matters in the big scheme of things,” he debates. “However, I agree that citizen journalism will become an increasingly important part of overall journalism going ahead, and something the industry has to respond to,” he opines.

Taking a more holistic view, Ms Chee says: “Citizen journalism can actually complement traditional media; it has its advantages.”

“What traditional broadcast media can do, and has done increasingly in these few years, is to harness the power of citizen journalism. By seeking out the owners of the photos and videos posted AND interviewing them to get a sense of the circumstances in which these photos and videos were taken, the journalist is able to flesh out the story behind the images and footages. Combining the information with what the journalist has obtained through interviews on the scene, he can then piece together a compelling narrative that could provide answers to the questions the audience may have,” she points out.

**Future waves**

So, what is the future of the media industry?

“Right now we see the new media as being complementary to traditional media, but in the future, there is a possibility that the new media might take over,” says Mr Lim.

Traditional media are still very much trusted here in Singapore because of its credibility. “Yes, more people are turning to the new media, but do they truly trust what they read on some of the newer portals?” challenges Mr Lim.

“I see newspapers and TV still playing a very important role in Singapore, but I also see the new media catching up very fast, especially with the younger readers. New media is subject to regulation and laws and there are parameters for them to be bound by. I don’t see the demise of the traditional media as yet. I believe we can still remain profitable,” says Mr Lim.

Mr Chua agrees that the main role of media has not and will not change so drastically.

“The business model and technology in the news industry may be changing very fast. But, I would argue that its main role hasn’t – which is to help create an informed citizenry that is vital for a democratic society,” he says.

Mr Chua also has opinions on the future of Singapore’s Chinese newspapers.

“The Chinese newspapers will become more important as China becomes more important economically and socially for Singaporeans. But the language environment in Singapore has tipped decisively over to English in recent years.”

“Would Singapore end up having Chinese newspapers that are read abroad, but ignored at home?” he ponders.

Indeed, the new media is itself evolving and becoming increasingly mainstream, thanks to the resurgence of Web 2.0. Such is the marvel of technology; the tides are still turning…
新闻传媒业的革命

无可否认的事实是，这些年来由于新媒体科技的出现，新闻传媒业经历了一场演变过程。今天，我们获得新闻的途径在很大程度上取决于媒体演变的诸多因素。哪些是最令人关注的新闻，而哪些已经变成了陈年旧事？南大《心系南洋》校友季刊特别地走访了媒体业的南大校友，这些专家们以专业的视角向我们分析介绍了新媒体的运作形式。

过去，我们很难想象没有平面媒体的生活。而如今已不可同日而语。总体来说，新媒体科技的发展已经使我们今天接受新闻的方式大大改变。

传媒业在迅速地发展。过去和现在从事新加坡传媒业的南大人亲身经历了这场演变过程。他们就新媒体科技对本地传媒业的影响发表各自的看法。这些校友包括《海峡时报》驻美国首席特派员蔡振峰先生，新传媒第8频道“前线”（Frontline）时事节目制作人徐贺羚女士和《联合早报》总编辑林任君先生。

新媒体已被广泛使用

21世纪的到来使报纸、广播和电视这类传统媒体受到了巨大冲击。

蔡振峰先生自1998年毕业后就在新闻部门工作，至今已近12年，他体会到新媒体的发展所带来的重大变化。他说：“科技的飞速发展已经使新闻的新鲜度周期和读者的注意力大大缩短。从另一个角度而言，新媒体也带给新闻工作者更多的合作途径。”

他接着说：“新闻媒体业知道要利用这些新媒体工具，但问题是：旧的新闻模式还能保持下去吗？我们的底线是：如果你不能保持商业盈利，那么即使有再多途径来运行你的工作也是没有意义的！”

新媒体对所谓的传统媒体是天赐恩惠还是天降灾星？

蔡振峰先生表示：“科技本身是中性的，问题在于媒体业是否足够有效地利用它。从我至今所看到的现象来分析，我觉得传媒界似乎还没有最大限度地利用新媒体来像过去一样获取经济效益。”

而徐贺羚女士则认为，就她的行业而言，新媒体是天赐恩惠。她觉得，随着精通科技的年轻人越来越多，新闻部门不得不与时俱进，紧跟上网作业的潮流，并且设法在那里生根开花。

她说：“感谢现代科技，使我们有了更多时间和能力来了解不同媒体机构通过其各自的不同渠道是怎样报道同一则消息的。因为有了更多的新闻剪报、访谈活动、新闻公报等被传送到网站上。”徐女士还感觉到，随着精通网络的年轻读者群的增多，他们往往可以以更快的速度获知新闻，虽然他们不能完整地了解整则新闻的因果始终。

徐贺羚女士解释说：“人们现在可以轻而易举地拍下照片、进行录像，然后上传到网站上。但是这样的影像并没有叙述词加以说明，因此往往容易与实际脱节。虽然观众可以得到视像信息，然而却缺乏清晰的故事陈述，而且他们头脑里所产生的问题也得不到解答。专业新闻记者正在这个地方可以发挥作用，弥补"缺口"和撰写下完整的报道。”

新媒体将后来居上成主流吗？

在先进科技的背景下，报纸、广播、电视这类主流媒体如今还可以继续立足吗？毕竟，诸如新闻网站、博客、视频网站、播客、社交网络、商业新闻网站等新媒体已经无处不在。

传统媒体不得不重新检讨自己，才能继续吸引其观众及读者群并获取稳定的经济效益。实际上，资深报人，《联合早报》总编辑林任君先生已经紧随着这场演变并与时俱进。

他说：“互联网的影响在年轻人身上体现得更为突出。越来越多的年轻人摒弃了报纸这类传统媒体，直接从互联网来获取信息。”

在诸多传统媒体种，报纸尤为受到互联网的严峻挑战。林任君先生忧心忡忡地说：“在西方新闻界，我们可以看到一大批英文报业倒闭消失。”

林先生认为，新加坡的华文报业更是面临着双重挑战。他说：“一方面，我们面临着华语使用率下降的问题，另一方面，我们又面临着新媒体的强大竞争。”

新媒体对不同文字报纸的冲击度不尽相同。他解释说：“英文报纸可能受到更大的影响，因为我发现我们至少还有年纪大的华人读者群，他们每天靠华文报纸来获取新闻。”不过林先生也承认，华文报纸也不完全幸免于难，
因为新的中文网络媒体也越来越有势力，咄咄逼人。

就《海峡时报》而论，蔡振标先生透露说，那里的编辑们肯定在绞尽脑汁来应付新新媒体科技的强劲发展，并且想办法求得平衡。他说：“旧的问题并不会因为有新挑战而消失。”

新媒体dot.coms，是公平游戏吗？

于1972年毕业于南洋大学的林任君先生对华文报业所受到的威胁有着第一手的经验。他于1977年开始在新闻界工作，在前《星洲日报》外国新闻部担任担任翻译和选稿人。华文报纸《联合早报》是1983年由华文《南洋商报》和华文《星洲日报》合并而成的。

林先生说，新加坡的教育趋势影响了本地的华文媒体。当80年代以华语为媒介授课的学校不复存在时，新加坡的语言环境变了。林任君先生说：“过去，华校毕业的新闻记者来源不成问题，也拥有大量读者群。而是在80年代，这类人数开始下降，而英语成为主导语言。”

他说：“当我们看到发生了这些变化，我们有必要跟随时代，继续吸引读者。”

林任君先生于1995年带领开设了zaobao.com网站。

这个门户网站吸引了许多读者，让人大吃一惊。林先生兴奋地说：“这简直是扭转乾坤的一举。回忆网站开始启用后的第一年，每个月的阅读网页面为25万页。而今天，每一月的阅读网页面为500万页！

他透露，在中国有为数许多人靠zaobao.com网站获取新闻。为什么在中国有这么大的流通量呢？他解释说：“我们在中国很受欢迎。我们没有受到中国政府的任何限制，因为他们相信我们是非常客观和公正的。有些中国读者甚至从我们的网站了解他们国外发生的事情，而不是靠他们国内的新闻网站。”

他继续说：“新媒体给华早带来了显而易见的好处！我们虽然是弹丸小国，可是泱泱大国中国却能够感受到我们的存在。”不过他也告诫说，新媒体还没有形成一个成功的商业模式。当谈到新媒体的商业收益时，他说：“同传统的印刷媒体所得到的盈利相比，从新闻网站还不能得到理想的收益。”

最后他总结说：“我们的确得到一些利益，但这同我们的声望还不够相称。”

市民记者：新风尚诞生了！

趁热打铁：联合早报充分利用了他的网站声望。

2007年，《联合早报》面对18岁至35岁精通网络的年轻人推出了新加坡首座双语网站ormy.sg。它开设的互动平台用于公众参加讨论、进行网上交流、上传视频和照片等。

在诸如 Stomp 和 RazorTV 这样的网站上，上传视频或照片已经成为风尚：人们可以自由地表达看法，公布突发新闻，并且成为一个“新闻记者”，还会引起公众的关注。

蔡振标先生觉得，这些是接触年轻观众和联系读者群的不同方法。他说：“不过我不完全确定这些新途径会起到多大地的效用。但至少我同意市民记者将日益成为整体新闻界的重要组成部分，而且是新闻界必须认真对待的问题。”

徐振英女士提出了更加综合的看法，她说：“市民记者可以凭借其优势，恰到好处地弥补传统媒体的欠缺。”

徐女士指出：“传统广播媒体所能够做到的、以及这几年不断完善去做的，就是充分利用市民记者的力量。新闻记者通过寻找这些照片和视频的所有者来采访他们，从而了解拍摄这些照片和视频的环境，就能够了解这些图像和视频的真实性，然后通过现场采访所得到的信息整合成报道，这就可能回答观众所提出的问题。”

未来的浪潮

那么，新闻媒体业的未来又将如何呢？

林任君先生说：“此时此刻，我们认为新媒体和传统媒体可以达到有效的互补，但是将来新媒体很有可能会超越传统媒体担负起主宰作用。”

林先生解释说：“在新加坡，尽管报纸和电视还是在发挥着重要作用，与此同时新媒体所发挥的作用日渐突出，特别是对年轻人。新媒体将受到法律和制度的约束，它们需要遵守必要的规则。我还没有看到传统媒体衰落的迹象，因此我相信我们还是可以从新媒体中保持收益。”

蔡振标先生对林先生的观点表示同意，传统媒体的主要作用还没有、也不会很快被取代。他说：“新闻传媒业的商业模式和技术可能会变化得很快，但是我要争辩说，它的重要作用还没有变，这就是：协助创造一个对政治社会至关重要的可以灵敏洞察社会、了解社会的公民群体。”

蔡先生也对新加坡华文报纸的未来发表了看法。他说：“由于中国的经济和社会发展对新加坡人越来越重要，新加坡华文报的地位也将更加重要。然而这些年来新加坡的言论环境却大大地倾斜到英文那里。”

他担忧地说：“难道新加坡要看到自己的华文报纸在国外受到欢迎和阅读，而在国内却遭到冷落吗？”

在媒体途径选择方面，观众往往被误导了。徐振英女士评论说：“娱乐和新闻的来源来自多种渠道。根据观众的偏好进行选择应该是电视媒体要采取的有效方法。”

林任君先生质疑说：“传统媒体由于公信力和可信性很高，在新加坡还是受到很大信任。但的确有更多人选择新媒体，但是，他们能够在一些新网站上登载的东西吗？”

归根结底，新媒体迅猛的发展表明它势必会成为新的趋势，感谢网络时代的到来，让我们目睹了新闻传媒业的革命。
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NTU Link puts the spotlight on alumni from the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information (WKWSCI). We talked to 14 from the Class of 2009. They graduated at the peak of a global recession yet transited smoothly from campus to career; some more creatively than others. Read all about it.

Big dreamers: (Clockwise from front) Adeline Ong, Alex Teh, Sam Kang Li, Darren Tan and Poh Yan Zhao are five WKWSCI alumni who banded together to start their own multimedia business.

From campus to the real world

Five of the 14 set up their own multimedia company last September at the time when the Singapore economy was just showing signs of recovery.

They opted for self-employment as their ‘career’ choice because they believe that each of them had something to bring to the table.

Still, capital had to be raised. Borrowing from families and drawing from personal savings, they rustled up enough to set up the Little Red Ants Creative Studio.
Meet the fabulous five – Darren Tan, Alex Teh, Poh Yan Zhao, Sam Kang Li and Adeline Ong. What inspired them to take the path less trodden and set up a business?

All in their mid-20s, they believed that youth is a good time to take risks when they still had the drive and dare. What was more, being course mates at NTU also meant that they knew one another and already had the trust.

And how did they get started? It was Mr Teh who ‘floated’ the idea of starting a business. “I knew I wanted to explore multimedia,” he said. Mr Teh began scouting for like-minded peers immediately after returning from backpacking to Eastern Europe, Iran and Turkey.

He sought course mates whom he had worked with on school projects; Mr Tan came to mind easily. Then Mr Tan had already made a name for himself in industry as a credible cinematographer. He also wasn’t holding a full-time job, preferring to freelance instead.

“I felt it was a good opportunity, so I grabbed it,” said Mr Tan, simply. Among the awards he had won was the Asian Television Award for best video and a Judges Choice Award for his short film ‘Mummy’ from the Fly By Night Video Challenge.

Mr Teh also approached Ms Ong whose strengths he already knew of because they had worked together whilst at the university on their GO-FAR (Going Overseas for Advanced Reporting) programme to Karnataka, India. Ms Ong writes and takes photographs.

The rose among the thorns, Ms Ong, met with some resistance from family members when her intention to go into business was revealed. They felt that she would be better off working for others. Besides, she was the only female! Ms Ong went ahead nonetheless and she is a business woman with a mission: To prove the naysayers wrong.

The remaining two – Mr Sam and Mr Poh – eventually came onboard and completed the team. Mr Sam was the top journalism student in his cohort and had received the Singapore Press Holdings Gold Medal. He had worked as a photographer across Asia and had held exhibition in cities such as Paris, Belfast and London.

Of their business venture, the pragmatist among the five, Mr Poh, said: “We don’t live in a bubble. We took calculated risks.” Mr Poh who specialised in public and promotion fronts the team when they pitch the business to potential clients. Prior to joining the Little Red Ants, he was an assistant regional brand manager at Unilever, but left after three months. The business opportunity wasn’t something to pass up; the corporate world would always be there should he decide to return.

Little Red Ants broke even within three months. Multimedia companies are a dime a dozen. How did the five make theirs stand out?

“We positioned ourselves as a multimedia storyteller,” said Mr Poh. “Content generation is what we are about,” rejoined Mr Teh. Their challenge since they started is in getting potential clients to see that youth is synonymous with ‘fresh ideas’.

They clinched the Youth Olympic Games Friendship Camp video project soon after they set up the company. They also coveted the Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports’ ‘Dad’s For Life’ corporate video project.

Do they have a business model? “We have in place a three-year and a five-year plan. We want to be a top multimedia production studio in Singapore in three years’ time and hope to expand within Asia and Australia in five,” said Mr Poh.

The team complements one another in skills. “We represent a good amalgamation of the three different specialisations within the school,” said Mr Poh.

Ms Ong, Mr Sam and Mr Teh specialised in journalism and publishing. Mr Poh specialised in public and promotional whilst Mr Tan, broadcast and cinema studies.

“NTU gave us opportunities to discover our strengths. They also set us on the right path. It is therefore up to us to take our own initiative to make things work. There are various platforms on campus where we develop real-world skill sets. We had our own radio and TV stations and newspapers. We had opportunities for value-add internship, too,” said Mr Teh.
Articles were first published in The Straits Times on 13 June 2009

Cradle of the World: The nine-page ST Special Report is repackaged from the FYP of three WKWSCI alumni.

Just how far can university opportunities work for the real world?

For the nine WKWSCI alumni, their Final-Year Projects or FYPs were repackaged as The Straits Times (ST) Special Report. And for three consecutive Saturdays in June last year, these reports were published, with the alumni given their very own bylines.

The FYPs were: Cradle of the World; 1-Room Flats; and Reinventing Giving.

Of the FYPs, Ms Susan Long, Enterprise Editor, ST, said: "What I liked about the Indian surrogates (Cradle of the World), one-roomer's and reinventing giving packages is that they offered an element of surprise to our readers. I also appreciated their rigor – which was achieved by staying with the topic conscientiously over a long time.

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Enterprise Editor, The Straits Times

From FYP to the field

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Good FYPs go the distance to try to do more – more thorough interviews, more surveys, more data collation, more detail, more insights, etc."

Not only did they win kudos from industry, several among the nine whose FYPs preceded them, managed to impress employers with their portfolio. Of the nine, all found jobs despite the economic downturn. Six made it to the media industry, while two joined government agencies and one, banking and finance.
A lonely life: The FYP of four WKWSCI alumni entitled 1-Room Flats uncovers a new breed of less privileged people in Singapore.

Meet David Lee, Tan Wei Xin and Muhd Nurluqman Suratman, who produced a credible FYP on India’s surrogacy industry. All in their mid-20s, the trio are today bona fide reporters. Mr Lee is a sports journalist with The New Paper. Mr Nurluqman reports on the chemical industry while Mr Tan, oil and energy. The former is with ICIS news and the latter, ODS-Petrodata.

To work on their FYP, which was inspired by a ST article on India’s growing surrogacy industry, they dipped into their savings and flew to India from 3 to 21 December 2009. They also managed to secure a $3,000 sponsorship from Nikon.

In all, they spent 19 days in India – 10 days were spent in Gujarat and nine in Mumbai, Maharashtra, where surrogacy activity is most prevalent. Through interpreters, they spoke to 70 people, including surrogates, ‘buyers’ or intended parents and doctors.

Their FYP was repackaged into the ST Special Project published on Saturday 13 June 2009. Although it didn’t directly land them their current jobs, the FYP had certainly made their résumé stand out.

**Holistic pursuits**

Two other FYPs featured on Saturday 20 June 2009 and 27 June 2009 were 1-Room Flats and Reinventing Giving, respectively.

The 1-Room Flats FYP was the brainchild of Wong Jing Han, 23, Lim Wei Yang, 25, Alex Teh (Little Red Ants), 25, and Lim Rong Shan, 25.

As for the FYP on Reinventing Giving, they were the concerted effort of three alumnae, Sheere Ng, Elaine Ng and Faith Chen, all aged 22.

Mr Lim Wei Yang, touched by the plight of the one-roomers he interviewed for his FYP, still returned to 2 Jalan Kukoh where the flats are located over the weekends to help out. A researcher with Singapore Press Holdings, Mr Lim also works for a professor whom the group had interviewed for their FYP.

His group mates, Ms Wong is with a government agency and Mr Lim Rong Shan went into banking and finance.

**From 'cradle' to news room**

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Ms Elaine Ng of the Reinventing Giving FYP, said: “My parents were more confident of my job prospects after seeing the FYP published in ST.” She has found job as a media executive at Videre Media Pte Ltd. Ms Ng is also currently freelancing for SEforum (Social Entrepreneurship Forum) which she was introduced to through the FYP.

Her two group mates – Ms Chen is with A*Star while Ms Sheere Ng writes for online travel company, takemetoAsia.com.

To alumni from the other schools who beat the worst global recession in ways that are unique, do email your story to tlyong@ntu.edu.sg.
Exclusively, Sophia

She is none other than Sophia Pang, the seemingly ‘ordinary’ woman who has made Singapore and NTU proud when she made it to the South Pole on 30 December 2009. NTULink chats with the 37-year-old alumna to find out more about our first lady of the Antarctic and her adventure.

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Ms Sophia Pang
NTU Alumna
(NBS/Class of 1994)
Congratulations on being the first Singaporean woman to reach the South Pole. Your family must be so proud of you. Did they support your Antarctic mission? Were there any sacrifices you had to make?

My family has always supported me and this time round, it was no different. Of course, my mum, being a mother, was worried for me. I am glad to have made them proud.

When at home, most of the household decisions are made by me. But when I was away for two and a half months for the Antarctic expedition, my husband took over. I was confident I had nothing to worry about. It was also during this period that my daughter obtained her PSLE results. She sent news through email which warmed my heart. My sister-in-law was a great help in taking care of my daughter’s school selection.

I find being away from my family the biggest sacrifice I’ve had to make, but I must say it was well worth it!

Besides being a parent to three lovely children, you are also an IT consultant and aerobics instructor who does a mean kick-boxing. How do you balance them all?

I think I am good at organising things. Maybe that is why I know I am able to do all that I set my mind to do. Even after I returned from the expedition, I wasted no time in getting things in order at home.

I gave up my full-time work two years ago, as I wanted to spend more time with my family especially my kids. It was through trial and error that I came up with my current timetable.

Weekends are dedicated to my children and weekdays are scheduled for training, freelance consultancy and the regular mommy-wife responsibilities.

If you were to compare being a homemaker and an adventurer, which would you say is tougher? Has life changed for you since the South Pole?

I think both are difficult in their own ways, but being a meticulous organiser, I guess that has helped me to accomplish what I have to do.

During the expedition, I had to focus on the skiing and the cooking and believe it or not, it was all pretty ‘relaxing’ for me. Reason being I only had one aim in my mind at that time, and that was to complete the expedition.

Now, life is in fact pretty much the same, except for the interviews that I have to do.

Have you always been adventurous even whilst a student of NTU?

Yes, I have always been someone who enjoys the thrills and spills.

At 17, I had obtained my motorcycle licence and at 20, the pleasure craft licence. I also hold a Taekwondo black belt and am aiming to obtain a pilot’s licence next.

I have also tried bungee jumping and white-water rafting during a trip to New Zealand.

What does it mean to you to be the first local woman to fly the Singapore flag at the South Pole, as well as the first from your alma mater to do so?

I am proud to carry the flag of my country. Flying my alma mater’s flag at the Antarctic was also a great feeling.

Reaching the destination was a big relief! People had put a lot of expectations on us and we’re very happy to make it to the end.

Now that I have completed my Antarctic mission, I find another equally important mission, which is to share the experience of the expedition, not just with other women but hopefully with the younger generation. I hope to inspire them to set their sights high. I also want to prove that inter-cultural understanding and co-operation will yield impressive results.

I must say I am appreciative of NTU’s support of the expedition.

Lessons from your adventure to the ‘bottom of the world’ are...

That it is important to get out of our comfort zone because when we do that, we will discover we could do the thing we thought we were incapable of.

Attitude and mental strength counts more than experience.

I believe that mothers should also give time to themselves. If a mother neglects herself and breaks down, everything else will fall apart and she wouldn’t be able to take care of her family for the long haul.

Starting them young: A younger Sophia Pang (crouching, left) at a desert tour, with her mother, husband and two kids. She wants her children to also develop a sense of adventure.
Having met you in person, it is hard to imagine you subjecting your petite frame to the harsh Antarctic. How do you deal with the challenges? Were there any life-threatening moments?

We encountered blistering winds, treacherous landscape and temperatures that plunged below minus 40 degrees Celsius. The wind at base camp destroyed two tents, including mine.

Our Jamaican teammate suffered frost bite on her fingertips and had to abort the trip. We got apprehensive and learnt to be more cautious of our actions throughout.

The first half of the 38-day expedition was a test of my physical limits as I had to haul more than 100kg worth of gear daily. But once I settled into it, it became more of a mental test to push on despite the discomfort.

We skied for 10 hours every day. Throughout the 10-hour per day skiing journey, we took turns to lead for 90 minutes because it was both a mental and physical challenge. We would stop for only 7 minutes each time, and snack on popcorn, peanuts, chocolates, and dried bananas to replenish our energy.

Not everything was smooth sailing. I experienced a myriad of emotions when crossing the all-white landscape. There were times I felt guilt. And then there were times I got worried and angry.

The landscape was so monotonous and unexciting that I even began to talk to myself. Sometimes, I could see only the sleigh in front of me. It was also very quiet and the silence was deafening. I found myself nursing random thoughts. As we neared the last degree, I even experienced weakness in my knees.

The last 10 days were the most trying, as we were all physically drained. But, I kept telling myself to push on no matter how tired I felt because I didn’t want to let the whole team down. I willed myself to focus on putting one foot in front of the other, taking a single step at a time.

What actually motivated you to be part of the historical all-women Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition?

First, I wanted to be part of an all-women team so I can share and highlight my experience as a woman adventurer. That was the main attraction for me.

Second, I liked that we weren’t required to have experience when I applied for the expedition. In fact, in our team, more than half of us had never taken on such an adventure before.

I also wanted to lead by example and inspire my eldest daughter Inez, to pursue her dreams. I wanted to show her that if there is something you want to do, go for it.

You skied for 38 days over 900 kilometres. Did you get in touch with your loved ones at home through, say, the Internet?

Yes, we were able to put up postings on our website so that our family members could keep track of our progress.

But, it was a team decision not to contact home from the day we started the trek proper on 12 November despite having access to e-mail and satellite phones.

We wanted to focus on the goal of reaching the South Pole. If we were to keep calling home, we might get homesick and that could affect our mood and morale.

On a lighter note, did you miss our local food, say, char guo teow, chicken rice or teh tarik, during the time you were away?

Oh yes, I did! I missed fishball noodles.

What is your next big challenge?

Any attempt at Mount Everest is probably out, as mountaineering is not my cup of tea. But I am keeping my mind open to other extreme sports.
An evening with CUAO

Chief University Advancement Officer (CUAO) Chew Kheng Chuan engages student leaders for the first time in a dialogue held to promote exchange.

A nd what a lively evening it turned out to be! Already, student leaders were calling for more of such exchange. Many were glad they swapped their Friday night – the dialogue was held on 8 January – for a session with Mr Chew, a senior management staff of NTU. He is also the man behind NTU’s image branding, development and alumni engagement.

Joining Mr Chew were fellow NTU senior management, namely, Associate Professor Lok Tat Seng, Dean of Students, and Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs.

As many as 211 student leaders from 58 clubs, societies and Junior Common Room Committees attended the Student Leaders Get-together and Dialogue session held at the Nanyang Executive Centre Auditorium.

Advancing together

Over the course of the evening, several student leaders sought clarification on the donations made to the university through various channels such as the ‘I Gave’ campaign.

Mr Chew gladly enlightened students on the importance of giving, a subject that is close to his heart. He shared that the donations made are channelled to the NTU Endowment Fund for scholarships, bursaries and student activities. He also cited his alma mater Harvard as having a strong culture of giving. It has contributed to making the university what it is today.

NTU, he added, has its uniqueness. “Compared to the other universities in Singapore, NTU has a noble history,” he said. He shared with students how the founding institution, Nanyang University, was built on donations from the common people.

Other hot topics surfaced were the NTU brand and what the student leaders felt was the ‘gap’ between reality and public perception. Also surfaced were the formation of student bodies and schools’ integration.

Of the exchange, one student leader in particular, Tan Jie Hao (Year 2/SCE), said:

“Mr Chew was thoughtful in using examples to put his points across. I now understand how the Development Office, Corporate Communications Office and Alumni Affairs Office help schools and students.” Ms Tan is the financial controller of the Computer Engineering Club.
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第14期南大杰出校友论坛

**March 20**
NTU Malaysian Alumni Get-together
南大马来西亚校友聚会

**March 27 & 28**
Run Round Singapore
环绕新加坡跑

**April 18**
Movie Screening: Shutter Island
电影欣赏会：《隔离岛》

**April 23**
Dialogue with Presidents of NTU Alumni Associations
与南大校友会对话会

**May 2**
Movie Screening: Iron Man 2
电影欣赏会：《铁人》第二集

**May 7**
International Alumni Get-together 2010
2010年南大国际校友联欢会

**May 14**
15th Distinguished Alumni Forum
第15期南大杰出校友论坛

**May 22**
NTU Alumni Family Day 2010
2010年南大校友家庭日

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To sign up for the events, or simply to enquire, email alumniaffairs@ntu.edu.sg or call +65 6790 4675 / 4434.

For regular, monthly update of events, get ClassACT e-zine through http://www2.ntu.edu.sg/nr/publicportal/includes/commonsubscription.asp

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Run Round Singapore
Going the Distance

27 – 28 March 2010

Register for NTU’s 55th Anniversary mega relay run involving 68 stations averaging 3km each.

The 218-km relay run is to be completed under 36 hours.
Nine core runners will aim to set new records in the Singapore Book of Records.

Register online at www.ntu.edu.sg/RunRoundSingapore
Call 6790 4327 / 4434 for enquiries
Email to RunRoundSingapore@ntu.edu.sg

First Station Flag-Off:
27 March 2010 (Saturday), 8.30am
Chinese Heritage Centre, Yunnan Garden Campus, NTU

End Point Carnival Finale:
28 March 2010 (Sunday), 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Sports & Recreation Centre, NTU
Sports Competitions, 3.00pm - 8.00pm
3-on-3 Basketball, 5-a-side Soccer, 3-a-side Floorball & 4-a-side Netball

Support Bursaries For Needy Students
Make a gift or lend a hand to raise funds
Info: http://ntu.edu.sg/DO/irs
Email: annualgiving@ntu.edu.sg

Supporting Organisations:

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### 68 Stations for Run Round Singapore

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* Subject to change. Registered participants will be notified of the actual reporting time & venue closer to the date of the run.
REGISTRATION

Please indicate your level of participation

☐ Run Participant  ☐ Carnival Participant  ☐ Volunteer  ☐ Fundraising Volunteer

Full Name (as in NRIC/Passport):

Address:

Postal Code:

Contact No.: Residence / Office HP

Email:

(Confirmation receipt and run updates will be emailed to this account.)

Nationality: ☐ Singaporean  ☐ Permanent Resident

☐ Others please specify:

NRIC / Passport No.: Date of Birth: dd/mm/yyyy

Gender: ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Affiliation to NTU: ☐ Student  ☐ Staff  ☐ Alumni

Year of Graduation: School / Department:

☐ Friend of NTU  ☐ Please specify:

Medical Condition: Do you have any known medical condition(s)?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ If yes, please specify:

Emergency Contact: Name:

Contact No.: Relationship:

Event T-Shirt Size: ☐ XS  ☐ S  ☐ M  ☐ L  ☐ XL

(Subject to availability)

Relay Starting Point: Station No. (as indicated on the route map)

DECLARATION

I hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the run.

I certify that the particulars are correct and I am physically fit to participate in the Run Round Singapore. I have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical professional.

In consideration of the acceptance of my registration, I hereby confirm and agree to participate in the Run Round Singapore at my own risk and I will not make any claims against Nanyang Technological University, the Organisers, its officials, employees or agents for any claim, damage or loss or whatsoever, whether directly or indirectly caused by or arising out of or in connection with any injury sustained or death occurring as a result of my participation in the Run Round Singapore, during or after the event.

______________________________  ______________________________
Signature of participant  Signature of parent / guardian
(for participants below 18 years old)

MODE OF REGISTRATION

1. Please submit the completed registration form to NTU Alumni Affairs Office located at:
   60 Nanyang View, Nanyang Executive Centre, #02-08, S(639673)
   Monday to Friday (8.30am to 5.30pm)
   Tel: 6790 4327 / 6790 4434  Fax: 6792 5048

2. Registration can also be done online at www.ntu.edu.sg/RunRoundSingapore

3. Closing date for registration is 12 March 2010.
RULES & REGULATIONS FOR RUN PARTICIPANTS

GENERAL
1. Run Round Singapore is a non-competitive run. Registration is open for only the relay run and shall be free-of-charge.
2. All entries must be made on the Official Registration Form and must be submitted by hand, by post, by fax or through the official online registration website www.ntu.edu.sg/RunRoundSingapore by 12 March 2010.
3. Incomplete registration forms will not be accepted. The Organisers will not be responsible for any disputes arising from incomplete / wrong entry details given by participants.
4. The completion of the Official Registration Form signifies that the participant agrees to abide by the relevant rules and regulations of the event set by the Organisers.
5. The Organisers reserve the right to limit and refuse entries.
6. The Organisers reserve the right to amend any Rules and Regulations without prior notice.
7. Participants are to indicate clearly their chosen station to start the run. Transport will be provided to ferry participants back to their preceding station upon completion of their run.
8. Participants below 18 years of age are required to seek parental or guardian consent for participating in the event. Minimum age requirement for participation is 7 years old.
9. The Organisers reserve the right to use any photographs, motion picture, recordings, or any other record of this run and its participants for any legitimate purpose, including commercial advertising.

RUNNING
1. Participants are to be ready at the respective stations on time and respect the Organisers’ decision on the flag-off time for all the 68 stations.
2. Runners are to wear the Run Round Singapore T-shirts throughout the run (size of T-shirt is subject to availability and no exchange will be entertained).
3. Runners must observe traffic rules at all times and run on the designated path/pavement for the entire route.
4. No pets or any form of wheel-run objects of transport e.g. in-line skates, prams, push chairs, shoes with rollers, etc. are allowed on the whole run route.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
1. In the event of inclement weather, the Organisers reserve the right to delay or cancel the run of the respective stations. The event will not be postponed to another date.

MEDICAL ADVISORY
1. All participants shall ensure that they are physically and medically fit to take part in the event.
2. Participants are advised against the consumption of alcohol or stimulants within 24 hours of their run.
3. Participants are to ensure that they are well-rested and well-hydrated before the run.
4. Should any participant feel unwell in the course of run, he/she should stop and seek immediate medical attention.
5. The Organisers reserve the right to stop any participant deemed physically incapable (i.e. severe physical harm) from further participation in the run.
6. Whilst every reasonable precaution will be taken by the Organisers to ensure the participants’ safety, participants shall partake in this event at their own risk. The Organisers shall not be responsible or liable whatsoever for any claim, action, injury or death or damage to property, whether personal or otherwise, and howsoever arising whilst participating in the Run Round Singapore event.

COLLECTION
1. All registered participants are requested to collect the Run Round Singapore T-shirts from 17 to 23 March 2010 between 8.30am to 5.30pm at the designated address below:
   Alumni Affairs Office
   Nanyang Technological University
   Nanyang Executive Centre
   60 Nanyang View, #02-08
   Singapore 639673
   Hotline: 6790 4434 / 6790 4327
2. Goodie bags and drinks will be issued to all participants at the end point upon completion of their run.
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Reconnect
Relax

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Western Restaurant • Chinese Restaurant • Jackpot Room • KTV Room • Card & Games Room •
Reading Room • TV Room • Conference & Meeting Room • Infant & Childcare

☐ Yes! I would like find out more. Please contact me.

Name: .......................................................... Contact: ..........................................................

Graduation Year: .......................................................... Faculty: ..........................................................

Email: ........................................................................

Mailing Address: ........................................................................

NTU Alumni Club
Nanyang Technological University Alumni Club
11 Slim Barracks Rise (Off North Buona Vista Road) Singapore 138664

For further enquiries, please call 6777 1101 or fax the membership form at 6777 1933. You may also email us at enquiries@ntualumni.org.sg

www.ntualumni.org.sg
My alma mater presented me the Nanyang Alumni Service Award last year at the NTU Alumni Night 2009. The Award recognises my contribution in setting up the Nanyang Chinese Literature Award to boost the study of Chinese literary works.

The idea for the Nanyang Chinese Literature Award was proposed a few years back by fellow alumnus, Mr Liew Sing Hun, whom I have known for over 50 years. He proposed the Award at an opening forum held at the NTU Confucius Institute.

Immediately, I saw the value in furthering Chinese literature at NTU. I donated and by the end of the fundraising efforts, donations amounting to S$1 million were collected. With the Government’s dollar-for-dollar match, S$2 million went to the award.

I am glad to have done my part.
I took the chance to visit my alma mater during the NTU Alumni Homecoming held last October. It was not the first time I returned. I came back the year before, too.

I find it meaningful to learn of the development of the schools and meet old friends. I met two to three of my friends at the last homecoming and a few lecturers whom I used to work with.

Last year’s homecoming was special as it was held for the first time over a weekend, with a barbeque on Friday evening, two forums and the NTU Alumni Night on Saturday, and a sports meet on Sunday.

I attended three, namely, the English forum, the NTU Alumni Night and the sports meet. I enjoyed the English forum and thought it was very good.

I also came to support my friends who played in the basketball and badminton matches. Though they did not win, we all had much fun.

I am glad the university has kept the old buildings at the Yunnan Garden campus, as well as retained the tradition because they serve to remind us of our past.

I feel a strong sense of attachment to the school because of its history and place. I will certainly be back again.

To friends and fellow alumni who are keen to look me up, I am today the Principal Education Consultant at Educare International Consultancy Private Limited.

I was glad to be invited to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Computer Engineering Club (CEC), which was held last year in November. While at the event, I managed to catch up with some of my ‘old’ friends and the past Management Committees, including the pioneer batches.

All present were encouraged to muse about the good times we used to have through video footages and photos shown. What a blast from the past!

CEC actually went through a re-organisation as it was formerly the Applied Science Club. I was instrumental in re-organising the former club, after which I founded the NTU School of Computer Engineering Alumni Association (SCEAA) in 2001 and 2002, respectively. Through it all, I got the chance to work with a committed team of students and alumni, which was indeed a pleasure.

For committing time and effort to the club, the NTU Alumni Service Award was conferred on me by NTU in October 2009. Needless to say, I felt great honour.

I would like to thank fellow alumni whom I journeyed with, namely, Eddy Abraham, Tew Ming Wei, Lawrence Chia, Aylwin Lam Yi Phern, Chen Choong Seng, Lee Ser Wei and New Wei Wei, Yeo Quan Hui, Cyndi Lum Yuit Ming, Adrian Chye and Justin Yeo. This is extended to all of those who had contributed to SCEAA’s first Management and Proteome Committees.

I would also like to thank Dr Yow Kin Choong and Mr Seah Wen Kor for their guidance, not to mention the support rendered to SCEAA.

But, above all, I would like to thank my wife, Jannes Tan Jing Farn, for her support and understanding. In fact, the year 2009 was a milestone for Jannes and I. We moved to our new home at Tampines Premiere in February and tied the knot on 7 June 2009.

It is almost 10 years since I graduated from the School of Computer Engineering (formerly known as the School of Applied Science).

Guess what? I am now an NTU student again. I am currently pursuing the Nanyang MBA – one of the top MBA programmes not only in Singapore, but also in the world (and obviously that includes JB and Batam, as well).

To eke out a living for the family – I have a wife and a 9-month baby daughter – I work as a System Analyst, handling a hedge fund which happened to be Risk Magazine’s Hedge Fund of the Year 2009.

I would like to say a big HELLO to all my former classmates and lecturers in SCE, all my hall mates in Hall 11 and 7, and all NTU Taekwondo club members and of course 师傅.

Please contact me at isaacsutedja@hotmail.com.
In April 2009, I finally took the plunge and quit my job in Ernst & Young as Associate Director to focus on my new chapter in life. It was time to pursue my passion and turn my dreams into reality.

I used up all my savings to provide the seed capital funding needed to incorporate and establish the business. My main reason for setting up atomi which stands for Andrew and Mitsuko in Japanese is simply because I wanted to start something uniquely Singapore and Japan. Mitsuko Murano, my wife, quit her job recently to join me in managing atomi. She is a Japanese citizen whom I married in 2002 and that is how my interest in Japan, the language and culture began.

Since day one, we had no difficulty finding clients for our new venture. I collaborated with Japanese artists to produce items that are exclusive only to atomi. The close partnerships I have with all my artists and suppliers allow me to offer custom designs and colours for my ceramics, glass and linen series.

During my years in the corporate life, I flew to many countries worldwide for projects and meetings. It was during these travels that I noticed there were more to Japan than what were available in Singapore then. Also, I saw that made-in-Japan products were glaringly missing. My wife and I began to make frequent trips to Japan to source for things we like. I think we were destined to set up atomi.

I also think I fit the profile of an entrepreneur. I am adaptive to change since young, having gone from pure arts stream while in secondary school to double science in junior college before getting my degree in finance.

I received my bachelor’s degree in finance, with honours, from Nanyang Business School. Immediately after my last paper in NTU and certainly before receiving the final semester’s results, I found my way to IT consulting following the takeover by KPMG Consulting to form BearingPoint. I was an IT consultant prior to becoming a business intelligence and integration manager at Standard Chartered Bank, where I got to marry my IT and management consulting skill sets. There, I provided in-depth analysis of global expenditure and financial reports to the management team in global HQ and country heads.

I passionately enjoy what I am doing now and want to share with everyone the best-hidden, secret gems from Japan, and the great stories behind each product. You can email me at andrew@atomi-jp.com.

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Matthew Quek Kwan Chern  
(NIE/2003)

Increasingly, I am beginning to recognise the privilege of being able to sing for others. I am a musical theatre and jazz singer and have thus far cut five albums.

Ever since I got married early last December, the songs that I have been singing all these years seemed to have assumed a new dimension. I find music to be a vehicle that transmits life’s lessons and experiences. Now that I am married, I am increasingly experiencing day by day what commitment and sacrifice truly mean. I find that living as a married man is both a rewarding and humbling experience.

I am grateful to be married to a lovely pianist who shares the same love and passion for music as I do. My wife has been understanding and supportive, especially of my deep involvement in music.

We returned from our honeymoon just before Christmas last year in time for my performances lined up for the Yuletide period. I will continue singing so as to bring joy and to help people reflect on the true meaning of life.

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Dr Hery Susanto Djie  
(EEE/2005)

I am proud to be an NTU alumnus and have no qualms doing my bit for my alma mater.

I was presented the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award by NTU at the NTU Alumni Homecoming 2009, in recognition of my achievements in engineering and scientific research.

I flew back from Silicon Valley where I am now working to attend the homecoming. I was glad I made time for the event although it meant long-distance travelling all the way from the US. I took the chance to visit my family in Singapore during this trip. My mother-in-law decided to fly to Singapore and joined in the homecoming as well. So, I got to celebrate with not only my NTU family, but also my family.

On the same day as the homecoming, I gave a talk at a campus seminar and shared with NTU students what I was doing in USA, particularly at Silicon Valley. The seminar was organised by my former advisor (Visiting Professor Mei Ting) at the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE). They had asked if I could help when I came back. Although my flight arrived at Changi Airport at 1am, I made it for the talk at 2pm the same day.

I had always been interested in research, which was why I chose to work towards my PhD in EEE at NTU in the field of photonics and optoelectronics. The university is becoming better known as a research-intensive university so much so even my colleagues at Silicon Valley were aware of its reputation and strengths.
She has been a reporter with The Business Times (BT) for just two years when she picked up a prize for the Most Promising Journalist of The Year at the 10th Investors’ Choice Awards.

"I am thankful for the nomination and opportunities given. At the end of the day, I hope readers will benefit from my work. I believe the hours of getting stories out always pay off when they gain new insights or are informed in their decisions."

The Awards was organised by the Securities Investors Association of Singapore (SIAS), the largest investor lobby group in Asia, with almost 70,000 retail investors as members. SIAS introduced the Awards for journalists in 2001 to promote accurate and useful financial reporting to help its retail investors who rely heavily on the media for financial information to guide their investment decisions.

She was presented the prize on 7 October 2009.

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After graduating in 2006 and re-joining the School of EEE as a PhD candidate, I have gotten used to a life of few surprises other than the occasional ‘eureka’ moments from my research work.

Speaking of eureka, or rather its Greek origin – Εὕρηκα – reminds me of my recent trip to Greece. It was full of fresh experiences, which made it a most unforgettable trip.

First, let’s talk about the streets of Athens. Although lined with plain-looking buildings, they were also dotted with chapels of elegant Orthodox architecture; the contrast made the latter stood out in ‘surprise’ prominence. Along the street of Ermou, old men, with a hat by their feet, and little children were seen humming traditional tunes.

I was in Greece at a time when the election for the new parliament was being held. Lucky for me, I witnessed waves of campaigning by the different parties in Athens and the eventual resounding victory of the opposition socialists over the conservative democrats. Supporters of the winning party paraded with green flags held high.

Before I went on the trip, I have heard about the hospitable people and the fine ingredients they use in their cooking. Although I couldn’t imagine stuffing myself silly, I certainly made sure I had extra helping during mealtime.

Then there was the expensive lesson learned from the Albanian thieves who seemed to be wherever tourists could be found.

I must say what turned out to be somewhat unsurprising and the least exciting was the much anticipated ancient ruins and the Aegean of dark blue, which was undeniably beautiful. Maybe it was because they were exactly what I had expected, or perhaps their subliminal beauty called for appreciation by a mind that has experienced life in greater depth.
Khur Boon Kgim  
(EEE/2007)

Although I am currently doing my PhD studies, I try to make time for the NTU School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering Alumni Association (EEEAA).

I joined the 14th EEEAA Executive Committee last October at the NTU Alumni Homecoming 2009, where we attended the barbecue session as a team.

All the members who came were decked up in our EEEAA red polo tee. We even performed a karaoke number and sang as a team. I thought we rocked!

I think the family that plays together, stays together.

We bonded again last November when we went for some cable-skiing adventure. It was so much fun never mind that we weren’t all that steady on the skiing boards.

EEEAA does its best to come up with activities for its members.

In January, we organised Forest Adventure, which gave city dwellers like us a chance to flee the ‘corporate jungle’ and have a Nature adventure.

Fellow alumni who took part enjoyed themselves, swinging from tree to tree and zipping across water at high speed.

Forest Adventure is an outdoor obstacle course built through trees across Bedok Reservoir.

I am proud to be part of the EEEAA and I look forward to doing more for the association. To all the EEE alumni out there, I urge you to come onboard. Feel free to email me at skylark_khur@hotmail.com.

Ganesan Muruganandam (Anand)  
(EEE/2007)

I completed my Master in Microelectronics in NTU in 2007. The days of being a student were great! The learning gave value add to my knowledge in semiconductor and the experience was memorable.

Having spent more that 13 years of working in the semiconductor industry, I decided to start something of my own.

After much brainstorming, only ‘clean energy’ came to mind.

I started to research into clean energy-saving products and identified two major types – ‘solar products’ and ‘LED products’.

The name of the company I set up is Astra Energy Private Ltd. We are developing fast. We aim to be a business leader in due course.

Friends and alumni who would like to find out more can visit my website: www.astraenergy.com.sg or email me at: anand@astraenergy.com.sg.

Hendri Zhang Weiqian  
(EEE/2007)

When I was elected President of the NTU School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering Alumni Association (EEEAA), I set myself out to strengthening internal bonding and achieving our mission.

The EEEAA’s mission is to enhance and sustain the benefits provided to members through educational, social, cultural, recreational, sporting and civic activities.

We hope to be a platform that promotes networking, learning, career enhancement, friendship, diversity and the motivation to give back to society.

Last November, I led members of the EEEAA Executive Committee to a team-building getaway. We headed for Batam and stayed the weekend at KTM Resort for two days and one night.

On arrival at the island, we holed ourselves up in a room to brainstorm and work out a two-year plan for the association.

Members exchanged ideas and outlined major tasks for the plan. Several interesting activities such as Forest Adventure and career seminars were shortlisted as tentative upcoming events.

We had quite a marathon of a meeting. It lasted eight hours, with Associate Professor Chang Chip Hong, Division of Circuits & Systems, and Assistant Chair of Alumni, School of EEE, wrapping it up with a motivational talk.

It certainly was not all work and no play.

Day 2 saw us trying our hands at some cable-skiing. Speeding on water gave me such an adrenaline rush. The moment my ski boards hit the water, I felt myself sliding away. I had an adventure of a lifetime.

It was indeed a weekend to remember.
Tracey Chu Shao Han
(ADM/2009)

I was one of the 95 graduates that comprise ADM’s first batch of graduates for the year 2009.

Of Dreams and Reality: Chance on Graphic Design was my final-year project. It was a piece of work where I tried to explore how those in the creative field can move beyond traditional roles and means.

I think the project was by far my proudest achievement as a student; working on it gave me confidence in the things I want to accomplish in industry.

I am currently the Art Director of an advertising agency. I hope to work for another few years before pursuing my master’s. I am keen on becoming a lecturer in the near future.

Sam Kang Li
(WKWSU/2009)

I picked up photography during my second year at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information (WKWSCI). I also got the chance to undergo an internship with Nepali Times, a Kathmandu-based English newspaper, where I covered the country’s 2008 elections and the abolishment of its royal family.

I eventually graduated as the top journalism student.

Upon graduating, I hit the road and travelled to China, going through Yunnan, Sichuan, Gansu and Xinjiang. Among the highlights of the travel were capturing portraits of the people in Kashgar’s Old City and giving the prints back to those I photographed. I think photography is one of the ways I find I can give back to society.

Recently, I joined a multimedia production studio called Little Red Ants Creative Studio started by four talented individuals from SCI.

Aseem Singhal
(SCE/2009)

I came from Noida, India, to pursue my studies in NTU. There is no doubt that I have learnt a lot from my time here.

I don’t think I would have been exposed to such a wide range of influences at another university, be it in my own major, computer engineering, or business, science, and even the humanities and the arts.

What I will take with me from NTU are the many friendships I have shared with my professors and fellow students.

I have started work at Deutsche Bank as an analyst in Global Finance IT Production Management. I get to design, develop and support computer applications towards a competitive edge.

My responsibilities are directly related to what I have learnt at the School of Computer Engineering.
Even though we graduated from different batches and schools, we are all part of the NTU Sports Club. The bond we share is strong.

I am also proud to introduce our band, *Last Minute*. A spinoff from our ‘wild days’ in the Sports Club, *Last Minute* came about when we noticed that most national events showcase jam bands. The two guys in the band – Jasper (guitarist) and Alex (drummer) – thought we could do the same since we have background in music.

And so the band began to take shape. Woon Lie was roped in because he can play the guitar. Still short of a bassist, I was approached and encouraged to join the band. They knew that I have always been interested to pick up an instrument. So here I am a bassist in my own jam band!

In fact, things were really very last minute. I only picked up bass 10 days before our first performance which was at the Sports Club Alumni Gathering held in December 2008. The band only got together officially then. I am happy to say that we have since then performed at bashes, camps and alumni gatherings.

We felt that the NTU Sports Club was a good platform to expose ourselves to the music scene since all of us do not have much performing experience. But, most importantly, we found joy in performing for our friends at NTU Sports Club!

Feel free to email us (Yafennn@gmail.com) if you need a band to play for special occasions like wedding dinners, parties, etc.

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We are the Last Minute: (From left) Lead guitarist Jasper Sin (CBE/2009); bassist Tan Yafen (CBE/2009); drummer Alex Toh (NBS/2009); vocalists Joel Li (CBE/2010) and Winston Chinn (MAE/2010); and rhythm guitarist Tan Woon Lea (CEE/2008).

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Xia Wen
(CEE/2009)

能来南大读书真是我的荣幸。这里环境优美，气氛活跃，师资雄厚，设施一流，机会充足，这些是在很多大学都享受不到的。我更庆幸我在海事研究专业度过了我宝贵的四年。读这个专业课程期间，我享受了商学院的开放式培训，又获得了理学院式的严格训练，课上得益有滋有味。

跟同学们更是无话不谈，我们班小，50人左右，每个人都对其他人很熟悉。教授们也和我们打成一片，经常和我们‘称兄道弟’。每当想起在挪威度过的半年，和同学们一起做饭，上课，旅游，还有和远道而来看望我们的教授们一起度过的日子，总是觉得心里热乎乎的，直到现在都还和同学，教授们保持着紧密联系，也时不时地南大见见他们，有时也去Canteen 1或者Canteen A去吃饭，回味一下当学生的滋味。

南大为保持和校友关系所做出的努力让我惊讶，Alumni Affairs Office 的工作也做得相当到位。记得在我拿到IEE Present Around the World Competition 2009 世界亚军消息传到南大的第二天，我就收到了由 Alumni Affairs Office 寄来的的恭贺信。速度之快，让我震惊。这简单的一封信却让我觉得很温暖，让我感到，即使我毕业了，南大还是珍惜我这个学生，更以我的成就而骄傲自豪。

祝母校蒸蒸日上！
陈素珍 Chen Suzhen  
(NIE/2010)

毕业感言

从来就好为人师的我，有机会再走进教师队伍，甚感荣幸！
我的经历与“众”不同，二十年前在中国城镇中学教英文，
那是外语，我填补了英语教师的短缺。如今，在新加坡华文
被重视了，但由于是第二语，是否我又在教“外语”了呢？
我仍然兴奋！

一年在教育学院的学习过程，都在紧张和忙碌中度过，许许多
多新的教学法与 IT 的应用，使我获益良多，希望能学以致用。

而今，我完成了教育学院规定的课程，我充满信心地走进学
堂重执教鞭，如愿以偿。
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