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Spirit of volunteerism

NTU Alumni Volunteers are recognised at an appreciation dinner held in their honour.

Well done: NTU thanks all alumni volunteers who have been willingly promoting alumni relations.
Today, the University has close to 3,500 alumni volunteers. Hailing from NTU and its predecessor institutions, Nanyang University and Nanyang Technological Institute, they contribute time, effort and expertise to their alma mater.

Indeed, the NTU Alumni Volunteers’ Appreciation Dinner held in their honour marks a rare occasion where the old and new members of the Nanyang alumni family gather under one roof.

Cultivation of alumni relations
Highlighting the importance of nurturing alumni volunteerism, NTU President Dr Su Guaning said in his speech: “A well established tradition of giving back is the result of having spent much time cultivating their alumni. NTU, being relatively young compared to institutions like Princeton, has in recent years intensified its own efforts to engage our alumni.”

Among the many volunteering opportunities created by the University are, sitting on the committees of NTU alumni associations here and abroad; serving as Class Agents; helping to recruit students for NTU; sharing of knowledge and expertise as speakers; and serving as class reunion committee members.

“Thanks to the vigilant efforts of Class Agents, we have been able to maintain regular contact with 85 per cent of our alumni. Given the University’s large base of over 145,000 alumni, this figure is certainly significant,” pointed out Dr Su.

Mr Chia Ban Seng (Science/1961), Member of NTU’s Board of Trustees; Professor Freddy Boey, Provost-Designate; Professor Lam Khin Yong, Associate Provost (Graduate Education & Special Projects); Mr Jeffrey Nadison, Associate Provost for Innovation; Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Chief University Advancement Officer; and other senior management guests were also present at the dinner.

Honouring alumni volunteers
During the dinner, all alumni and guests present were treated to Lou Hei as it was the Lunar New Year period. Senior management staff also went on stage to offer a toast to the alumni volunteers, in recognition of their generous spirit of giving.

Throughout the evening, alumni were moving from table to table, catching up with old friends and networking.

Dr Gan Chui Goh (EEE/Class of 1990), shed light on her involvement as President of NTU Chinese Society Alumni. She said: “NTU is my alma mater and I am proud to be able to contribute back. While organising various activities for the society, I also find joy in meeting friends and sharing my experiences.”

Urging more alumni to come forward to volunteer, Ms Zhang Peifei (SCE/Class of 2010) said: “I encourage those from the younger generation to be actively involved in alumni activities and to give back to our alma mater. I am certainly glad to be invited to the appreciation dinner and mostly, to be given recognition by my peers and alma mater.”

The appreciation dinner was organised by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office. Held on 15 February at Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre, it saw the participation of 256 alumni and guests.
志愿者精神万岁
为感谢长久以来无怨无悔地给予校方支持与协助的校友志愿者们，南大于今年农历正月十三首次举行了一场答谢盛宴。

玉兔迎春岁月新，校友相聚启新程。2月15日的星期二晚上，“2011年南大校友志愿者答谢晚宴”在新加坡乌节中心的假日酒店水晶宴会厅顺利举行。

这是南大首次举行校友志愿者答谢晚宴，以表彰志愿者们长久以来的贡献与付出。共有256人出席了晚宴，其中不乏许多杰出的校友们，可谓星光灿烂。

出席晚宴的嘉宾包括了：南大校长徐冠林博士、南大校董林万森校友、候任常务副校长杨哲昌教授、副校长（研究生教育与特别项目）蓝钦扬教授、副教务长（创新）Jeffrey Nadison 先生、大学事务推广总监周庆全先生，及其他学院和部门领导等等。

作为年纪最轻的校友志愿者之一，张培斐小姐（计算机工程学院2010年校友）说：“我鼓励年轻的南大校友们积极回馈母校，也多多参与校友活动。另外，我也要感谢校友们特意为我们举办了这场晚宴。”

志愿者是校友大家庭的典范，也是推动学校发展的中坚力量。迄今，南大在本地和海外地区共有逾三千名热心积极的校友志愿者，使南大今天能够与百分之八十五的校友保持联系。其中，担任“校友班级代表”的校友们功至伟，他们协助确保各届毕业生能及时获知南大的最新动态，从而与母校保持持久的联系，培养对南洋校友大家庭的归属感。

正是因为有一批态度正面、团结进取的校友，乐于出谋献策、面试新生、辅导学生、提供就业指导等，促进了母校事业的发展。
业的进步和发展，南大才有可能承前启后，创造出令人瞩目的成就。

在肯定校友志愿者们为母校作出的积极贡献时，徐校长说：“衡量卓越大学的标准，不仅来自大学的教育质量以及所进行的科研工作，校友的向心力和品质也是社会检验大学办学水平的一个重要尺度。”

即将于今年7月卸下校长职务的徐校长也表示，他将会继续关注校友事务。他肯定地说：“候任校长安博迪教授将在校友事务上同我密切协商。我希望大家能够一如既往地支持母校的各项工作，把南大推向新的高峰。”

将校友事业推向更高点
南大中文学会校友会会长颜翠娥博士（电机与电子工程学院1990年校友）也分享了她的志工服务经验。她说：“我很荣幸能够尽我所能回馈母校南大。在筹备校友会活动的过程中，能够认识新朋友并分享我的工作和生活经验，是最让我自豪的。”

为了配合新春佳节，作为主办方的南大校友事务处还贴心地在所有到场校友与嘉宾们退席之前赠予每人一对柑桔以示祝福，令出席者们倍感惊喜。纷纷表示“这个有美食、有节目、有礼物的晚宴真叫人享受其中”。

能够在这团圆喜庆之日与校友志愿者们欢聚一堂，捞鱼生，庆佳节，叙旧谊，使母校领导们与其校友就如家人团聚一样，场面温馨而热闹。
谱写甘肃新篇章

南大甘肃校友会将成为在甘校友们温馨的家，为促进相互学习帮助和信息交流而努力，使校友事业发展再添新力量。

3月20日，春分前夕，金城兰州春寒依旧料峭，但兰州喜迪森大酒店内其乐融融，春意盎然。南洋理工大学甘肃校友会当日正式成立。

上午9点半，应甘肃省教育厅的邀请，南洋理工大学校长徐冠林博士在教育厅白继忠厅长的主持下与甘肃农业大学、西北师范大学、兰州理工大学、兰州交通大学的校长们进行了座谈交流，共商促进高校人才培养的双赢合作计划。

中午，甘肃省委常委、副省长、省检察院梁军与省委书记、省长等会见并宴请了徐校长一行，表达了加强双方的交流与合作，实现优势互补，共同发展的意愿。

下午3点，南洋理工大学南洋商学院曹勇副教授为甘肃校友会做了题为《后危机时代的中国和西部发展战略》的学术讲座。曹博士的报告视角独特、观点新颖、语言诙谐，令所有来宾深受启发。

当天晚上，徐校长、曹博士、校友事务孙敏处长、南大南洋公共管理研究生院院长由行政总监王瑞女士、南大南洋商学院EMBA项目主任唐冠鹏女士、甘肃省委宣传部领导冯毅广、刘杰华、张世贤先生，以及来自上海、山东、江苏、北京和福建的南大校友会代表共同出席了校友会成立大会。

中共甘肃酒泉市委常委、宣传部部长王举燕校友担当大会司仪，白银有色金属于集团（集团）公司董事长、党委书记李沛兴会长代表甘肃校友致辞，表达了对母校的感恩之情，对徐校长一行及兄弟校友会来来宾的感谢之意及努力办好校友会的心愿。徐校长与李会长共同为校友会成立揭幕，并互赠纪念品。在孙敏处长的协助下，介绍了甘肃校友会各位理事之后，甘肃省教育厅发展规划处处长贾宁秘书长及校友会副会长分别与兄弟校友会的来宾互赠了礼品。
相聚文化圣地，携手出谋献策
在徐校长热情洋溢的讲话中，他说：“甘肃历史悠久，山河壮丽，是驰名中外的古丝绸之路的重要通道，其中敦煌莫高窟更被列入《世界遗产名录》，成为举世瞩目的文化圣地。今天能在这里与甘肃省校友们相聚，我感到格外高兴！”

他表示，希望甘肃校友今后团结在校友会的旗帜下，加强彼此的凝聚力及互助合作精神，为新中两国的关系、为母校及校友事业的繁荣发展，增添新的力量。

据徐校长汇报，甘肃省政府非常重视对外教育交流。省商务厅在2005年至2007年间派出4批共134位领导干部到南大接受商务和金融方面的培训。目前甘肃省的南大校友接近200人，这在南大众多的中国校友会中，算是规模相当可观的一个。

在随后的晚宴上，甘肃独有的少数民族裕固族少女为晚会献上了极富西北民族及地域风情的歌舞组合表演，并以载歌载舞的方式为首校校长及来宾敬献了哈达及美酒，以西北人特有的纯朴和豪爽把晚会推向了高潮。

目前，南洋理工大学的中国校友人数已经超过15,000名，遍布中国各省、市和自治区。南大甘肃校友会是南大在中国设立的第23个校友会，也是迄今地处中国最西部的一个校友会，会员主要分布于全省商界、银行界、教育界、政府及工商界，并将为校友的事业发展提供一个组织交流的沟通平台。
Exotic Gansu on board

Gansu province in China is now part of NTU’s expanding global alumni network.

The university recently launched an overseas alumni chapter in Gansu, an important province located geographically in the northwest of China.

Officiating the launch which took place in Gansu’s capital city, Lanzhou, was NTU President Dr Su Guaning. Other NTU senior officials present were Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs, Ms Annie Wang, Senior Assistant Director of Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, as well as representatives of NTU Alumni Associations from Shanghai, Beijing, Shandong, Fujian and Jiangsu.

More than 100 alumni and guests attended the launch held on 20 March 2011 at Landison Plaza Hotel, Lanzhou.

NTU alumni play a vital role

In his welcome address, while applauding the rapid and healthy development of Gansu’s economy since China’s reformation, Dr Su also encouraged NTU alumni in the province to make good use of the newly launched association as a platform to reinforce information exchange and contribute to the development of their alma mater.

The President of the new NTU Alumni Association (Gansu), Mr Li Peixing (MME/Class of 2003), and his 24 committee members were thrilled by Dr Su’s encouragement and looked forward to catering to the needs of the 200 alumni in Gansu, and also enhancing multilateral collaboration and continuing relationship with their alma mater.

As a prelude to the launch, alumni and guests were treated to a forum on “China’s Economy in the Post-Crisis Era and the Strategies of Western China’s Development”, organised with NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office.

Sharing his insight on the subject was Dr Cao Yong, Associate Professor at the Nanyang Business School.

Exploring future collaboration

Whilst in Gansu, Dr Su also met with Mr Lu Hao, Party Secretary and People’s Congress Chairman of Gansu Province, Mr Bai Jizhong, Director-General, Education Department of Gansu Province, and other provincial leaders.

They had the opportunity to explore collaborations between NTU and the province.

During the meeting, Mr Bai expressed his wish for NTU to cooperate with the institutes and universities in Gansu through the sharing of knowledge in new energy, new materials, water conservation, resources and environment, among others.

To date, NTU has a total of 145,000 alumni spread across the world. Of these, 15,000 are residing or working in China.
南大校友体育嘉年华
NTU ALUMNI
SPORTS
Fiesta 2011

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Time: 9am to 1pm

- 4 x 100m Relay Run (Mixed)
- Badminton
  - Men’s Doubles / Women’s Doubles
- Table-Tennis
  - Men’s Doubles / Women’s Doubles
- Tennis
  - Men’s Doubles / Women’s Doubles
- 3-on-3 Basketball
  - Men’s / Women’s
- 5-a-side Men’s Soccer

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Closing date for registration: 17 June 2011
First in the United States

The newly launched NTU Alumni Association (USA-West) will cater to the needs of some 120 alumni who are residing or working in the area.

For NTU alumni based in the west coast of the United States, they now have an overseas chapter which will be a constant contact point for them and their alma mater in Singapore.

The NTU Alumni Association (USA-West) was officially launched at a beautiful winery in the San Francisco Bay Area on 23 April 2011. Some of the distinguished guests who attended included His Excellency Mr Chin Hock Seng, Consul-General of Singapore in San Francisco, Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, NTU’s Chief University Advancement Officer and Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs, NTU.

It was interesting seeing how much the alumni had to share the moment they met each other and exchanged name cards. At the cocktail reception, they were seen busy chatting about recent happenings, such as the General Election in Singapore, as well as stories about their good old days in NTU.

Ties that bind

Heading the new association is founding President, Mr Julius Chew Soon Ing, who is from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering’s Class of 1990. In his welcome speech, Mr Chew highlighted the importance of maintaining close ties with one’s alma mater, networking with fellow alumni, and building a close knit community.

Guest-of-Honour Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, said in his speech: “At last count, the total number of NTU alumni based in the USA stood at 265, roughly half of whom are in the West Coast area. Although the figure represents a small proportion of our alumni body, your achievements and dedication to your alma mater resonate across the miles (8,500 miles, or 13,500 kilometres). Despite the formidable distance between Silicon Valley and Singapore, a common bond brings us together – the commitment to the vision and values of NTU.”

Following the address by Mr Chew, a video on the recent developments in the University, as well as within the alumni community, was shown. It was a trip down memory lane for the alumni, as they reminisced their glorious years as far as 20 years back. It was then time for the official launch ceremony, which was signified by the presentation of the NTU flag from Mr Chew Kheng Chuan to Mr Julius Chew.

The latest set-up serves as the beginning of a new era for NTU alumni in the West Coast of the United States – one that strengthens bonds and fosters collaboration between alumni and the University.
扎根南大，放眼世界——南大美国西部校友会正式成立

南大美国西部校友会的成立，将为该区域的校友们搭建一个良好的联系平台。

2011年4月23日傍晚时分，一个春暖花开的美丽季节，美国加州硅谷地区的南洋理工大学校友共聚一堂，一起宣布及见证南大美国西部校友会正式成立！

会上的美西地区南大校友多数是硅谷高科技公司的在职专才。这一次南大美国西部校友会的成立让大家首次有机会汇聚一起，其中有的更是行业同仁。他乡遇故人，从家乡情景到现在的飘洋过海，让人倍感激动、惺惺相惜。

当天，大会有幸邀请到新加坡驻旧金山总领事庄福生先生伉俪莅临，与大家共襄盛举。首届南大美国西部校友会会长周质平先生（机械与宇航工程学院1990年校友）在致辞时表示：“校友会的成立不仅让海外的校友们可以更直接地关注母校的动向，还让校友们有机会回馈母校，饮水思源。另外，校友们也关注母校在国际上的影响力，像位于加州的斯坦福大学（Stanford University）、伯克利大学（UC Berkeley）的科研产品举世事目，南大校友及毕业生都该思考未来南大的科研成果如何为社会带来同样的效益。”

汇聚校友，茁壮母校

在校友会成立与授旗仪式之后，第一届南大美国西部校友会理事及嘉宾们共起举杯庆贺！校友会的成立意义深远，她不仅是母校与校友的一座桥梁，更是南大校友们在他乡的一个“家”！为南大祝福，也为身在海外的南大校友们祝福！

目前，美西地区约有120名南大校友。
Money matters

Participants gain a better understanding of Budget 2011 at the 17th Distinguished Alumni Forum organised by NTU's Alumni Affairs Office.

As many as 250 participants thronged the auditorium where the forum on ‘Post-Budget 2011 – Analysis and Review’, was held.

The forum was fully registered even before its closing date, signalling a keen interest among the NTU community, to engage in a discourse on the latest Budget and how it will impact them.

The forum was chaired by Prof Euston Quah, Acting Chair, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS), NTU. Joining him on the panel were alumni speakers Prof Chew Soon Beng (Commerce/Class of 1971), Professor at NTU’s Division of Economics, HSS, and Mr Wong Sui Jau (Accountancy/Class of 1998), General Manager, Fundsupermart.com.

At a glance: For individuals and firms

To put Budget 2011 in perspective, both speakers offered their analysis of the package unveiled by Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam on 18 February 2011.

Prof Chew reviewed that the Budget was a generous one as Singapore’s economy fared well last year. He said: “If I have to grade the Budget, I would give it an A minus. I would however like to see extra funding being allocated for job redesign programmes, as well as for more to be done for the bottom 5 per cent of households from the $4b taken from the reserves rather than have it put back.”

Prof Chew also touched on Singapore’s rising income gap, escalating inflation, education cost, property ownership, tax breaks, foreign workers’ levy and productivity, among others.

Of particular interest was his observation of Singapore’s baby woes vis-à-vis the Budget – “no money, no honey, no energy, no babies” – tickling the funny bones of forum participants.
Mr Wong, on the other hand offered an overview of the Budget’s outcomes to business. He shared that firms were not reporting significant impact on their bottom lines because of the Budget.

Agreeing that it was a relatively good Budget, he pointed out that it suggested the Government meant business when it came to getting firms to invest in productivity and cut their reliance on foreign labour with the increase in worker levies across all sectors.

On the year’s main trend, Mr Wong said: “The Singapore economy along with Asia’s and the emerging markets will continue to have a positive outlook, going by their fundamentals.”

**Minding the relevance**

Attending the forum for the first time, Ms Lim Yean Yi (Accountancy/Class of 1996) shared that she found the Budget topic relevant to her line of work. Ms Lim, who is in finance, said: “I am glad for the access to experts’ insights and getting a broad overview of the Budget.”

Mr Tay Boon Suat (Commerce/Class of 1974) highlighted that he attended the forum especially to hear Prof Chew’s views on the Budget. Mr Tay said: “I find that Prof Chew offers not only academic perspectives, but also industry knowledge given his experience in industrial relations.”

Mr Tay was also looking forward to meeting fellow Nantah alumni at the forum and he certainly did.

They, like many others, enjoyed the Question & Answer session moderated by Chairperson Prof Quah, as well as his concise closing summary.

The forum organised by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office was held on 1 March 2011, at NTU @ one-north Executive Centre.
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谈钱

南洋理工大学校友事务处举办的第17期杰出校友论坛，让所有出席者对新加坡2011年财年预算有了更好的了解。

活动当天，有多达250位听众蜂拥进入礼堂，聆听关于“2011年后财政预算——分析与检讨”的论坛讲座。

甚至在报名截止之前，名额就已经完全被订满，说明南大社群对本次论坛所要阐述的财政预算相关问题十分感兴趣。

第17期杰出校友论坛由南大人文与社会科学学院代院长柯仲佑教授主持，而论坛主讲人分别是南大经济系周孙铭教授（南大商学院1971年校友）和Fundsupermart.com总经理王绥钊先生（南大会计系1998年校友）。

论坛一瞥：为个人和公司的预算

两位主讲人从财政预算的前景入手，分析了财政部长尚达曼于2011年2月18日公布的财政预算配套安排。

周孙铭教授认为，这是一个宽厚的财政预算，因为新加坡经济去年表现不错。他说：“如果要我对预算定级，我会给A-。因为我认为能够看到的是有更多资金投入于就业改造计划当中；另外，从储备中拨出的40亿新元，有更多是给予最底层5%的家庭，而不是将这笔钱再放回去。”

周孙铭教授也谈到新加坡持续扩大的收入差距、日益严重的通货膨胀，教育费用、财产所有权、税收的减免、外国劳工税以及生产力等等方面。

大家特别感兴趣的是他关于新加坡婴儿出生率下降与预算的关系所持有的见解。引起在座听众哄堂大笑的是他下述的一番话：“没金钱，没人爱；没精力，没生产力”。

王绥钊先生则对财政预算对商业贸易的影响发表见解。他表示，财政预算并没有对许多企业的经济底线带来显著影响。

他也同意，这是一个相对来说比较好的财政预算，并且指出，当政府要求公司投资于生产力，减少对外国劳工的依赖，因此而提高所有行业的工薪税时，政府对这方面是非常认真的。

就今年的整体走势，黄先生说：“新加坡经济与其他亚洲国家和新兴经济体的经济一样；从其根本判断，新加坡经济将继续表现良好。”

言之有理

南大会计系1996年校友林苑仪女士是第一次出席杰出校友论坛。她认为这场与财政预算相关的论坛主题同她所做的财务工作很贴切。她说：“我很高兴能够听到专家们的见解。”

南洋大学商学院1974年校友戴文雪先生突出强调，他出席论坛的目的就是要聆听周孙铭教授对财政预算的看法。他说：“我发现周教授不仅仅提供学术性见解，而且也根据他在商界的交经经验提供了工商业方面的知识。”

戴文雪校友最终也如愿以偿地在论坛会上见到昔日南洋大学的同窗校友们。

他们同其他与会者一样，很欣赏由论坛主席柯仲佑教授主持的问答环节以及柯教授简明扼要的总结。

南大第17期杰出校友论坛由校友事务处主办，于2011年3月1日在南大纬壹校区高级中心举行。
Understanding the Chinese currency
Alumni in Hong Kong attend a forum to learn about the internationalisation of the Chinese yuan.

The internationalisation of the renminbi has become one of the most widely discussed topics in Hong Kong’s finance industry. At the forum organised by the NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong), the alumni and guests who attended the session, heard from Associate Professor Michael Li as he discussed issues concerning the Chinese yuan.

Titled ‘The China Dilemma – Will China commit the same mistake as Japan?’ the forum provided insights to the guests about the future of their renminbi and China assets. Associate Professor Michael Li, from Nanyang Business School’s Division of Information Technology and Operations Management, NTU, delivered an informative presentation with his strong research and industrial background, engaging the audience with his expert insights.

Dr Ker Sin Tze, Consul General of Singapore to Hong Kong, was the Guest-of-Honour for the weekend luncheon series which was hosted by Mr Liew Han-Young, President of the NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong). Other guests in attendance included Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU; Mr Lim Soon Chong, President of Nanyang University Hong Kong Alumni Association; Mr Lim Eng Seng, Chairman of the Singapore Association of Hong Kong; Madam Mak Lai Ying, Principal of Singapore International School, as well as close to 60 NTU alumni from various years of graduation. There were also a number of non-alumni professionals from various industries.

The event was a great opportunity for the alumni to network and gain valuable economic knowledge from Assoc Prof Li. Most of the alumni were keen to continue the discussion long after the forum had ended.

The educational luncheon was held on 12 March 2011 at the Langham Place Hotel, Hong Kong.
深入了解中国人民币

南洋理工大学在香港的校友们出席了一场论坛，以了解中国人民币国际化的趋势。

### 新加坡驻香港特别行政区总领事柯新治博士

新加坡驻香港特别行政区总领事柯新治博士是这场周末系列午餐论坛的嘉宾；其他来宾包括了：南大校友事务处孙敏炎主任、南洋理工大学香港校友会会长刘瀚杨先生、南洋大学香港校友会会长林顺忠先生、新加坡香港协会会长林永成先生、香港新加坡国际学校校长麦丽英女士，以及南大校友。此外，非南大校友的各行各业专业人士也出席了论坛。

### 中国人民币国际化趋势

中国人民币国际化趋势已经成为香港金融界广泛讨论的课题之一。在南洋理工大学香港校友会所主办的论坛上，南大校友和来宾们聆听李志峰博士有关中国人民币国际化的见解。

以“中国的困境：中国会犯上和日本同样的错误吗？”为主题的论坛，使来宾们有机会深入了解人民币和中国资产所面临的未来。南大南洋商学院信息科技与运作管理系的李志峰博士，以他的深刻研究和专业背景，向来宾们提供了专家见解，令到场者大有收获。

### 南大校友在论坛上与嘉宾们进行交流，并从中吸取宝贵的经济学知识。

富有教育意义的午餐论坛于2011年3月12日假香港朗豪酒店（Langham Place Hotel）举行。
Switching careers: Those who can, teach

Of the 452 newly qualified teachers who have graduated from the National Institute of Education, one in five has a year or more of working experience.

Valedictorian Mr Wong Shing Kit is a case in point.

The 27-year-old, a former auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, decided to quit after working for a year. He had discovered his passion for teaching while offering Mathematics tuition to the daughter of a family friend.

Besides helping his friend’s daughter to improve in Maths, he would also give her pep talks. He saw that she gradually grew in confidence and begun to believe in herself; a transformation he found gratifying.

Mr Wong said: “Her improvement made me see that teaching could be fulfilling. I felt that I could impact lives quite unlike auditing where I faced numbers all day long.”

Now a teacher at East View Secondary, Mr Wong teaches Maths and Accounting.

Indeed, many like him are switching careers to become teachers.

More turning to teaching

On average, 35 per cent of the teaching recruits in the last three years were in other lines of work, up from 28 per cent for the three years before 2009.

The trend was based on figures from the Ministry of Education.

Citing former Trade Marketing Manager, Mr Gin Toh, 31, Mr Masagos said: “Despite enjoying a good income, Gin felt the need for a higher purpose in his life. The innate desire to create a positive difference in someone else’s life motivated him to join the teaching profession.”

He added that Mr Toh now markets values instead of products and his customers are parents and his students. His personal slogan is: Think like a marketer, cultivate values like a teacher.
Although Mr Toh was doing well in his career, he shared that he switched career because he yearned for self-actualisation. He felt that teaching was a career that would enable him to not only make an impact on lives, but also leave a legacy.

Mr Toh now teaches English and Elements of Business Skills at Zhonghua Secondary School.

Fellow graduand, 36-year-old Mrs Cherilyn Tan, switched to teaching after 12 years of working as a sales manager in Information Technology.

Of her switch, she said: “As a mother with young children, it is important that I find a job which allows me to spend time with my family and have a good career at the same time. Teaching allows me to do this.”

Now teaching English and Geography at Admiralty Secondary, Mrs Tan has no remorse although she now takes home half of her previous five-figure monthly pay, including bonuses and commission fees.

**Teaching and learning improved**

There to congratulate all the newly qualified teachers at NIE’s Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony was Prof Lee Sing Kong, Director of NIE.

Prof Lee, ever mindful of the changing learning landscape, shed light on how NIE has worked its way to improving teaching and learning outcomes.

He highlighted in his address NIE’s efforts in developing the institute into a leading education research institution and its focus on pedagogies that can bring about changes in teaching practices.

The ceremony was held at the Nanyang Auditorium, NTU, on 15 February. It saw graduands receiving their Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Bachelor of Arts (Education), Bachelor of Science (Education) and Diploma in Education.
Promoting innovation and entrepreneurship

Over 300 participants discuss the sustainable development of Guangdong Province in the NTU-Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City Symposium.

Participants from NTU, Guangzhou Development District, Singbridge International Singapore and Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation attended a jointly-organised symposium themed ‘Sustainable Development: Innovation and Entrepreneurship’.

Among the distinguished guests who attended were, Dr Su Guaning, NTU President; Prof Bertil Andersson, NTU President-Designate and Provost; Madam Zhao Yufang, Vice Governor of Guangdong Province; Mr Ling Weixian, Party Secretary and Chairman of Guangzhou Development District; Dr Carl Schramm, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; Mr Lim Chee Onn, Chairman of Singbridge International Singapore; as well as senior officials from the Guangzhou municipal, Guangdong provincial governments, and the Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City, top executives of technological companies in the Guangzhou Development District, and NTU alumni from Guangdong Province and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

This was NTU’s first joint event with the Guangzhou Development District since it was invited to participate in the Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City project in June 2010, to collaborate on research, education and training in the Guangzhou Knowledge City.

During the symposium, participants discussed the upgrading of industries in Guangdong Province, and its economic restructuring through entrepreneurship and innovation.

Meeting of ideas

Applauding some 60 officials who had completed NTU’s inaugural leadership programme prior to the symposium, Dr Su said: “A significant aspect of NTU’s commitment is the establishment of an Innovation Base in the Guangzhou Knowledge City, where an executive training programme for senior policymakers, officials and administrators in Guangzhou Development District, as well as other academics and entrepreneurs, has been initiated under the leadership of our internationally renowned Nanyang Technopreneurship Center.”

The symposium incorporated several talks by keynote speakers Dr Carl Schramm and Professor Bertil Andersson, as well as Professor...
Some 70 NTU alumni from Guangdong Province and Hong Kong SAR were also invited to the symposium.

Pan Tso-Chien, Dean of NTU’s College of Engineering, and Mr Cui Xinyu, Vice Chairman of Guangzhou Development District.

Dr Schramm is also an adjunct professor at NTU and hailed ‘the evangelist of entrepreneurship’ by The Economist.

The President of NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong), Mr Liew Han-Young (CEE/1995) who is an entrepreneur, also attended the symposium. Having worked in China for 14 years, Mr Liew felt that it is very important for young entrepreneurs to learn more about real-life application of entrepreneur education and training so as to keep themselves in the know.

The symposium also saw two sessions of panel discussions which were moderated by Dr Su and Mr Chan Soo Sen, Executive Vice President of Singbridge International Singapore Pte Ltd.

**Advancing Sino-Singapore ties**

NTU Alumni Association (Guangdong) was one of the supporting organisations of the symposium. Its President, Mr Yeo Suan Sai (Arts/1978) took the opportunity to meet the University’s senior management staff with some key committee members of the Association, and expressed their wish to take part in the Guangzhou Knowledge City project.

During the Guangzhou trip, Dr Su also made a courtesy call to Mr Wang Yang, member of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau and Party Secretary of Guangdong Province. Mr Wang believed that NTU will be able to contribute to the sustainable development of Guangdong through establishing an innovative development model and providing entrepreneurial training in the Guangzhou Knowledge City.

The discussion and further cooperation will provide strong support for various exchange activities between Singapore and China, where China will be able to learn from Singapore's experience of industrial transition, and Singapore could benefit from the expanding new market in China.

The symposium was held on 2 April 2011, at Guangzhou Garden Hotel, Guangdong Province.
聚焦广州，构建创业创新模式

来自南洋理工大学、广州开发区、美国考夫曼基金会、星桥国际新加坡私人有限公司、新加坡国际企业发展局和南大广东校友会的365名领导和嘉宾出席了一场研讨会。

作为新加坡与广东省合作的标志性项目，中新广州知识城是协助广东加快转型升级与环境提升的示范区，而广东省政府也强调该项目要“先行先试、大胆创新”，并且要向新加坡学习创新理念。2010年6月，南大与广州开发区管委会及星桥国际新加坡私人有限公司签署了在知识城开展创新科研、研究生教育和高级培训领域合作的谅解备忘录，自那时起为南大在中国的发展迎来一个新的篇章。

研讨会以“开创可持续发展新局面，探索创新与创业新路”为主题，紧密围绕可持续发展这一核心，探讨如何通过新中双方的创业创新合作，为两地各项交流活动提供有力的支持。籍此，广东省可借鉴新加坡的产业升级和经济转型经验，而新加坡亦可以在此合作中开拓中国市场，实现双赢的局面。

本次研讨会得到了中新双方的高度重视。出席者除了有南大徐冠林校长、南大侯任校长兼常务副校长安博迪教授之外，还包括：广东省招玉芳副省长、广州市委常委兼广州开发区管委会主任、美国考夫曼基金会主席兼首席执行官卡尔·施拉姆（Carl J. Schramm）博士、星桥国际新加坡私人有限公司林子安董事长、中新广州知识城政府官员、新加坡驻穗相关机构高层和主管理员、广州开发区科技企业高级管理人员、新资本企业、南大广东和香港校友等，规模盛大而隆重。

让思想碰撞，使城市更精彩

在南大中国事务处主任兼南洋公共管理研究生院院长吴伟博士的主持下，研讨会正式在广州花园酒店拉开序幕。

首先致开幕辞的是徐冠林校长。在向与会者汇报60名中国官员成功完成南洋科技创业中心的首期高级培训课程的同时，他说：“能为广东省创业教育的发展尽绵薄之力建设知识城，是南大的荣幸。我们希望以此为契机，共同将广州知识城打造成为有潜力高科技创新企业的孵化基地，形成新的创意产业。”

接着，美国最大的创业基金会——考夫曼基金会的施拉姆博士在演讲中重点指出，知识城未来应努力成为“一个让思想碰撞的更精彩的地方”。兼任南大客座教授的施拉姆博士曾被《经济学家》杂志评为“创业精神的福音传教士”。“
随后安博迪教授向与会者扼要地介绍了南大如何从卓越研究走向创新之路，并且和施拉姆博士一同参与了由徐校长主持的下半场嘉宾对话环节。

风尘仆仆地刚从香港抵达会场的南大校友于海先生（计算机工程学院2005年校友）和黄少添博士（电机与电子工程学院2011年校友）夫妇表示，研讨会扩大了他们的人脉，未来的合作潜能和机会是无穷大的。

实现创业创新为当务之急

以最近发生在日本的强烈地震为背景，南大工学院院长兼灾难风险管理研究院院长潘则建教授解释，复杂的灾后恢复系统的隐藏着全球相关联的危机，而前瞻性的创新领导是必要的；而最后一名演讲嘉宾，即广州开发区管委会崔新宇副市长则介绍了如何将知识城打造成为一座“智慧、学习、创新、未来之城”的创新理念。

在结束一个上午的密集研讨会之前，星桥国际曾士生常务副总裁上台主持了下半场的对话会。在回答一名听众询问电影《2012》所述的世界末日是否真要临到时，智慧而风趣的他说：“不创新就是等死，创新就是找死。人固有一死，那还倒不如尝试创新吧！”——此话也引来了全场如雷般的掌声。

南洋理工大学香港校友会会长刘瀚杨先生（土木与环境工程学院1995年校友）认为，研讨会介绍了创业创新的学术性知识，对许多专家学者颇有帮助。成为一名企业家，他也同时关注知识的实际运用与操作。

作为支持单位之一的南大广东校友会也积极的参与此次研讨会。南大广东校友会会长杨全才先生（文学院1978年校友）还带领校友会理事会成员拜会了南大领导并表达了校友会在知识城项目上的合作与协助。
NTU alumni are proud to be associated with their alma mater, the university’s latest alumni engagement survey reveals.
Over the years, the sentiments NTU alumni have towards their alma mater has grown to become more positive and stronger. They are proud to have a lifelong relationship with NTU. And this upward trend can be seen clearly in the results of the most recent alumni engagement survey conducted by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO) in 2010.

The survey used a random sampling methodology (52,492) that covered alumni from different eras (Nantah, NTI, NTU and NIE). The methodology yielded an 18% response rate, with 13% meeting the response requirements. This is a much improved response rate, as compared with the previous survey in 2007, when the response rate then was 1%.

For further analysis, alumni respondents were grouped according to the year they graduated:

Nantah Group: 1960 to 1980
NTI Group: 1985 to 1990
NTU-1 Group: 1991 to 2003
NTU-2 Group: 2004 to 2009

Positive relationship

A key finding of the survey shows that NTU alumni have a very positive relationship with the University – 82.6% of respondents are proud to call NTU their alma mater.

The findings also indicated an improved level of engagement between NTU and its alumni, with 62% of respondents agreeing that they have a strong sense of belonging towards NTU.

This is almost double the 36% of respondents in the first survey (conducted in 2007) who indicated a strong sense of belonging.

About half or more of the respondents in all the alumni groups agreed that they would voluntarily render their services to the university when presented with an opportunity. Furthermore, more than 70% of the respondents across all groups would encourage their family and close friends to enrol in NTU.

Overall results indicate that the Nantah group (1960 to 1980) respondents feel a closer bond with the University, as compared with the younger graduates. More than half of the Nantah alumni surveyed strongly agreed that they were proud to be a graduate of the University and felt a strong sense of belonging to their alma mater.

More than half of the respondents from all groups, on the whole, agreed that they were “a satisfied alumnus of the University”.

Alumni engagement

NTU regularly engages its alumni in its development and progress. Some alumni sit on admissions interview panels, and others volunteer to participate in focus group discussions.

Alumni sentiments towards the University

![Alumni sentiments towards the University](image)
Alumni publications

AAO produces a variety of publications for the alumni. These include the quarterly NTULink magazine, the monthly e-zine ClassACT, as well as the monthly e-mailer, Happenings.

Through the survey, it was revealed that more than 80% of the respondents in each group received the NTULink magazine, and more than 70% of those who received the magazine in each group, did read it.

Overall, the alumni surveyed were satisfied with the AAO publications as they provide up-to-date information.

Events of interest

The survey results also show that NTU alumni are generally satisfied with outreach activities.

Preferences varied from group to group: More alumni from the Nantah (1960 – 1980) and NTI (1985 – 1990) groups were interested in the alumni homecoming and class reunions, compared to alumni from the NTU-1 (1991 – 2003) and NTU-2 (2004 – 2009) groups, who were more interested in alumni travel and movie screenings.

The different groups of respondents indicated different preferences for content. While the Nantah and NTI groups of readers showed a preference for alumni network news, University-level news and coverage of alumni events, alumni in the NTU-1 and NTU-2 groups indicated that they preferred articles on career opportunities and courses.
Only Connect

The results of 2010 alumni engagement survey will help NTU greatly in its continued efforts to provide the best possible experience for its alumni across all age groups, says Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU.

He says, “We’re pleased to see the results of the alumni survey, especially on our alumni’s positive relationship with the University. I think the findings speak volumes about how much our alumni treasure their relationship with their alma mater.”

“We’ll look into the views given by our alumni and review our current operations to put in place some initiatives that cater to varied interests and needs, so that we can further improve on our services for our alumni family,” he says, adding, “our ultimate mission, of course, is to continue to engage our alumni, and to encourage them to stay connected with one another, as well as with their alma mater.

An NTU family that stays connected will stay strong.”

### Most comfortable ways of alumni contributing to the University

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#### Contributing to the university

NTU alumni have always contributed to the betterment and progress of their alma mater. They are able to do this through many ways, such as giving to the endowment fund, being a Class Agent or Alumni Ambassador, assisting in an alumni association, among others.

The 2010 survey shows that most of the respondents in the NTI and NTU groups regard being a mentor and sharing experiences during events as the two comfortable ways of contributing to the university.

Close to 49% of the Nantah alumni surveyed said they felt assisting in organising class reunions to be the most comfortable way of contributing to the university, while more than 60% of the younger alumni from the NTU-2 group said they preferred to share experiences and knowledge at events.

#### Conclusion

On the whole, the survey shows that most alumni were generally satisfied with being an alumnus of the University, and with AAO’s publications, events and services. Alumni in all groups had given ratings of above 3.7 when surveyed on these areas.

#### Performance of overall satisfaction
Mr Ng Seng Liang shares his experiences of being in the Ministry of Home Affairs as he retires from a distinguished career after 35 years.

Dedicated investigator

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(Arts/1972)
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This particular case was a very difficult one, which tested the capability of our CID investigators. They performed well under intense pressure and scrutiny from the public. This was a real challenge as there was very high public expectation. With everyone’s attention on this case, everybody wanted this case to be solved quickly, and we managed it. There were many other cases which tested the capability of our investigators and the system.

When I was Director of CNB, I experienced other challenges. The main one was of course drug control, where we had to deal with drug traffickers and abusers.

The first significant challenge I encountered, was the abuse of Subutex. At that time, Subutex was a prescription drug which was supposedly to help kick the habit of heroin dependence. Somehow, drug abusers starting injecting this drug with a cocktail of other drugs to get high.

Following a thorough review of the use of Subutex, as a drug to treat heroin dependence, and with our strong recommendations and justifications, Subutex was eventually listed as a controlled drug in 2006. Thereafter, we managed to keep the situation under control.

This was a good learning experience as we realised that although a certain drug may be introduced with a good intention, it can still be abused and become a serious drug problem.

Joining the Singapore Police Force in 1976, Mr Ng graduated from Nanyang University’s faculty of Arts in 1972 with Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree. Retiring in February 2011 as the Director of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), Mr Ng has also held the post of Director of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) prior to that.

You served in the Ministry of Home Affairs since joining the Singapore Police Force in 1976. How was your career progression like?

Soon after doing my full-time National Service duty after graduation, I joined the police force as an Inspector and was posted to the then Joo Chiat Police Station after my training in the police academy. I actually started my career as an investigator as I have always wanted to be involved in criminal investigation work. In fact, about half of my career was actually involved in such investigation work. Throughout my 35 years with the police force, I have had the privilege of serving in various key positions.

I was the Commander of the Jurong Police Division for 5 years starting in 1988, after which I was posted as Director Manpower of the Singapore Police Force. That was something totally different from what I was doing previously, but it was a good experience.

Following that, I became the Director of CID where I served for six and half years, focussing on criminal investigation. After which I became the Director of CNB for the last six years of my career.

Looking back, I must say that I had a very rewarding and satisfying career. Once, there was a theme for a career in the police force – One Career, Many Experiences – which very aptly fits my life with the police force. I had the opportunity to manage quite a few key posts. I joined as an Inspector, and I have retired as a Senior Assistant Commissioner.

As an investigator for almost your entire career, there must have been a number of challenging experiences. What are some of these that you can share?

The CID is the investigation authority of our police force. As Director CID, I worked with a team of dedicated investigators in tackling serious and high profile crime.

One of my major milestone of my career as CID Director was the establishment of the criminal DNA database. It all started in 2000, when I led a team of officers to visit the United Kingdom, United States and Canada, to learn more about their criminal database system. After that study, we established our own system which was strongly supported by the Ministry. In July 2004, our criminal DNA database was officially launched. This is a development which I am proud of getting involved, as within such a short period of time, our officers managed to set up the system which has since helped to solve many serious cases.

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Under your leadership, there was firm control over the drug and inhalant abuse situation in Singapore. How were you and your staff able to control this situation?

It is very important for us to foster a good relationship with our foreign counterparts. We work with them to counter these drug syndicates, which has allowed us to be successful many times over. Our officers are very committed and operational, conducting thousands of raids and operations each year. I am especially proud of the team which is very gung-ho and on the move almost everyday. With limited resources, we are still able to keep the drug situation under control. I couldn’t ask for more.

I have always encouraged our officers to further develop their forensic capabilities so as to deal with the complicated and high profile drug cases more professionally. This resulted in the setting up of a specialised unit, called the Forensic Response Team.

We must also understand that drug traffickers are very desperate and dangerous criminals who ruin the lives of many people. As for drugs abusers, we need community support to tackle this problem. Hence, we have officers who specialise in preventive drug education and communication. The society can make a difference as well. With the strong support of the community, CNB will be able to keep the drugs situation under control.

What would you like to share with fellow alumni who wish to follow your footsteps?

They must know that it is a very rewarding and satisfying career, although very challenging as well. One must have the motivation to serve the community. It is a career which will provide you with varied experiences as you can be posted to different departments. You must be prepared to work hard and work smart.

How will you be spending your days now that you are retired?

It’s been just a few months since I retired in February and so now I am spending as much time as possible with my family and friends. I have a 30 year old son who is working in the United States, and my 27 year old daughter is working here.

I’ve been travelling quite a bit with my family as well and I enjoy gardening. If a suitable volunteering opportunity arises, I will definitely consider contributing my service.
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The Event Calendar is subject to change without prior notice.
Celebrating comradeship
China-based alumni working or residing in Singapore get together for a lively Sunday lunch.

An event to remember
The get-together attracted as many as 407 alumni and guests. Some of them were happy to meet their countrymen for the first time, whilst many others were busy mingling around with their long-lost friends.

Among the full repertoire of cultural performances prepared by the NTU Students’ Union, were a jazz dance, Chinese folk instruments performance, love duet, crosstalk and guitar performance. The alumni and guests were indeed amazed by the talents of the students.

The luncheon reached its highlight when Professor Er went on the stage to perform a song with Director of Alumni Affairs, Mr Soon Min Yam. The impromptu act won thunderous applause and led to another solo song performance.

Rounding up the event, participants enjoyed the interactive games ‘Scavenger Hunt’ and ‘Don’t forget the Lyrics’ and 6 lucky draw prizes were also given out.

A beneficial platform
Many who attended the lunch gathering found the event to be one of the more interesting ones they had ever attended.

"Many alumni have given their positive feedback on the get-together today. I think it helps to keep us updated on the University's latest development, and it also serves as a good platform for networking," said Mr Sun Jin (MAE/2007), who was the emcee of the event.

He went on to encourage fellow juniors to be actively involved in curriculum activities, to have a chance to cultivate and develop personal strengths.

Alumnus Li Dong (NBS/2011) who came from Liaoning Province was delighted to be one of the lucky draw winners. Being a loyal fan of NTU as he disclosed, Mr Li was glad to stay connected with his alma mater.

The lunch was held on 10 April 2011 at Joy Garden Restaurant, SAFRA Jurong.
南大中国校友：最好的一次聚会

在新加坡工作或生活的南洋理工大学中国校友们携同伴侣和子女出席了由南大中国留学生会和校友事务处携手举办的午餐会。

“你可曾记得，有那么一个地方，你经历了弹指一挥的青葱岁月，度过了披星戴月的如梭时光；……你可曾记得她那亲切的名字——南洋理工大学！”当大屏幕上一段段触动人心的字句、一幅幅勾起万千思绪的校园画面随音乐播放时，本是热闹喧腾的会场顿然一片寂静，校友们仿佛陷入校园时光的回忆中。

在短片中一同重温过去校园里的点点滴滴之后，“2011年南大中国校友聚会”正式在南大中国留学生会主席张戈吟的欢迎词中开始。

作为特别嘉宾的南大副校长余明华教授，除了向校友们汇报南大最新的2015年发展蓝图，也呼吁各位要与母校保持联络，积极参加南大海外校友会和联欢会，用实际行动促进中国同新加坡的友好关系。

目前南大已有将近两万名中国校友，占南大校友总数的13.1%。

高潮迭起，温馨热闹
出席者们或久别重逢，或初识同乡，都特别珍惜这次难得的聚会，在席间尽情地畅谈合影。学弟妹们也精心地准备了各种文娱表演，有极富现代感的爵士舞、古典韵味的华乐、情歌对唱，诙谐逗趣的相声等，才华洋溢而令所有校友前辈们赞不绝口。

在游戏互动环节中，台上台下大玩颜色配对和歌词填空，时而传来如雷掌声，时而扬起大笑声，不分年龄辈分地好似一家人，场面特别热闹而温馨。

余副校更即兴地邀请校友事务处孙敏炎主任上台高歌一曲《夜来香》，将午餐会推向了一个高潮。大家还意犹未尽，以更热烈地掌声邀请余副校长再带来《绿岛小夜曲》。

午餐会最后在符伟枫同学和吉他手童远同学淋漓尽致的歌曲演唱中划上了句点，会场情绪沸腾至极。

精彩的回忆
校友们异口同声地纷纷表示，这是他们出席过最好、最精彩的一次聚会。

来自辽宁的李东先生（南洋商学院2011年校友）是抽奖环节的幸运儿之一。他很兴奋地表示自己是南大的忠实粉丝，而这次的聚会让他再次重温南大师生们团结一致的情怀。

身为大会主持人之一的孙谨先生（机械与宇航工程学院2007年校友）也说：“很多校友都反馈意见表示，午餐会非常成功。这个活动加深了校友们对学校的了解，同时也帮助校友们认识了不少新朋友，对个人交际也是很有帮助的。”

人生因为有了回忆，才变得精彩。相信这次的聚会将久久地烙印在南大中国校友们的心中。

本次活动于2011年4月10日（周日）在裕廊战备军人协会（SAFRA）的美满楼宴会厅举行。
Some 340 NTU Malaysian alumni working or living in Singapore together with guests enjoyed an evening together at the Malaysian Alumni Dinner.

An annual tradition, the alumni dinner was jointly organised by the NTU Malaysian Students’ Association, NTU Association of Malaysian Chinese Independent School Alumni and NTU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO).

Today, the University is proud to call 11,600 Malaysians its alumni, which is 8% of NTU’s more than 145,000 alumni worldwide.

Journey of Malaysian

The event had a very appropriate theme, ‘Jom Jom’, meaning ‘Let’s go’ in a fun way, as well as an abbreviation for ‘Journey of Malaysian’. Throughout the dinner, the alumni and guests were treated to a full repertoire of programmes and among the highlights were performances such as the diabolo as well as a song item with music accompaniment. All the performances were put up by several NTU undergraduates who volunteered.

A video montage showcasing the students’ journey in NTU was also shown, which had the alumni laughing and shedding tears at the same time. Alumni were seen exchanging anecdotes of the good times they once shared.

Professor Freddy Boey, NTU’s Provost-Designate, who was Guest-of-Honour at the Malaysian Alumni Dinner get-together, said in his speech: “We wish to constantly stay in touch with our alumni, and I hope that you will be able to play a part in assisting the Alumni Affairs Office to reconnect with Malaysian alumni whom we might not have been able to contact. For our successful alumni working in Singapore, I do hope that you will come forward to support the Malaysian students in NTU and their activities. Our students would be grateful to receive encouragement and support from their seniors such as your good selves.”

Prof Boey also updated the alumni on the university’s recent developments and progress in his speech.

With prizes sponsored by AAO, a lucky draw was held to round up the evening. The NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner was held on 9 April 2011 at Joy Garden Restaurant, SAFRA Jurong.
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南洋理工大学马来西亚校友们在校友晚宴上回首往事、缅怀昔日校园生活。

在“南大马来西亚校友晚宴”上，约有340位在新加坡旅居或工作的马来西亚校友同来宾们欢聚一堂，共同度过了美好的夜晚。

校友晚宴是一年一度举办的盛会，由南大马来西亚学生会、南大马来西亚独中校友会及南大校友事务处联合举办。

目前，南大在世界各地的校友总数为14万5000多名，而其中马来西亚校友就有1万1600名，占校友总数的8%，令南大感到自豪。

马来西亚人的人生旅程

晚宴的主题恰如其分，叫做“Jom Jom”，以十分有趣的方式表达“让我们一起走”，这同时也是“马来西亚人的旅程”（Journey of Malaysian）的缩写。在整场晚宴上，校友与来宾们观赏了一系列精彩绝伦的节目，其中的亮点包括了指铃及乐器伴奏歌曲。这些节目都是由南大在籍学生们自动自发地提议呈献的。

晚宴上还播出了一段有关校友们过去求学生涯的录像剪辑，令在场校友们沉浸在往事的回忆之中，有笑有泪。校友们也在晚会上互相诉说着昔日的趣闻轶事。

南大校董常务副校长梅彦昌教授是晚宴的特别嘉宾，他在致辞中说：“我们希望经常与校友们保持联系，也希望你们能够协助校友事务处寻找和联络那些和我们失去联系的马来西亚校友们。对于那些在新加坡工作取得成就的校友，我确实希望你们能够拨出时间，帮助还在南大学习的马来西亚学生们。有学长学姐们的鼓励和支持，他们一定会很感激的。”

梅彦昌教授在讲话中也向校友们汇报了南大的最新发展动态。

在校友事务处的赞助下，晚会举办了幸运抽奖活动，并在欢乐、愉快的气氛中结束。“南大马来西亚校友晚宴”于2011年4月9日假裕廊战备军人协会（SAFRA）的美满楼宴会厅举行。
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Students are the university’s future alumni and while on campus, they are able to contribute tremendously in their own capacity towards the development of the Nanyang Alumni network.

Initiated by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office in 2007, the Student Alumni Associates programme recognises the existing students who have played a pivotal role towards the development and cultivation of alumni relations among the student and alumni networks.

At the appreciation lunch, 40 Student Alumni Associates were honoured for their contribution and spirit of volunteerism.

Thanking them in his speech was Guest-of-Honour Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, NTU’s Chief University Advancement Officer.

“We thank our Student Alumni Associates for your dedicated commitment and contribution, and we hope that through this platform, you will stay connected and develop strong ties with the University through your continual involvement in alumni-related activities,” said Mr Chew.

He added: “As a Student Alumni Associate, you play a very important role. You are our bridge between the student population and the alumni of NTU, promoting strong ties and relationship. By helping to foster pride and tradition, promoting and inspiring unity, you will help alumni keep alive the friendships, associations and interests they formed as students in NTU. At the same time, you will also benefit from an extensive network of alumni worldwide.”

During the presentation ceremony held on 9 April at Holiday Inn Orchard City Centre, the Student Alumni Associates were presented with a Certificate as well as a token of appreciation. This was followed by a buffet lunch, which allowed the student leaders an opportunity to network with fellow friends.
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It has been an exciting few years here for me, coming to grips with the differences in cultures, systems, mindsets, etc. and implementing new policies and refining existing ones to fit the local context.

Along with my team, I have been involved in the implementation of international academic programmes in the school such as the Cambridge International Primary Programme (CIPP), the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

It is certainly different working with a dynamic international staff and that has definitely broadened my horizons and given me new perspectives.

I graduated from NIE in 1993 with a Diploma in Education and have been in the education sector since.

It has been a very rewarding and fulfilling career having been a teacher, Head of Department and now Vice-Principal.

The DipEd course at NIE provided me with a good foundation to start this journey of mine although there are many things that you would not learn from any course.

Indeed, as teaching deals with an ever-changing group of people from day-to-day and year-to-year, many things in the course may not even apply to you. But it is this ever-changing circumstance that makes teaching so exciting.

It isn't for everyone though! I believe that teaching is a calling rather than a career. One must be dedicated to the job and has to be prepared to go that extra mile, spend one's own time, effort and even money in order to really make the difference in the lives of one's young charges.

I spent a few months at Qifa Primary School for my practicum and was posted to Anglo-Chinese Primary School after obtaining my qualification. It was there that I built on the foundation and gained experience, going on to become Head of Department for Discipline and Information Technology.

I joined Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road) in 2002 and at the urging of my Principal, took the plunge and ventured to Indonesia as Vice-Principal of Sekolah Tiara Bangsa –ACS (International) Jakarta in 2006.
“That’s it,” I said to myself. “I’m sold… I’m there!”

And so, after obtaining Australian Permanent Residency as a skilled professional (I’m an accountant), I packed up and left for Australia. I headed for Melbourne, to be exact. That was in July 2005.

In Melbourne, I found a job in a rather short period of time and proceeded to build a life for myself over there for the past five and a half years. I experienced what it was like to be truly independent and self-reliant, alone by myself in a foreign country.

As for my job in Melbourne, I had the privilege of working for the global financial services colossus GE Money. This was a real opportunity that allowed me to contribute, first as an associate and then as an analyst, in my capacity as a CPA and a CFA charterholder, and, more importantly, as a Singaporean professional. I also learned new skill sets and benefited from working with colleagues from another culture.

Trading on the ASX, I got familiar with Australian stocks and local business readings such as the Australian Financial Review, The Age Business Daily and BRW. Caught up in the mining boom and the heady world of finance and profits, I enjoyed some measure of financial windfall.

Melbourne is a beautiful place.

Wide open spaces and green parks with lush, manicured grass so soft it feels like luxurious carpet; clear blue skies; long drives through the countryside up to Phillip Island; gardens and parks that are an explosion of colours during Spring; the beauty of unadulterated beaches where you feel the raw power of the sea as, accompanied by gale winds, huge waves smash mercilessly against the sand and rocks; cool crisp air during the cooler autumn and winter months; wild birds singing so sweetly it reminded me that birds are the original harbingers of song and music; beautiful sunny days that made me understand a local phrase I often heard but did not appreciate until later: “It’s so beautiful today, it makes me wanna cry”; daily jogs around the park on sand or grass, as opposed to tarmac or synthetic tracks, admiring the beautiful scenery and beautiful girls, and never a lack of friendly folks walking their dogs, with the dogs coming up to you eagerly, tongues hanging out and tails wagging, eager to be patted.

I also experienced firsthand, on not a few occasions, the Australian sense of community and Australian warmth, friendship and compassion. I had met strangers who extended a hand of friendship and assistance even though they had no reason to do so.

Still, I did not forget to stay in touch with home. Signing up with the Overseas Singaporean Club, I participated in Singapore Day 2008 and several Distinguished Business Leader functions where I heard speeches from luminaries, including MediaCorp CEO Mr Lucas Chow and SingTel CEO Mr Allen Lew.

Now, more than half a decade later, I am back in Singapore. While living overseas is good, after all has been said and done, I reckon home is still the place to be.
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Keep it up!

**Zhu Lifang**
(NBS/2008)

As part of the committee member of NTU Cultural Activities Club Alumni Association (CACAA), I think the formation of the association gives us a very good platform to meet up with the seniors and once-members of the club who are now working in various industries. Another objective of the association is also to give support to CAC not only in areas of running the club, but also to give advice to the current students on their academic and future career.

Moving forward as a new set-up, we will be organising events and activities/workshops to meet these objectives. As we are unable to reach out to the very senior batches of the alumni (those who graduated many years ago), we do hope that we can slowly build up our network eventually in the years to come.

We also hope that the alumni from CAC who have yet to join the association will sign up with us soon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended the launch of NTU CACAA on 22 October 2010. Thank you for taking time off to attend this significant event and we hope that you have enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

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**Wang Wei Jia**
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I graduated from the Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering) programme in June 2009. It was a four-year programme, which I embarked on from July 2005.

I am currently employed full-time as a business analyst in an international bank in Singapore.

I received my first offer of employment at my current company in June 2009. I joined the organisation in July 2009 right after graduation.

In my job hunt, I find that the key challenges were to find relevant information regarding the various job opportunities that were available in the market and having to sieve through the numbers to find the right few where personal interest and career aspirations matched.

There is also the process of application, interviews and selection, which I found tedious. At times, it requires the knowledge and guidance of experts like career counsellors because fresh graduates tend to have limited knowledge of such procedures.

I am glad my job hunt was made easier with the help of the Career & Attachment Office at NTU. The office had provided me with the much needed guidance. I also found the career talks, workshops and campus talks by potential employers organised for students, helpful.

Actually, at the time when I was looking for a job, the impact of recession was felt by each of us, for we had graduated in the year of 2009/2010. I experienced a drop in the number of high profile or well-paying jobs available for fresh graduates to apply.

During that period, I find most MNCs had had to lower their annual hiring numbers. Hence, most of the international students were affected.

Among the international students whom I graduated with, there were also those who chose to pursue further education. Some were already planning to enter graduate school and others did so in view of the recession.

Personally, I had no plans of immediately joining any graduate school for further studies. So, it was of utmost importance for me to be in a place where I could find suitable job offers and gain valuable work experience. This, I believe would also enhance my chances of getting accepted to graduate schools of my choice in the future.

Originally from India, I moved to Singapore because I wanted to experience a different education system with good employment prospects upon graduation.

Everyone can be successful if they have the will.

I always say that since we are breathing the same air with all other billionaires, and that there are many opportunities abound, we can make it as long as we grab the opportunities that come our way.

Studying in NTU was a good experience and I am honoured to be awarded the Excellence Award for Class of 2010.

I believe that if you fail and fail, it just means that you are getting closer to success.

Good luck everyone!
I am now working as a project officer at NTU’s Energy Research Institute located in the Research TechnoPlaza. It is an interesting job, where I get to learn more about renewable energy. I hope that more green technologies can be applied massively across the world.

I am pleased to have been awarded the ABB Book Prize in AY2009/2010. Since graduating in July 2010, I have been working at TECH as a Process Control System Engineer. I hope that all of us can keep in touch with one another.

I am glad to have made many friends during my days in NTU and meeting them again at the Indonesian Alumni Get-together was very heart warming. It is my fervent hope that once we meet and become good friends, we will never part.

I would love to keep in touch with all my friends, especially Class 2010. I hope we will continue to have fun together, especially during the weekends. Wishing everyone all the best in their future endeavours!
I attended the NTU Vietnamese Alumni Get-together held on 15 January. I found the food nice and I especially liked the free drinks. Meeting the Vietnamese friends I used to study with at NTU was also great.

I am truly grateful for the education I had received from NTU. The University has given me so much.

Having graduated just last year, I have begun to enjoy many opportunities I would otherwise not have had if not been for my NTU education.

I’d like to thank NTU for providing me with a terrific study environment as well as many opportunities to interact with international friends and professors. It was a memorable experience.

Right now, I’m working as a project officer at the School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences. I enjoy the working environment because I can explore something new every day. Additionally, I have a chance to practise my teaching skills.

My favourite quotation is: “There is no way to discovery, but discovery is the way”.

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