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Dear NTU alumni,

June is a delightful month for NTU – our students, having left their exams behind, are diving headlong into their Semester 2 Vacation. It is also a time when the University gets ready for July's Convocation, which marks a new Semester 2 Vacation. It is also a time when the University

In April, we launched the Future Mobility Research Lab (FMRL) at our Research Techno Plaza on campus. It is BMW's first joint lab in South-east Asia and we are now one of the Group's eight global academic research partners.

The fact that BMW chose to do it with us is a testament to our strengths. Our lab will rev up Singapore's research capabilities in sustainable mobility and future motoring. This is an increasingly important field, as over 70 per cent of world's population are expected to move to global megacities by 2050. We are very pleased that the lab's three focus areas – advanced batteries, human-machine interface and mobility patterns – are fully aligned with NTU's sustainability thrust.

Our Nanyang Environment and Water Research Institute (NEWRI) at CleanTech One was officially opened in May, giving us a seamless connection with the green industry. NEWRI is now working hard on its new research into more economical and effective means for water, wastewater and wastes management – for which various public agencies have earmarked $132 million in renewed funding.

NTU's first overseas water treatment plant in Vietnam, a joint venture between our start-up company De.Mem Pte Ltd and Vietnam company GD Wasser, was also launched in May. A remote-monitored, one-man operation, the plant is the first of its kind in South-east Asia. In size it is no bigger than a 5-room HDB flat, but it can produce 1 million litres of drinking water daily, at just two-thirds of current prices in the area.

A major breakthrough we announced recently is a novel molecule that NTU bio-engineered with Sweden's Lund University. It can target and kill tumour cells while leaving healthy cells intact. Known as HAMLET (Human Alpha-lactabumin Made Lethal to Tumour cells), this protein-lipid molecule complex is based on a natural protein in human milk that has shown strong and wide-ranging tumour killing properties when bound to certain lipids. The research team is looking to trial HAMLET in Singapore, and is hopeful that a product can be developed in five to ten years' time for doctors to treat cancer.

NTU believes in doing the kind of research than can ultimately help improve lives. As the saying goes, there are only two kinds of research, applied research and yet-to-be-applied research. So it was most delightful to see that our students, too, have taken this maxim to heart – which is evident from their innovations showcased at the 15th Engineering, Innovation and Design (EID) Open House and competition held in May.

Among the winners were several practical life-saving innovations. These include “BioSens”, a rear collision alarm system fitted with an ultrasonic sensor and LED lights to improve the safety of cyclists. “Block-It-Out”, a response to the dengue epidemic in Singapore, is an auto-close drain cover that blocks mosquitoes from entering the drain to breed, while allowing a large amount of water to flow through during heavy downpours. There is also the “WiseWindow”. This safety device switches both ways for easy cleaning and can overcome the problem of people falling from high floors while cleaning windows.

In the meantime, our University has moved to the top of university rankings. It is now ranked No. 2 amongst the world's young universities and has also jumped seven places to break into Asia's Top 10 universities, according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) rankings. We have become a talent magnet, attracting more top students and some of the world's best professors. NTU is proving to be a great place to learn, teach and do research.

NTU's remarkable rise and its track record in industry partnerships did not go unnoticed by Times Higher Education, which will co-host the inaugural World Academic Summit on campus with us in early October. We are honoured to be a part of this international event that will bring together leaders from the higher education, industry and government sectors. The Summit will examine the new global marketplace for higher education and research, and the role universities play in driving the future economy. It will open with the 30th World Cultural Council Awards Ceremony, an annual event that will give the Albert Einstein World Award of Science, the Leonardo da Vinci World Award of Arts, and eight special awards for scientists in Singapore, the host country.

These are notable milestones in our quest to be a great global university founded on science and technology.

I wish to thank you for your support on this meaningful journey, and look forward to sharing more good news with you in the months to come.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
南大的第一座海外污水处理厂设在越南，这是南大的起步公司De.Mem私人有限公司同越南GD Wasser公司的合资企业，也在今年5月落成。这座水厂属遥控监督式，由一个操作，是东南亚首座类似水厂，且每天生产100万公升饮用水。价格只是在常规监控时价格的三分之一。

我们最近宣布的另一个重大突破是南大和瑞典隆德大学联手使用生物工程研制的抗癌分子。这个分子可以瞄准并杀死人体内的癌细胞，并不伤害健康细胞。这个简称HAMLET（Human Alpha-lactabumin Made Lethal to Tumour cells）的蛋白质与脂质分子复合物，来源于人奶中的天然蛋白质，如果把它同某些脂质加以合成，就有其在杀癌细胞的潜力与广泛性。科研小组正寻求在新加坡试验HAMLET的可能性，并且希望在未来5至10年内开发产品，让医生治疗癌症。

南大相信，进行类似的科研最终可以造福人类。常言道，科研只有两种，即“应用研究”和“尚未应用的研究”。而让我觉得欣慰的是，我们的学生们也把这个格言放在心上——这可以从他们在今年5月举办的第15届工程创新设计公开赛上展示的新发明中看出。

获奖创作中有好多是可以救生的新发明。其中的“传感脚踏车”（BikeSense），车上有超声波传感器和发光二极管的警报系统，可在即将撞车的危险时刻发出警报，以提醒骑车人的安全。“阻止盖”（Block-It-Out）则可对抗在新加坡蔓延的骨痛热症，这是一个可以自动关闭的沟渠盖子，可以防止伊蚊进入水渠滋生，而且还可

在下大雨时让大水顺利排去，此外还有一项称为“智能窗”（WiseWindow）的发明，这个装置可以自动调节窗户的开度，使得在冒大水时从高楼层下的问题。

在这段时间内，南大在世界大学排行榜上继续攀升，根据最新的QS（Quacquarelli Symonds）排名，南大在全球新晋大学中排名第二，并且在上升了七个名次后进入亚洲顶尖大学的前十名。我们已然是一个吸引着许多顶尖学生和教授的磁场。事实证明，南大已成为了学习、教学，和研究的好去处。

南大的节节上升，以及它同业界伙伴的良好关系，也同样引起英国《泰晤士报》高等教育专刊的注意。《泰晤士报》将在今年10月初同南大在我们的校园一起主办首届“世界学术高峰会议”。我们很荣幸能够成为主办这个盛会的一员，届时高等教育界、工商企业界、政府部门的领军人物将在会上云集。这个峰会将探讨高等教育和研究在国际上的新市场，以及高等教育将推动未来经济所发挥的作用。峰会将同第30届世界文化理事会奖状颁奖典礼一起举行，这是一个年度大会，届时将颁发“阿尔伯特·爱因斯坦世界科学奖”、“爱因斯坦·达·芬奇世界艺术奖”以及同主办国（新加坡）的科学家们颁发国际特别奖。

在南大成为以科技为本的全球性卓越大学的征途中，这些进展可说都是引人瞩目的里程碑。在这条路上，您们给予了南大不少的支持，因此我在此向大家致谢；并且期待在未来几个月内，与您分享更多的好消息。

BUSINESS SAVVY

The world's best business professor, the world's top accounting researcher for the third year running, the No.1 MBA programme in Singapore and now, a cross-cultural academic heavyweight as its new Dean. NTULink finds out why NBS is flying high.

NTU’s Accountancy and Business double degree programme is highly sought after by students in Singapore.
several key leadership positions, Business School where he held of Southern California’s Marshall in embedding ethics in his curriculum, A passionate professor who believes East-West experience. heavyweight with a good blend of Professor Ravi Kumar, an academic There is also a new Dean to lead NBS: NTU had conducted an extensive leadership spanning many continents. of global and cross-cultural business Professor Boey added, “NTU has a strong record of global and cross-cultural business leadership spanning many continents. His academic experience in the East comes from his two years as Dean of the College of Business at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) while his leave of absence from the University of Southern California’s Marshall Business School, initiated many programmes to give his students international exposure. As executive director for the school’s experiential learning courses for MBA and undergraduate students, he coordinated faculty across diverse disciplines, and over 150 companies in Asia-Pacific and Latin American countries every year.

“The world is not just becoming more global, it is becoming more mobile and interconnected. Our children are growing up with technologies that surpass any capability that we may have imagined just a few decades ago. And they are becoming more aware of the big gaps between the haves and the have-nots, and are thirsting to do something about this. They also see a world beset with the fears of climate change, global warming and the need to embrace sustainability.”

"Because of all these seismic shifts in technology, culture and the entry of Gen Y into the business world, companies are increasingly looking for ethical problem solvers with strong digital and entrepreneurial skills, who are team players and work well in diverse environments. Business schools therefore have to redesign and reframe teaching, such as incorporating more collaborative models into their curriculum, technologies and pedagogy. Business schools also need to chart a new course on research and thought leadership to make them more relevant and meaningful to business and society,” said Prof Kumar.

He feels that while ethics start at home, educational institutions have the responsibility to solidify these values.

"Business schools should highlight the pitfalls of unethical behaviour and its impact on business, community and society, and most importantly, on the individuals themselves. It is not just about offering a required course on ethics that is needed, but a comprehensive way in which ethics is incorporated into all that we teach,” he said.

Prof Kumar received his Bachelor of Technology degree in Mechanical Engineering from the institute in 1974. He holds a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Texas, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences Department at Northwestern University. His appointment followed a comprehensive review of international candidates by a six-member search committee led by INSEAD Professor Gabriel Hawawini.

Professor Gillian Yeo, who had been the Interim Dean in the last two years, will assist Prof Kumar in administrative and external relations matters in her new role as Associate Dean.

“I would like to thank Prof Gillian Yeo for her commendable work as Interim Dean since 2009. During this time, despite strong competition from other business schools, NBS continued its climb in the rankings among the world’s foremost business schools, gaining global reputation for both its undergraduate and graduate programmes,” said Prof Boey.

A NEW DEAN, AFTER A TWO-YEAR GLOBAL SEARCH

There is also a new Dean to lead NBS: Professor Ravi Kumar, an academic heavyweight with a good blend of East-West experience. A passionate professor who believes in embedding ethics in his curriculum, Prof Kumar comes from the University of Southern California’s Marshall Business School where he held several key leadership positions, including that of Vice-Dean for international programmes and Vice-Dean for graduate programmes.

His academic experience in the East comes from his two years as Dean of the College of Business at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) while on a leave of absence from the University of Southern California. There he introduced reforms that saw the Korean college break into the top 100 of the Financial Times global MBA rankings.

Prof Kumar also has a strong industry network from his extensive international consulting experience, including projects with Nike, Rolls Royce, BMW, Ericsson, Reuters, and Infosys. He serves on the board of several major corporations, such as Korea Exchange Bank.

Commenting on his big move to NTU, Prof Kumar said: “NTU has an ambitious leadership that has been consistently building its brand worldwide. As one of the pillars of the University, NBS has a great reputation for thought leadership. It recruits excellent students and faculty, and aspires to be a global leader in business education. My predecessors have laid a strong foundation and I plan to build on these strengths and bring NBS to greater heights.”

On the appointment of Prof Kumar, NTU Provost Professor Freddy Boey said: “Prof Kumar has a strong record of global and cross-cultural business leadership spanning many continents. As an information and operations management professor, he is known widely for his expertise on global operations, particularly in improving operational performance through cellular design and in integrating decision-making with marketing and information technology.

"NTU had conducted an extensive global search for the dean of Nanyang Business School. It has taken two years, as the person chosen as Dean of Business must have accomplishments that commensurate with the school’s reputation as one of the world’s finest business schools. Prof Kumar was a clear and compelling choice.”

CHAMPION OF BUSINESS ETHICS

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THE NBS EXPERIENCE

"NBS is the place to learn, to grow, to make friends, and experience the School’s close-knit culture. If you would like a school to challenge, to develop and nurture yourselves, NBS is definitely the place. The winning factor that NBS holds would be its professors. The way they conduct their lessons and their passion that they pass on to students is incomparable. Students who graduate from NBS are all very confident of their knowledge and are able to make full use of what they have learnt in their workplaces.” - Mr. Mong Jun Harn, First Year Accountancy.

“Whatever I studied in NBS has been very useful in my career in an IT related field within an international bank. I remember how subjects such as Information Systems in Financial Services gave me a head start in understanding the complex systems that global banks typically use. Everything we learnt was like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. You were not quite sure where they fit initially, but when you see the bigger picture after you have started working, what we learnt in school starts to make a lot of sense.” - Mr. Tan Gui De, Class of 2010.
A NEW CURRICULUM FOR THE NANYANG MBA, SINGAPORE’S TOP MBA

What are the factors that make the Nanyang MBA stand out from the rest? The new MBA curriculum; its calibre and diversity of the MBA participants; and the high quality of the MBA faculty, said Nanyang Business School’s Associate Dean for MBA, Associate Professor Chung Lai Hong.

The new curriculum to be adopted from July 2013 will offer a sharper programme in 12 months, instead of 16, reducing participants’ time away from work and enabling them to pursue their career goals earlier.

Three main forces drove the planning of the new curriculum from two years ago: volatile market conditions and rapid changes; heightened public scrutiny on corporate practices; and Asia’s ascendance defining the global marketplace.

“The new curriculum will introduce a new core module – Leading People Globally, which will include topics on various aspects of leadership across cultures – to be conducted over two trimesters. There will also be a compulsory team strategy project, in an organisation, facilitated by faculty alongside seminars, and a business study mission, with an option of local or overseas missions. The MBA programme will also comprise two different tracks – Strategy and Innovation and Banking and Finance,” said Prof Chung.

The Nanyang MBA provides a diverse cultural experience, with a typical class having participants from more than 20 countries, from as far as Europe to China, India and other parts of Asia. The programme is taught by an equally diverse international faculty with extensive collective business experience in management and consulting at major global organisations.

MEET THE WORLD’S BEST BUSINESS PROFESSOR, AT NBS

Winning the title of Business Professor of the Year by the Economic Intelligence Unit was no mean feat. Professor Vijay Sethi of Nanyang Business School (NBS) clinched the US$100,000 prize after beating three other professors at a live “teach-off” in London in March this year. The four finalists were selected from 222 professors from 31 universities worldwide.

Prof Sethi teaches e-business and technological entrepreneurship classes for the Nanyang MBA programme, and information technology management to undergraduates. He is also deeply involved in preparing and coaching Nanyang MBA students for international business plan competitions.

“Winning the title is indeed a proud moment not only for me personally but also for NTU and NBS. It is a vindication and appreciation of the effort we put into teaching, the faith students show in us and the great accountancy and business programmes, Prof Sethi said: “I am very encouraged by the upward trajectory in the quality of students – they are well-rounded and have excellent communication skills.

I hope that they take advantage of all the opportunities a comprehensive university offers, to learn and grow. In addition to being great managers and leaders in the business community, I hope our students become more proactive and opportunistic, and are not afraid of taking chances.”

He also encourages students to pursue a more interdisciplinary education by taking subject modules from different schools and working in teams across schools. Prof Sethi – who obtained an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering but went on to pursue an MBA and PhD in business – strongly believes in the importance of interdisciplinary education in today’s world.

“Combining technology and innovation to create new value cannot be done without knowing the two disciplines, business and engineering. Innovation always happens at boundaries. We need to explore not just our fields of specialisation, but how they intersect and interact with others. The knowledge economy of today is different from the silos of yesterday. Hence our education and learning must evolve accordingly,” he said.

Prof Sethi said the thought of facing other prominent professors from around the world during the competition did seem a little intimidating at first. But he is thankful for everyone’s support which made it easier to manage the pressure.

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and decision-making processes of auditors, financial analysts and other users of accounting information.

The United Overseas Bank Chair Professor of Accounting at Nanyang Business School is most interested in how institutional and environmental features influence judgements and decisions. He typically uses psychological theories and experimental research techniques to gain insights into fundamental accounting issues. His research interests extend to judgement and decision issues in general management contexts outside of accounting.

Prof Tan said: “It is a great privilege to be given the opportunity to contribute to the progress and development of accounting and business practice, and thus society – all while pursuing one’s intellectual interests.”

NBS, THE GLUE THAT BINDS ITS ALUMNI

At last count, Nanyang Business School (NBS) has over 35,000 alumni. They enjoy continued support from NBS and life-long connection with one another and their alma mater through two alumni associations, the Nanyang Business School Alumni Association (NBSAA) for all NBS alumni, and the Nanyang MBA Alumni Association (MBAAA) for the School’s MBA graduates.

In August 2011, The Nanyang MBA ‘Alumni Continuing Education’ (ACE) programme was launched to mark the Nanyang MBA’s 20th anniversary. The programme aims to support lifelong learning for MBA alumni.

Under the ACE programme, each alumnus is allowed to attend selected courses (up to two) from The Nanyang MBA, Executive MBA (English), Executive MBA (Chinese) and Master of Science (Finance) programmes without any fees. A total of 55 alumni have benefitted from this programme since its launch.

Mr Mathieu Francois-Barseghian, an alumnus from the Double MBA Nanyang-Waseda programme who graduated in 2011, attended the course ‘Technology and E-Business’ under the ACE initiative. He said: “As a practitioner in the technology industry, there is a risk of getting stuck with the old way of thinking when major disruptions occur. Therefore it was very important to arm myself with a much higher perspective, so that I could adapt to market and technology changes. ACE is a great and unique initiative which supports the personal development of the alumni during their career, and it also strengthens the ties amongst the MBA alumni.”

The MBAAA, headed by Mr Dennis Wong from the Class of 2008, has been busy generating many new ideas for 2013 and 2014 to cater to the School’s MBA graduates.

Mr Ali Levent Hacki (Class of 2010), MBAAA’s Vice-President said: “Aside from the usual networking events, we are also planning to create a web platform that will enable our alumni to further their connections and create forums and social events. We also aim to involve and engage our current participants in our alumni events, to motivate and encourage them to become active MBAAA members.”

Over at the NBSAA, NBS alumni who sit in the Executive Committee play active roles in organising numerous activities for their fellow alumni throughout the year. The NBSAA works to reinforce valuable bonds among NBS graduates, and forge strong ties between them and their School. The NBSAA is led by Mr Satji Singh from the Class of 1991.

Mr Alex Lim (Class of 2008) and Ms Michelle Heng (Class of 2011), who hold the positions of Honorary Secretary and Member respectively at the NBSAA Executive Committee, aim to continue organising relevant and interesting events for the alumni, providing alumni with networking opportunities.
President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono recognised for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the University.

His Excellency President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of the Republic of Indonesia received an honorary doctorate of letters from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) on 22 April in a ceremony at the Shangri-La Hotel Singapore. President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is also the NTU Chancellor, confers an honorary doctorate of letters on Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia.

President Yudhoyono is the first Indonesian Head of State to receive an honorary degree from a Singapore university.

President of the Republic of Singapore, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is also the NTU Chancellor, presided over the conferment ceremony, which was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law K Shanmugam, Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Communications and Information Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Education Heng Swee Keat, Acting Minister for Social and Family Development and Senior Minister of State for Defence Chan Chun Sing and about 400 guests.

Also present were Indonesia’s Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Djoko Suyanto and Minister for Foreign Affairs Marty Natalegawa.

Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman of NTU Board of Trustees and members of NTU Board of Trustees also attended the ceremony, together with ambassadors, senior government officials, business leaders, NTU faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Reading the citation at the ceremony, NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said the doctorate was in recognition of President Yudhoyono’s strong links to the University. In 1999, President Yudhoyono started an association with the then Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS, now renamed as the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies or RSIS) when he first visited while serving as the Armed Forces Chief of Territorial Affairs. He has encouraged close ties between RSIS and the Indonesian Defence University as well as between RSIS and the Indonesian National Resilience Institute (LEMHANAS).

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“We are particularly proud that his sons Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono and Edhie Baskoro Yudhoyono are both NTU alumni, having graduated with postgraduate degrees from RSIS. When President Yudhoyono’s term in office ends in 2014, he will have served his full two presidential terms thus becoming the longest serving President in Indonesia’s democratic era,” said Prof Andersson.

The Doctor of Letters degree honors President Yudhoyono’s pre-eminence and outstanding achievements spanning four decades of public service, including 27 years of distinguished military service, over four years as a key cabinet minister, and almost a decade as President of Indonesia. It is also an acknowledgement of his commitment and contributions to the cause of higher learning.

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About 3,000 of NTU’s alumni hail from Indonesia, out of more than 170,000 in more than 120 countries worldwide. As part of NTU’s global alumni network, they contribute much to the reputation and excellence of the University. The link between these alumni and their alma mater is also an enduring sign of the strong bilateral ties between Singapore and Indonesia.
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) President, Professor Bertil Andersson has been awarded a prestigious honorary degree by the Hanyang University in South Korea. The internationally-respected biologist received the Honorary Doctor of Science degree at Hanyang University’s Seoul campus on 27 May. The degree was conferred by Hanyang University President Dr Lim Duck-Ho.

This is Prof Andersson’s fourth honorary doctorate in three years. He was similarly honoured by Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Symbiosis International University (India), and the University of New South Wales in 2011.

In the citation read out at the ceremony, Prof Andersson was recognised for his illustrious career as a plant biochemist of international repute and for his outstanding achievements as a champion of science and engineering. Professor Andersson was also lauded for his instrumental role at NTU, where he introduced institutional changes leading to bold new programmes as well as increased competitive funding for NTU. This has enabled NTU to strengthen its reputation to become the fastest-growing university in the world’s top 50.

Prof Andersson joins an illustrious list of honorary doctorate recipients from Hanyang University that includes Harvard University Professor Howard Gardner, who pioneered the theory of multiple intelligences; His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, an established historian, member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and current ruler of the Sharjah emirate; and Dr Tamals Ajan, President of the International Weightlifting Federation and a member of the International Olympic Committee who contributed to the successful organisation of the 1989 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Commenting on his award, Prof Andersson said: “I am deeply honoured to receive this award by Hanyang University. Hanyang is No. 1 among South Korea’s universities for technology transfer. It is also famous for producing a remarkably high number of chief executive officers and executives at Korea’s top 100 companies. These are commendable achievements that we in NTU and Singapore can emulate.”

Like NTU, Hanyang has built on its strengths as an engineering institute and is known for its strong links with the industry. It is South Korea’s 7th top university and 33rd in Asia according to the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings. In 2008, it was the only university to be designated by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) to run an Honours Programme to groom outstanding students in engineering and the sciences.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CHAMPION LAUDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

An internationally acclaimed scientist with a longstanding association with the Nobel Foundation, Prof Andersson is the author of more than 300 papers covering topics from photosynthesis research to biological membranes. The former commando in the Swedish military force was a competitive skier who swept sports medals, before moving on to win medals for his research work.

Appointed as NTU’s Provost in 2007 and President in 2011, Prof Andersson has been instrumental in helping to redefine education and research at NTU through the years by championing key thrusts in science, engineering and other fields. Prof Andersson has spearheaded significant institutional changes at NTU and advanced greater multidisciplinary teaching and research in domains such as sustainability, healthcare, new media, and research in domains such as sustainability, healthcare, new media, East-West knowledge and innovation.

His own research focus is in sustainability, studying how plants cope with light and heat stress, and how photosynthesis takes place under extreme conditions. Such research is important in advancing the concept of an artificial leaf that can be created and used as an inexpensive source of solar energy.

In 2010, Prof Andersson was awarded the prestigious Wilhelm Exner Medal for his outstanding work in biochemistry research and his contributions to European and Austrian research, an accolade that places him in the same league as 16 Nobel Laureates.

### DEEPENING TIES WITH SOUTH KOREA

NTU is no stranger to South Korea, where it has been deepening its ties with Korean universities over the years. The University currently has more than 30 active agreements with its Korean counterparts across a host of areas, such as academic programmes, research collaborations and student exchanges.

In November last year, Hanyang University President Dr Lim Duck-Ho led a delegation to visit NTU. Prior to this, NTU sealed an agreement in August 2012 with the Asian Research Network (ARN) based at Hanyang University to promote knowledge-sharing and deepen partnerships amongst researchers in the region. Originally conceived as a bilateral cooperation arrangement between Korea and Japan, the ARN has absorbed other partner institutions from China, India, Singapore and Vietnam.

NTU also has well-established links with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) as co-members of the ASPIRE League, a network of Asia’s leading technological universities. NTU worked with SaTReci, a spin-off company of KAIST to design an imaging payload for Singapore’s locally-made X-Sat micro-satellite, jointly developed by NTU and DSO National Laboratories, and successfully launched in April 2011 in India.
UP, UP AND AWAY!

NTU soars to new heights in space exploration.

Prior to that, the University developed Singapore’s first locally-made satellite (X-SAT), and pioneered the country’s first satellite research programme for undergraduates.

SINGAPORE’S FIRST WEATHER SATELLITE

Following Second Minister for Trade and Industry Mr S Iswaran’s announcement regarding the government’s efforts to support space projects under the new Office for Space Technology and Industry (OSTIn), NTU will begin work on a new micro-satellite that will monitor tropical weather. It will conduct space-borne monitoring of the world’s tropical environment.

Unlike most existing weather satellites that fly on sun synchronous orbits (orbits in which the satellite’s orbital plane is at a fixed orientation to the sun), this satellite will fly on a near equatorial orbit. This allows for the gathering of high densities of data, as the satellite will orbit every 90 minutes. In contrast, the amount of data that could be collected from existing weather satellites that orbit on sun synchronous orbits is limited, since they pass by the same region only twice a day.

“The large amount of data generated from this satellite mission will be useful for local institutions to develop weather and climate models. Environmental scientists will also be able to study the tropical region in greater detail,” said Associate Professor Low Kay Soon, Director of NTU’s Satellite Research Centre (SaRC) and principal investigator of this project.

TEAM BEHIND SINGAPORE’S FIRST COMMERCIAL SATELLITE

The NTU team that successfully developed and launched X-SAT, Singapore’s first locally-made satellite, will be part of the team tasked to build the country’s first commercial remote sensing satellite, TeLEOS-1. The earth observation satellite is slated to be launched in 2015 and is the product of ST Electronics (Satellite Systems) – a joint venture between ST Electronics (Satcom & Sensor Systems) Pte Ltd, NTU and DSO National Laboratories.

Weighing 400kg, TeLEOS-1 will provide satellite images which can be used for disaster monitoring and management, mineral exploration, precision farming, environmental monitoring, climate change studies, agriculture resource studies and management, maritime and coastal observation, urban planning and homeland security.

AERODYNAMICS AND SAFETY OF HIGH ALTITUDE VEHICLES

NTU will be supporting local high-tech start-up, IN.Genius, in a research project to ascertain the safety aspects of high altitude vehicles by providing aerodynamics analysis and testing, and to help formulate various system performance specifications.

Assistant Professor Daniel New from NTU’s School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering will be conducting wind tunnel testing to assess the aerodynamics and to provide advice on the de-pressurization safety design aspect for such high altitude vehicles.

X-SAT SHOWS RESILIENCE

The X-SAT, a 105kg micro-satellite jointly developed by NTU and DSO National Laboratories, was launched into space on 20 April 2011. After two years in space, despite enduring several solar storms and radiation particles which may have caused it to reboot each time and having 15 close shaves with large pieces of space debris, the X-SAT is more than ready for its third year of operation.

Director of NTU’s Satellite Research Centre Associate Professor Low Kay Soon said X-SAT had performed better than expected, with no visible signs of performance degradation.

The X-SAT captures images and data which are used for environmental and earth monitoring, such as those of ocean red tides, of pollution at sea and forest fires. Besides satellite images, the daily telemetry data of X-SAT is also a good source of information for the team to study degradation effects that the space environment has on the satellite. Apart from performing its daily routine operations and remote sensing for environmental monitoring, the solar-powered X-SAT has also completed two important experiments.

One is a Global Positioning System joint project with The German Aerospace Centre (DLR) and the other is an NTU-designed reconfigurable Parallel Processing Unit (PPU). The PPU is a system which allows computer processing to be reconfigured so that it will continue functioning in outer space if any of its computing processors fail.

Operating the satellite for two years has also given the team insight into how sensors, such as those for the sun and for magnetic waves, should be calibrated for use in space, says Prof Low.

Moving ahead, the X-SAT will continue to do remote sensing in its third year in space and is well on its way to successfully completing its designed three years of service.
BMW GROUP AND NTU SET UP FIRST JOINT RESEARCH LAB IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

New Future Mobility Research Lab will develop innovative mobility concepts.

NTU has partnered with the BMW group to set up the joint Future Mobility Research Lab, the first for BMW Group in Southeast Asia. Officially launched on 23 April, the new research facility will study and develop key areas relating to future transportation, which includes advanced battery materials for electric vehicles, human-machine interfaces, and mobility patterns and concepts. A key focus will see how research outcomes can benefit the Asian market based on the needs of the region.

Under the ambit of advanced battery materials and human-machine interfaces, the BMW Group-NTU collaboration aims to find solutions to key transport requirements in the most sustainable way possible, especially in the area of electric vehicles, where battery safety, efficiency and being environmentally-friendly is of utmost importance.

The study of mobility patterns and concepts will be focused on consumer behaviour in new mobility offerings for mega-cities, namely for multi-modal transportation and car sharing. One such area is the development of advanced routing algorithms to make the daily commute more comfortable.

Located at NTU’s Research Techno Plaza, the new joint lab will start off with five scientists and six PhD student researchers. It will be led by Dr Mirjam Storim, Coordinator of University Cooperations of BMW Group and Professor Subodh Mhaisalkar, Director of the Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

BMW AG’s Senior Vice President, Dr Kay Segler, said BMW Group is pleased to work with NTU, one of the world’s leading technological universities. “Singapore has an abundance of top talents and think-tanks, such as the researchers from NTU whom we are confident will be able to contribute vastly to this study,” said Dr Segler.

“Singapore offers the setting of a highly-dense, urbanised mega-city, and is coincidentally inhabited with a highly sophisticated and tech-savvy population. By fulfilling the two key criteria that Future Mobility solutions are targeted at, Singapore became a natural choice for us to conduct this study in.”

NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said that with more than 70 per cent of world’s population expected to flock to global megacities by 2050, the importance of mobility research is further emphasised.

“Our partnership with a global leader such as BMW Group is testament to NTU’s strength in electromobility, transport and innovation. As a fast-rising global university with a focus in sustainability research, we are confident this collaboration, the first such in Southeast Asia, will result in important discoveries in sustainable mobility and future motoring,” said Prof Andersson.

“We look forward to working together with the BMW Group in new research areas including developing advanced routing algorithms to make commutes more comfortable, ensuring battery safety for electric vehicles as well as next generation fail-safe systems.

“Industry partnerships for research such as the BMW Group and NTU joint lab is aligned with Singapore’s vision of being a global research hub,” said Prof Low. “Through such collaborations, sustainable solutions can be found for the environmental challenges of this century, and I’m hopeful research breakthroughs for future mobility will be borne from the combined efforts and expertise of both institutions.”

Projects by the joint lab will leverage the BMW Group’s expertise in automotive and mobility, as well as NTU’s research strengths, particularly that of ERI@N which carries out cutting-edge research in solar cells and other renewables, electric vehicles, energy and power systems, and battery technology in collaboration with industry.

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BMW I - THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE MOBILITY

Personal mobility is experiencing a period of radical environmental, economic and social change. This has led to global developments such as climate change, dwindling natural resources and increasing urbanisation. The calls for a new balance between the demands of the planet and the desires of the individual have never been higher. With this comes the need for greater sustainability via Future Mobility, which BMW Group has translated, in the form of BMW I, Efficient Dynamics and Connected Drive technology.

BMW i is a newly established sub-brand that marks the initial step towards Future Mobility, while Efficient Dynamics is the technology that helps to reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emission, but at the same time, increases performance to fulfill BMW’s promise of delivering Sheer Driving Pleasure. Meanwhile, the Connected Drive technology is an intelligent link-up between the driver, his car and the outside world to achieve greater safety, convenience and infotainment. Both Efficient Dynamics and Connected Drive serve as the foundation for Future Mobility.
NBS alumnus Daphane Loke gave up a corporate career in shipping and logistics to pursue her love of French cooking – a decision that has led to the scrumptious Saybons enterprise.

Ms Daphane Loke, an alumnus of NTU’s Nanyang Business School (NBS), has come a long way since her graduation in 2000 with an honours degree in Business. She has since founded French Food Factory Pte Ltd and became the Executive Chef of Saybons, (French Food Factory Pte Ltd is the parent company which owns the Saybons retail outlets), which began life in 2007 as a little café in Plaza Singapore. Six years on, Saybons has grown into an enterprise of three retail outlets plus a catering arm specialising in French food such as soups, crepes and breads. It has a total of 25 employees, of whom 14 are full-timers.

Trained at the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu in London, Ms Loke is skilled in the art of French cooking. She recalls that her interest – and ambitions – in cooking had been strong since a young age, having been influenced by her mother and grandmother.

“I remember experimenting with a variety of recipes during my college holidays and liking it a lot. But just to be sure that this was what I wanted to do in the future, I started working in restaurants after my exams. I became very intrigued by the kitchen, and I enjoyed the service aspect of this industry as well.”

She reckons that her NBS education also helped shape her career as a professional chef and restaurateur. Majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management and minoring in Marketing, she picked up valuable knowledge and skills about running a business in the food and beverage industry.

For example, there were pragmatic subject modules such as Revenue Management, Services Operations Management and Facility Management and Design. Other useful subjects included Structure and Organisation of the Tourism Industry and Critical Challenges for Managers in this industry. She also interned at a restaurant during her studies, before undergoing formal training at Le Cordon Bleu in London after her graduation.

Ms Loke worked in the shipping and logistics corporate world for five years before leaving to set up her food business with her partners. She was inspired to take this bold step as she wanted to start her own business where she could market a product which would be proprietary to herself.

“Specialising in food seemed like the natural choice for me as I was passionate about cooking and I enjoyed the excitement of the food and beverage industry. And I could create a product which would be unique to my business,” she says.

A fan of French chef Raymond Blanc, she kept a close watch on food business trends. She saw that the food scene in Singapore then was very much focused on Asian food. There was a proliferation of cafes providing Taiwanese, Korean and Japanese food and deep fried snacks, but there was a market gap in terms of providing healthy French food at affordable prices. “Hence, my determination to provide French food cooked in a healthy way, using fresh, real ingredients,” she explains.

Saybons, the chosen business name, was derived from the French phrase “C’est Bon!” (which is pronounced as Saybon and means “It’s good!”). Ms Loke and her partners did not spell it as C’est Bon, thinking that many people might have problems pronouncing it. “We wanted to create a brand which we could trademark, so we added the ‘s’ behind and that was how Saybons was created. The word itself does not really have a meaning, it is just a sound.”

Ms Loke’s close friends were concerned – after five years at a well-paying corporate job, could she handle working and standing in a hot kitchen for hours? Some of them advised her to think twice about her decision, but she was surer than sure. “I guess it is about liking what you do. And from a business viewpoint, I think it is very important for the owners of food companies to know how to cook as well, rather than leaving it to employed chefs. I created the recipes and the products myself,” she says.

Starting a food business posed different challenges for Ms Loke, such as finding a good location and employing staff. Location is critical when it comes to restaurants and eateries and it took her some time...
in deciding where her first outlet should be. “A lot of the locations I was interested in were not available, and I did not want to open a restaurant anywhere just for the sake of opening,” she remembers. When it came to finding the right people to work at her restaurant, Ms Loke did not recruit any staff during the first two months of operation. Instead, her business partners, family members and friends chipped in to help out at her first outlet.

“We wanted to hire employees only after our first outlet was opened and running for some time, so that our prospective staff could see for themselves how we operated and what dishes were being sold. Being a new brand also meant that it was more difficult for us to get workers interested in working for us. It took us a few months to build up a pool of reliable workers.”

Ms Loke herself worked long hours during the initial period, which enabled her to experience first-hand the different peak periods and crowds. For example, she was able to observe the timing of the peak and off peak periods, and the different types of crowds on weekdays and weekends. This helped her to ensure that her outlet was staffed appropriately during the different periods so that her employees are efficiently engaged. Her food business started to be in the black after the third month of business.

Looking ahead, Ms Loke has plans to expand her business and has not ruled out franchising. “We are planning our future directions very carefully. If the time is right, who knows, we might just explore branching overseas too,” she says.

## TIPS FROM DAPHANE LOKE ON FRENCH COOKING

- **Use the freshest ingredients you can find.** Always choose a fresh local produce over an imported one which may have been harvested a few days ago and flown in from Europe.

- **Always use butter in French cooking.** It makes all the difference!

- **Use a good solid base pot or frying pan to cook.** It conducts heat more evenly and cooks the food better.

- **The French are fans of herbs and wine.** So experiment with the many different types of herbs. Sometimes adding wine into your food elevates the dish and gives it a different dimension.

### BAKED SALMON WITH CHERRY TOMATOES AND POTATOES: A QUICK AND EASY FRENCH RECIPE FOR BUSY PROFESSIONALS

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 piece boneless salmon fillet (approx. 150g)
- 10 small cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium sized potato
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 lemon
- Olive oil

1. Peel the potato and slice it thinly. The thinner the slices, the faster the potato will cook. Rinse the cherry tomatoes and salmon under running water.
2. Line an oven tray with aluminium foil and place the salmon, cherry tomatoes and sliced potatoes on the foil. Spread them out and drizzle olive oil all over them.
3. Place the tray into the oven and bake for 15 mins at 180 degrees. When done, squeeze some lemon juice over the salmon and season with salt and pepper before serving.

Bon appétit!

*Courtesy of Ms Daphane Loke*

### FROM JURONG WEST TO CANNES!

Alumnus Edwin Ho and his project mates from the Class of 2012 can claim to have made WKWSCI history. Their movie, the School’s first final-year project to be shot in a European city, was screened at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in May 2013.

Writer-director Mr Edwin Ho and his project mates, Ms Grace Thia, Ms Triie Yap and Ms Felicia Ang, all alumni who graduated in 2012 from NTU’s Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI), made a brave decision of producing a short film, their final year project in school, entirely overseas.

It took them one and a half years to complete the 26 minute film, El Gris Perfecto (The Perfect Grey), from writing the story to post-production. Besides winning the School’s Asian Television Award for Best Final Year Film, the film was screened at the prestigious Cannes Short Film Corner in May this year. Mr Ho was there to witness his team’s remarkable achievement. He says it was an unforgettable experience for him.

“Cannes Film Festival is one of the most prestigious film festivals, so it was a privilege to be there where I could broaden my horizon and experience the intricate details of such a festival. I was able to feel the amazing atmosphere and meet so many people from the film industry in one place. I definitely hope to be able to screen my own feature film in Cannes one day,” says Mr Ho.

**BARCELONA, HERE WE COME!**

He developed the idea of making a film overseas when he was in Barcelona interning at a production house. Upon his return to WKWSCI, he talked three of his classmates to join him in his ambitious project. Although they were a little worried about the impending challenges, such as funding and logistical issues in a foreign country, they decided to go for it.

All four agreed that making a film overseas for their final year project would be an interesting experience as they each had spent some time overseas in exchange programmes and internships. They felt that the film would bring something different to the audience. Barcelona was the chosen city as Mr Ho had obtained a good network of contacts during his internship.

“We wanted to do something out of the norm. Most of the films made in our School were local in flavour and appealing to perhaps only the local audience. We wanted our film to appeal to a more international audience,” says Ms Thia.

TRUMPING ALL CHALLENGES

Despite having to face a number of obstacles in Barcelona during their six weeks there, such as coordinating the shooting of the film, deciding on locations, hiring actors and film equipment, the team was determined to make the film a success as they had come so far and were not going to give up so easily.

Ms Yap says that the biggest lesson they took away from their experience would be that of perseverance.

“*The film industry is very tough and it does not pay very well. After this experience, I realised that you need to be very passionate in order to succeed. If you want to become a filmmaker, you need to have a tough heart to see through the completion of your film. Sometimes it is sad to know that the audience only remembers the directors, producers and famous actors in a film. There are a lot of other people involved in making a film, and they put in just as much effort.*”

Mr Ho agrees that sometimes luck plays a part in the success of a film. “*You need to meet the right people and make the right connections.*”

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El Gris Perfecto, which means The Perfect Grey, is a coming-of-age story of a Singaporean-Spanish boy, Juan, who travels to Barcelona, Spain after his mother’s death, to learn more about his mother’s life in the city. He develops a unique friendship with the people he meets there.

“The film wants to give audiences a different perspective inspired by our overseas experiences. The film explores youth issues and alternative cultures through the eyes of Juan. It focuses on how youths today assimilate themselves into society, their process of self-discovery and their journey of finding out what is right for them,” says Mr Ho.

He hopes to be able to showcase his work on the global platform and be recognised as an international filmmaker from Singapore. He aims to produce works which are universal and able to connect to audience worldwide.

As a young filmmaker, he hopes that more people will strive hard to pursue their passion. "Acclaimed director Werner Herzog once said that to be successful, you must have a vision. You must not be afraid to stick to it and you must be loyal to your dreams. As long as you have a strong passion for something, stay true to it. Not just in filmmaking but in any other field.”

Mr Kym Campbell, WKWSCI’s Deputy Head of the Broadcast and Cinema Studies Division, who was the group’s project supervisor, said: "What is note-worthy was that this film was shot overseas in Spain. It was a wonderful experience for them to work in another country and also challenge themselves with the production arrangements in Singapore beforehand. This group was very focused and worked well as a team. It was a great confidence booster for the students."
HEALTH AND HARMONY

TCM practitioners Prof Hong Hai and Ms Karen Wee, who held the audience enthralled at the recent 24th Distinguished Alumni Forum, have more tips for NTULink readers on how herbs and nutrition can restore balance in the body.

In a healthy body, diet and nutrition must maintain adequate levels of Qi and Blood, allow them to flow smoothly, and preserve the balance of Yin and Yang. Qi is the energy or substance in the body that protects against invading pathogens, drives Blood, water passage and promotes digestion, warms the body and nourishes the tissues and prevents the loss of fluids. The balance of Yin and Yang reflects the interdependence and mutual restraint of opposing forces in the human body.

The first speaker was TCM physician and Director of Renhai Clinic, Professor Hong Hai, who is also an Adjunct Professor at Nanyang Business School and Senior Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies. He explained that while Western nutrition is based on a balanced diet with prescribed proportions of carbohydrate, protein and fats, with adequate vitamins and minerals, Chinese medicine is based on the knowledge and experience gained from ancient times, when food products were classified according to their effects on the human body. He stressed that diet and nutrition must be customised to the individual's constitution.

At the end of the 24th Distinguished Alumni Forum held on 15 May, the enthusiastic audience would finally let the expert speakers go – but only after a Q&A session that had lasted for more than 30 minutes.

Titled ‘Herb and Nutrition for a Healthier Life’, the forum attracted close to 180 alumni and guests, who had turned up to hear Professor Hong Hai and Ms Karen Wee speak on the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) way to health. They were treated to an interesting talk on herbs and nutrition in TCM, the importance of Qi, Blood, the Yin-Yang balance, and the individual constitution.

Forum speakers Prof Hong Hai (left) and Ms Karen Wee shared useful information on how to treat illnesses through natural herbal remedies, at the 24th Distinguished Alumni Forum at NTU's one-north campus.
As there were more questions than time allowed at the Forum, NTULink went after the speakers for more answers and they graciously obliged. Here are more health and nutrition tips for our readers:

As you mentioned in the forum, western science and philosophy try to discover the ultimate nature of things, while Chinese medicine has traditionally been influenced by the Taoist philosophy of harmony. How can we decide whether we should choose Western or Chinese medicine?

To be healthy, the body, diet and nutrition must maintain adequate levels of Qi and Blood, allowing them to flow smoothly, preserving the Yin-Yang balance. What are some of the symptoms one might encounter when one lacks Blood, Qi or Yin-Yang balance?

Symptoms of Qi deficiency include fatigue, less desire to eat, white tongue and preference for cold drinks; Symptoms of Blood deficiency include shortness of breath; Symptoms of Yin deficiency include dryness or impeded flows of Qi and Blood. Tonics may not be appropriate for such imbalances.

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NTU alumni and their families escaped for some hours from the scorching hot weather whilst enjoying water rides at Adventure Cove Waterpark at this year’s NTU Alumni Family Day held on 15 June. The park was exclusively reserved for an hour for alumni before opening to public ticket-holders.

For most of the participants, it was their first time visiting the park which opened its doors only at the end of last year. Adventure Cove Waterpark is the only water park in the region with marine life elements. The participants and thrill seekers had a splashing good time enjoying rides, such as Southeast Asia’s first Hydro-magnetic Coaster – Riptide Rocket (a slide that takes riders upwards) and the Pipeline Plunge which gives an experience of riding a water tornado in the dark.

Alumni who wanted to spend their day relaxing were seen snorkeling at the Rainbow Reef, enjoying up-close encounters with 20,000 friendly fish, or leisurely riding a tube down the Adventure River.

A regular at many alumni events, Mdm Violet Ong (NBS/1994) took part in NTU Alumni Family Day with her 12 year-old-son and some fellow alumni. She said: “We were looking forward to this event as it was being held at a new water theme park that many have not visited. We had always wanted to check it out, but as usual, we kept on postponing our visit as we knew the park was always going to be there. So the NTU Alumni Affairs Office brought the visit date nearer for us! We had a lot of fun as there was so much to do. Other than the many water slides, we could also see dolphins and manta rays. We liked the Rainbow Reef the best as we could spot fishes similar to the ‘Finding Nemo’ animated movie!”

For alumnus Mohammed Jaleesudeen Jalal (WKWSCI/2006), it was his first time attending an alumni event. He was at the water park with his wife and two children aged five and three. “We appreciated the fact that the water park is at a convenient location and that it was opened an hour earlier exclusively for NTU alumni. My kids loved the wave pool and I am definitely looking forward to attending more family-related and networking events,” he said.

Organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office, the NTU Alumni Family Day attracted about 200 alumni and their families.

Alumni and their families enjoy an exciting NTU Alumni Family Day 2013 at Singapore’s latest attraction, Adventure Cove Waterpark.
参与2013年南大校友家庭日的校友和家属，在新加坡最新的景点水上探险乐园享受了悠闲欢乐的一天。

今年的南大校友家庭日在6月15日举行；南大校友和他们的家人到位于圣陶沙名胜世界的‘水上探险乐园’度过了这一天，享受了炎炎夏日里的一丝清凉。乐园在当天还特别为校友提前开放了一个小时。

对于大多数的参与者来说，这是他们第一次来到这个去年底才开业的水上主题公园。水上探险乐园是本区域第一个带有水生物元素的公园。校友们在这里体验了水花四溅的乐趣，也在东南亚首个水流磁力过山车-喷射滑道，体验肺腑翻腾的快感。还有全程在黑暗中经历多个变化多端、出人意料的高速急转弯和瞬间逆转的激流滑道。

南大校友们在彩虹礁浮浅，和近在身边的两万只友善鱼儿一同‘礁游’，有的乘上橡皮筏，在探险河流中漂浮。

声多次参加校友活动的王凤美校友（南洋商学院/1994）与她12岁的儿子和一些同窗好友们一起参与了校友家庭日。她说：“我们很期待这次的活动，因为我们还没有到过这个水主题公园。其实我们一早便想来看看，可是一直推迟了这个计划。最后还是南大校友事务处让我们可以尽早到这里的。我们玩得特别开心，因为这里有很多活动，除了水上滑梯，我们还看到了海豚和魔鬼鱼。我们很喜欢彩虹礁，在那还看到了和动画电影《海底总动员》里一样的鱼。”

Mohammed Jaleesudeen Jalal校友（黄金辉传播与信息学院/2006）是第一次参加校友活动。他在水上乐园与他的太太和两个孩子一起玩耍。他说：“水上乐园地处便利，而且专为校友提前开放了一个小时，我们很感谢这样的安排。我的孩子喜欢冲浪湾，当然也期待能够参加更多适合家庭的校友活动。”

由南大校友事务处主办的南大校友家庭日吸引了200名校友和他们家人的参加。
Sports and games bring people of all ages together – and it was clear that participants who gathered for the NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta on 1 June not only had a lot of fun, but plenty of sportsmanship as well. Win or lose, they displayed a great deal of camaraderie and friendly competition.

Organised by NTU’s Alumni Affairs Office (AAO), the event attracted 323 participants and supporters. This year’s event kicked off with a closely-contested 4x100m relay run. Participants also took part in 3-on-3 Basketball, Tennis Doubles, Badminton Doubles, Table-Tennis Doubles, and 5-a-side Men’s Soccer competitions.

There were many familiar faces – Long-time tennis duo Dr Yap Kim Yew (Science/1961) and Mr Alex Khoo (Commerce/1980) were the winning team for this year’s Tennis Doubles for participants above 45 years old. Team Germany, a very strong women’s basketball team who were the runners-up last year, returned this year to claim the first prize from JUST4FUN, the team that defeated them a year ago.

It was Mr Henry Seah’s (NBS/2010) third year participating in the Sports Fiesta. He and his teammate Mr Lester Chan (MAE/2011) were the Men’s Doubles Table-Tennis champions. Said Mr Seah: “The event is a good opportunity for all alumni to gather once a year to play sports. We caught up with some of our old friends during the event, and also had a look at how much the NTU campus had developed over the years. I think we were definitely very lucky to emerge as champions as there were other experienced players who put up a good fight. We are definitely looking forward to another round of competition next year!”

Mr Gerard Tham (NIE/2006), another regular participant, returned this time with his daughter Ms Tiffany Tham (WKWSCI/2012). Father and daughter took part in the 4x100m Relay Run and Tennis. “It was good for both of us to spend a day together playing sports,” said Mr Tham, adding: “I think my daughter feels that she has not really left the NTU campus because she just graduated last year!”

NTU alumni return to campus for some fun and games at the annual NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta.
为志愿精神鼓掌！

南大校友体育嘉年华

在尽情挥洒汗水之余，也叙聚同窗之情。

当天的大会贵宾，南大副校长余明华教授感谢校友大使们为母校所作的贡献。他说：“作为南大校友大使，你们肩负了让校友们同母校保持联系的重任。作为南大校友大家庭的代表，你们也为南大提供了方方面面的支持和协助。”余教授也鼓励校友大使们与同窗好友分享作为志愿者所带来的美好经验，以鼓励更多南大校友加入他们的行列。

六月晴天，清晨的校园里洒满阳光。这一天，校友们在南大校园的运动场上聚集，准备以体育活动会友。南大校友事务处孙敏炎主任在会上致辞，欢迎到场的所有校友和来宾并感谢他们的支持。

在一声枪响过后，运动员们冲出起跑线，开始了当天的第一项竞赛——4X100米接力赛。当天的活动还有三人篮球赛、羽毛球赛、足球赛和五人足球赛。

在活动中我们也看到了很多熟悉的面孔。谭荣源校友（理学院/1961）与他的老朋友邹成校友（商学院/1980）再一次在网球网前合作并获得了45岁及以上组双打冠军。“德国队”是强大的一组女子篮球队，她们是去年的亚军。今年她们终于击败了去年的冠军队伍“JUST4FUN”而夺冠。

谭荣源校友（国立教育学院/2006）也是南大校友体育嘉年华活动的常客了。今年他和他的女儿谭慧敏（黄廷霜传播与信息学院/2012）一起参加了接力赛。谭先生说：“这个活动让校友们每年都能在一起运动。我们也可借此机会看看母校校园这些年的发展。今年我们虽然遇到了强劲的对手，但我们的运气还不错，获得了冠军。我们也非常期待明年的比赛。”

今年的比赛气氛热烈，场上激烈竞逐，场下呼声一片。在比赛过后，校友们还有机会分享他们的专业知识；以及成为南大校友聚会的工委会成员。

校友班级代表陈德成先生（机械与宇航工程学院/1996），曾是新生录取面试的面试官，他也是校友大使的一员。他说：“能以校友大使的身份为母校服务，这是我的荣幸；而回馈母校的经验，对我的发展过程也有所帮助。我希望将来我可以做得更多，比如回到校园帮助本科生组织活动。”

当天下雨近300名校友和来宾参加了这个盛会。
Organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office, the NTU Alumni Ambassadors Appreciation Lunch was held on 13 April to celebrate the University’s volunteering spirit of the alumni ambassadors totalling 3,655. Of the number, more than 2,200 reside in Singapore. Alumni Ambassadors give generously of their time, talent and resources. They serve their alma mater through different ways, carrying forward the good name of the University.

Guest-of-Honour Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU’s Vice-President for International Affairs thanked these alumni volunteers for their contributions. “As NTU’s Alumni Ambassadors, you perform the important work of connecting fellow NTU alumni with the alma mater. As representatives of the NTU alumni family, you reach out and support NTU in multiple ways,” said Prof Er. He also encouraged them to share their rewarding experience with their peers, so that more NTU alumni will come forward to serve.

The event was also attended by other distinguished guests, including Interdisciplinary Graduate School Acting Dean Professor Bo Liedberg; School of Art, Design and Media Chair Professor Dorrit Vibeke Sorensen; and School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Acting Chair Professor Cheng Tee Hiang.

NTU has created many volunteering opportunities for its Alumni Ambassadors. For example, they can sit on the committees of NTU Alumni Associations in Singapore and beyond; serve as Class Agents to help connect their classmates back to NTU; sit on interview panels, share their expertise as forum speakers; and serve as class reunion committee members.

Said Mr Vincent Chan (MAE/1996), a Class Agent who has sat on discretionary intake admissions interview panels and served on the class reunion committee: “It has been a privilege for me to serve my alma mater as an Alumni Ambassador, to be able to give back to the University which played a part in building my career. In the near future, I certainly hope to be able to do more, for example, to come back to campus to assist in organising activities for the undergraduates.”

The lunch, a significant alumni event on the University calendar, was attended by close to 300 alumni and guests.
More than 200 alumni and guests came together for the NTU International Alumni Lunch, enjoying the companionship of fellow alumni and friends. This year’s international alumni gathering was more significant than previous years, as Singaporean alumni were also welcomed as part of the global alumni community.

Guest-of-Honour Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU’s Vice-President for International Affairs, said: “This event is where our international alumni can interact with not just their compatriots, but also with other international alumni and Singaporean alumni, and find out more about different cultures.” Prof Er also gave an update on NTU’s latest developments and achievements.

The event showcased entertaining performances by NTU’s international students from Malaysia, China, Indonesia and Vietnam. The audience gave a thunderous applause when Prof Er took to the stage to sing a classic Chinese song.

Interactive games kept them entertained and a lucky draw was held at the end of the event. Mr Alireza Javadian (CEE/2010) from Iran commented that he enjoyed the lunch event as it had many fun activities and networking opportunities. Remembering his days in NTU as a student, he said: “I enjoyed my time at NTU, especially the hours spent in the labs working on experiments. Some days were tough, but I will never forget the good memories.”

The event’s Best Dressed Competition featured alumni decked out in beautiful cheongsams and intricately designed batik shirts. Mr Kyaw San Oo (MAE/2008) from Myanmar even came in a traditional Burmese jacket and longyi.

Ms Germaine Lau, the daughter of alumnus Mr Richard Lau (RSIS/2008) won the Best Dressed Competition. She wore a beautiful Japanese kimono which was admired by many.

The lunch gathering organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office was held at SAFRA Jurong on 23 March.

COLOURFUL CULTURES UNDER ONE ROOF

NTU’s Singapore alumni and international alumni come together for a pleasant afternoon of networking.

The NTU International Alumni Lunch provided alumni the opportunity to network with fellow alumni and make new acquaintances. Alumni and guests participated enthusiastically in the many interactive games. The event’s Best Dressed Competition featured alumni dressed in beautiful traditional costumes. The winner, Ms Germaine Lau, the daughter of alumnus Mr Richard Lau (RSIS/2008), came in an exquisite Japanese kimono.
同屋檐下的多彩文化

南大的新加坡校友和国际校友一起互动交流，度过了一个愉快的下午。

南洋理工大学国际校友午餐会一共有吸引了200多名校友和来宾；他们一起享受了和同窗好友相聚的时光。与往年相比，今年的聚会增添了几分特别，因为这是新加坡校友们第一次也以南大国际校友的身份参加的这个聚会。

大会贵宾南大副校长（国际事务）刘明华教授在发言时说：“借着这个活动，南大的国际校友们不但能与自己的同胞相聚，也能与其他国家的校友以及本地校友互动并进一步认识彼此的文化。”余教授也借此机会向与会者介绍了南大的最新发展和成就。

当天聚会的最佳服饰竞赛候选人们中有穿着旗袍的，也有身穿精致传统蜡染衬衣的。来自缅甸的 Kyaw San Oo 校友（机械与宇航工程学院/2008）则穿上了缅甸的传统上衣和笼基（筒裙）。刘清发校友（拉惹勒南国际关系学院/2008）带着他的女儿刘昱妗一同出席了聚会。刘小姐身上美丽的日本和服获得了大家的一片赞赏，也赢得了当天的最佳服饰奖。

午餐聚会是由南大校友事务处在裕廊战备军人俱乐部举办的。
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Ms Azizah Bte Sapari (MAE/1988)

Life at NTU in the late '80s was fabulous, fun and fulfilling. As most undergraduates stayed in the halls, there were lots of opportunities for students to mingle and to help one another in times of need. There was a great sense of teamwork and camaraderie when it came to communal living. Studying in NTU and living in the halls taught me to be independent, adaptable, resilient and tenacious – positive attributes that help me in my personal and professional capacity.

I have worked in the railway industry since my graduation from NTU. I specialise in rolling stock design and depot equipment facilities. Rolling stock is a railway term that refers to “anything that rolls on track”.

I love to read and travel. I have been to Hong Kong, UK, USA, France, Spain and Japan for work, and to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, Sri Lanka, UK, France, Turkey, China, Egypt and Saudi Arabia for leisure. The life-changing trip for me was the one to Saudi Arabia, where I performed my first Hajj pilgrimage.

As a volunteer, I am an active Toastmaster and Past President of the NTU Alumni Toastmasters Club. In life, there are many priorities – I am currently managing my time between work commitments, looking after my bed-ridden mum and voluntary services. I am very glad that I can still offer my voluntary services to my alma mater after setting these priorities right.

Ms Munirah bte Shaik Kadir (NIE/2000)

I pursued the Bachelor of Science with a Diploma in Education at NIE from 1996 to 2000, and have since gained lots of teaching experiences, and along the way, developed myself educationally. For my BSc with Dip Ed studies, we had our classes at the Bukit Timah campus where NIE was located previously. The campus was old, but very exciting. I remember the stories our seniors used to tell us – about how the Japanese tortured people in the rooms, and how the lost spirits wandered about at night, marching on the grass fields. Every time we stayed back on campus to study after dark, we would look around and listen intently to any sounds from those spirits. But, frankly, I don't believe in spooks because such “experiences” is usually the figment of one's imagination.

Even though the BSc with Dip Ed programme I was pursuing was rigorous, with more than 7 modules every semester, my passion for education helped me persevere through the many examinations and assignments. The rigorous programme taught me to balance the schedule and multi-task – skills necessary for teachers in Singapore who have to prepare lessons, do regular marking, conduct after-school activities and mentor students.

I was glad that I had the privilege to study in a field which I enjoyed and looked forward to the journey into the world of education. During my student days at NIE, I was
Mr Zhang Cai 张偲 (CEE/2008)

在南洋理工大学生活的一年，是我在新加坡最规律、运动最多的一年。那时我住在南洋谷，距离宿舍6楼的运动场和游泳池不远，每天晚饭前都会去运动，然后去餐厅1或者2去享用相当不错的美食。之后毕业离开学校，就再也没有如此规律健康的生活了。

在学业上，南大教会了我团队合作的重要性。基本上每个课程都有一些需要小组共同完成的项目，这些项目的得分直接影响最终的成绩。而团队成员之间的协调，也成为我人生中非常重要的一次旅行，虽然在攀登的过程中遇到了辛苦和困难环境的考验，却让我牵起了一个美丽女孩的双手，而终于找到了自己的缘分。直到今天我们即将步入婚姻的殿堂。我非常感谢这次旅行。

新加坡的生活就是这样，小小的快乐，虽然偶尔让人觉得不满足，却一天天习以为常。新加坡的工作岗位的确不养闲人，前半生就是开会多，就是活干不完，这也证明了社会的进步与发展，每一份工都要付出很多；不是很忙，就是责任很大，不做就不行。毕业后工作四年了，感觉新加坡的工作岗位的确不养闲人。面对了辛苦和困难环境的考验，却让我牵起了一个美丽女孩的双手。旅行的日子也是大家聚会的日子，对下一场旅行聚会的期待让我们能够温馨地过着每一天。在一次筹划很久的聚会旅行中，我和朋友们来到美丽的东马沙巴神山，在海拔4095公尺的山顶上迎接了2012年新年的第一缕阳光。此行也成为我人生中非常重要的一次旅行，虽然在攀登的过程中面对了辛苦和困难环境的考验，却让我牵起了一个美丽女孩的双手，而终于找到了自己的缘分。直到今天我们即将步入婚姻的殿堂。我非常感谢这次旅行。

Ms Natalie Hong (RSIS/2008)

What I enjoyed and appreciated most as a student at NTU was the highly student-friendly environment in terms of facilities, services, the amiable attitude of the professors and administrators, and supportive approach to the students. I am currently a PhD candidate in Political Science.

Ever since my graduation from RSIS and the start of my learning journey across Europe, I have been wishing for closer links with my beloved alma mater back in Singapore. My dream finally came true, at what I would call “a historical moment” – a celebration on the snowy mountain of Zurich, with many excellent fellow alumni from different parts of Europe and the great NTU team headed by President Anderson. It shall remain a long-lasting memory to warm my heart in all the winters to come...
Ms Dai Lili 戴黎丽 (RSIS/2009)

想起当初来南洋理工大学的目的觉得甚是好笑，走在相同的道路上的人的初衷千百样，我是闻说双溪春尚好，也拟伐轻舟，结果走着走着，越来越偏离初衷，没有再回去。

在NTU的时光，周边人给予我最多的感触是宽容，对自己，也对别人。让我认识和了解了许多和我性格不同的人，不同的是环境，欣赏的态度会更适应。因为每个人都在实际着自己和热爱生活的真理。无论你是埋头研究，唯一活动就是围着办公室走的学者，或是从一个地方到另一地的无脚鸟，亦或是背着书包漫无目的地上学的学霸，重要的是你在享受你的状态，对自己负责。那么就够了。屁颠屁颠地走在人生的大道和小路上，多么美好。

第一次上完课，找了个无人的板凳大哭，因为听不懂；拿到作业分数时，情绪无比低落，因为从来没有这样的低分；打电话回家的时候，一点点事情都可以让你哽咽，因为太想家了；找工作时，沮丧和一再的怀疑自己，因为简历总是石沉大海；相信每个人和我一样，都有相似的体会。在经历这些的当下，你觉得生活无望，希望渺茫，好漫长，可是经历过后回头看，不过是一瞬，你都记不得细节。于是慢慢的，你坚信每次的黑暗终会过去，因为你从来没有过不去的。

我一直庆幸自己当初来NTU这个仓促和冲动的决定，这一年的经历和历练，让我现在在工作上，无论遇到什么样的同事，遭遇什么样的挑战都能够更加坦然。

Roy Irawan (EEE/2010)

After graduating with a Master in Computer Control and Automation in 2010, I worked as a Performance Engineer (in the Mechanical area) at a power station in Singapore for about 2 years, earning a decent salary. “Serving other people through my work” was my greatest strength and motivation to work, “good and conducive environment” was my second, “work satisfaction” was my third, and the last was “money”. At the same time, I was also volunteering in a church as a logistics officer.

I also worked as a Property Agent and Financial Consultant for some time, before returning to the Engineering industry again. Thanks to NTU’s good reputation, and the value of an NTU degree, I found a new engineering job within a week of job hunting in July 2012. Now I work as a Test Engineer in an Electronic and Assembly Company. I work under a kind and caring manager, and I enjoy working as an engineer and applying the knowledge I had learnt from my studies in NTU.

Roy on holiday in Shanxi, China during this year's Chinese New Year.
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