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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear alumni,

It has been an exciting time at NTU, as we come to the end of the year on a high note.

We have rocked into the world’s top 15 universities in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings. Released in September, NTU leapt into the 13th position, up from 39th, moving ahead of traditional Ivy League and European universities such as Yale, Johns Hopkins, Cornell and King’s College London.

The top two Asian universities in this year’s world rankings are both from Singapore – NTU and NUS. This is a wonderful achievement for this young nation celebrating her 50th birthday, and Singaporeans can be very proud that in this small country, there are two universities of high global repute.

We have also climbed up six places to the 55th position in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. With this latest jump, NTU has made a significant leap of 114 places in just four years.

NTU recently established the new NTU Integrated Medical, Biological & Environmental Life Sciences (INMBELS) Cluster which will study the link between the health of a population and the environment. It will also feature Southeast Asia’s first phenome centre. Led by NTU Professor Staffan Kjelleberg, INMBELS brings together the expertise in Singapore’s Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, School of Biological Sciences, Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering and the NTU Institute of Structural Biology.

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NTU will also be leading a new National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Cluster (NAMIC) – formed in collaboration with NUS and SUTD – to boost Singapore’s 3D printing ecosystem. Led through NTU’s innovation and enterprise arm, NTUitive, NAMIC will be a catalyst for innovation by integrating research expertise and working with key partners to enhance the products, processes and services for the manufacturing sector in Singapore.

Singapore’s newest satellite will be the result of a new Singapore-Japan partnership as NTU is partnering Kyushu Institute of Technology (KIT) – which has one of Japan’s most established university space engineering programmes – to build and launch a new nanosatellite named ACOS-VELICX-III. The nanosatellite marks another important milestone for NTU as this is the first time its satellite programme is using a micro-propulsion system.

We have had many amazing and memorable events organised over the past few months, which very aptly reflect the celebratory moods of everyone in Singapore as our nation turns 50. Members of the NTU community have been celebrating again, for NTU Fest – a mega event organised by NTU students held at the Promontory @ Marina Bay on 23 August – to celebrate Singapore’s Golden Jubilee and mark the start of NTU’s new academic year. The event comprised a charity run, carnival and an evening concert. It was heartening to see so many of you turning up to support this event and giving back to the community. All proceeds from the charity run are channelled towards the support of a multi-year programme to promote character development and hard work among youth at risk.

A special NTU Homecoming event was held very recently in October. In conjunction with Singapore’s 50th birthday, the annual event took on special significance as we honoured our pioneer educators who have served in NTU and its predecessor institutions. We recognised the symbolic contributions of the pioneers who inspired our journey towards present-day NTU.

NTU would not have accomplished all of its remarkable achievements to date, if not for the hard work, commitment and dedication of our pioneer educators.

NTU also recognised 31 outstanding alumni who have brought honour to the University through their remarkable achievements and those who have continuously supported NTU with unwavering dedication and passion. We were privileged to have the pleasure of presenting the Nanyang Alumni Awards to the well-deserving recipients together with Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister in Prime Minister’s Office.

Our pioneering batch of engineering graduates from the Class of 1985 celebrated their 30th anniversary with a memorable dinner in September where we were honoured to have our Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong as the Guest-of-Honour. Whilst our Class of 1985 alumni have accomplished remarkable careers, they continue to support NTU in its advancement initiatives through various means. One of which is the NTU Class of 1985 Pioneer Fund, which was set up in 2006, and has now raised S$3.1 million with matching government grant.

The Class of 1985 alumni are our exemplary pioneers and a sterling example. I hope current and future students of NTU will strive to emulate.

In September, NTU held its annual China Convocation in Qingdao with 252 Chinese government officials and industry professionals graduating this year from six NTU Master’s programmes and the prestigious PhD Fellows programme. Prior to that, also in Qingdao, I had the pleasure of meeting China-based alumni from the Conference of China-based NTU Alumni Associations which was attended by about 1200 alumni representatives from various parts of China. I gave a presentation on NTU’s Development, whilst NTU Vice-President of Education Strategies and Alumni Engagement & Governance Professor Lee Sing Kong delivered an inspiring presentation on Jamestown, Engagement, Alumni Engagement & Governance.

The fantastic alumni event in Qingdao concluded with an Alumni Talk followed by an Alumni Dinner. It was heartening to see the close camaraderie amongst the alumni who had travelled all over China to attend the events. This is testament to the alumni’s commitment to not stay connected with the University and to continuously support NTU’s initiatives, no matter the distance.

NTU’s success is defined by the quality of students with whom we provide and the research we engage in, but it is also the impact that you, our alumni, make on society in the course of living out your career and living your lives. Each one of you is a key stakeholder of the University and truly, our best ambassadors.

He highlights that his time at NTU was during a period when Singapore was in the midst of implementing its socio-economic and infrastructural development plans, including development in education. This allowed him to learn and experience how the education sector could react positively to meet the challenges brought about by the development.

Pehin Dato Abu Bakar agrees that it is crucial to develop a university’s alumni network as the alumni community is one of the pillars that strengthens the name of a university. The achievements of alumni are testament to the success of the university.
Mr Teo Ser Luck
Nanyang Business School / Class of 1992

Mr Teo Ser Luck has spent nearly a decade serving his constituents as a Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris – Punggol Group Representation Constituency (GRC), having first been elected into the position in 2006 and then winning the re-election in 2011. He was initially given the portfolio of Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, before being promoted in 2008 to the position of Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports & Ministry of Transport.

Today, he is Minister of State in the Ministry of Manpower, and Mayor of the North East District, having been the Minister of State for Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), As Minister of State for MTI, Mr Teo oversees small and medium enterprises, consumer protection, entrepreneurship and trade relations with the region, including China. Mr Teo spoke of his dream of a Singapore Silicon Valley as a keynote speaker at the Startup Asia Singapore 2014 event.

An avid sportsman who has participated in triathlons and marathons, Mr Teo was one of the driving forces behind Singapore’s successful hosting of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in 2010. After helping Singapore fend off Moscow in its fruitful YOG bid, he went on to provide invaluable input as Advisor to the Organising Committee and Mayor of the Youth Olympic Village. Mr Teo currently also serves as Chairman of Mayor’s Committee.

Mr Teo is passionate about working with youths and has chaired the National Youth Council. He also worked with the National Youth Achievement Award Council in 2013 to launch the inaugural National Youth Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which provided some 200 youths with an opportunity to hear from young executives on their personal CSR experiences. He is equally active with youths on the political front, having served as the Chairman of Young PAP – the youth wing of the ruling People’s Action Party (PAP) – from 2008 to 2013.

“My education in NTU has provided me the knowledge and skills in my selected profession at the workplace and the friendships developed have expanded and enhanced my network of contacts in my career. NTU also taught me to believe in myself,” shares Mr Teo.

He believes that whenever and wherever possible, one should keep the ties with the alumni network strong, not just for career advancement but also for keeping friendships strong and contributing to NTU. “A university can only be as strong as its students and alumni,” he says.

In terms of the University’s advancement, Mr Teo adds: “NTU creates different platforms and projects which develop the students and provide opportunities for the staff in different ways. It adopts an innovative approach for example through the Renaissance Engineering programme and joint partnerships with industry leaders such as BMW. The University continues to stay relevant to the industry which will value-add to the graduates’ readiness at the workplace.”

Mr Ng Joo Hee
Nanyang Business School / Class of 1998

Mr Ng Joo Hee is the Chief Executive of the Public Utilities Board and Deputy Secretary (Special Duties) in the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources. Prior to this, he was Commissioner of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) from 2010 to 2015. One of the highlights of Mr Ng’s five-year term as Commissioner was helping to bring the crime rate in Singapore down to a 30-year low in 2013. He also earned the plaudits of Deputy Prime Minister and the then Minister for Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean for making significant improvements to reduce crime and bringing unlicensed moneylending under control. As Commissioner, Mr Ng sought to help Singapore’s police officers better perform their duties via initiatives like Community Policing and the deployment of police cameras in HDB estates.

Mr Ng has long been a faithful servant to law and order in Singapore, having been with the Ministry of Home Affairs for 29 years. He has held diverse, key leadership roles in the SPF, including as Deputy Director of the Criminal Investigation Department and Director of the Police Intelligence Department. Mr Ng also founded and went on to lead the Special Tactics and Rescue (STAR) Team, an elite outfit that specialises in handling hostage rescue situations and high-risk arrests. The team has played a key role in Singapore’s safety and was vital to the 2007 capture of a Full-Time National Serviceman who had gone missing with a loaded assault rifle. Aside from the SPF, Mr Ng has held other appointments with the Internal Security Department and Singapore Prison Service where he oversaw all prisons and drug rehabilitation centres in Singapore as Director of Prisons.

A firm believer in the value of strong partnerships between international law enforcement agencies in combating transnational crime, he was at the forefront of SPF’s joint operations and information-sharing efforts.

“NTU has done really well for itself in terms of rankings. I say keep it up! Good rankings certainly help to attract good faculty and good students. Ultimately, it is what NTU does for its students that counts,” says Mr Ng on NTU’s progress.

He believes that strong alumni networks help sustain a university’s prestige and success, as seen in the Ivy League universities. “I don’t think the main motivation for maintaining a loyal alumni network should be to advance careers, although it is certainly a welcome side effect. I am happy and proud to be associated with NTU because the Nanyang MBA, which I attended, provided very good education. And I want to help, in my small way, to ensure that this continues for many generations of managers and leaders to come,” adds Mr Ng.
Mr Pan Cheng Lui
Faculty of Arts / Class of 1979

Mr Pan Cheng Lui is the Editor-in-Chief of Shin Min Daily News as well as an accomplished writer and poet, having published five collections of poems, two collections of essays and a collection of interviews and several literary anthologies that he edited.

He has been garnering critical acclaim for his literary works for decades, winning the Golden Lion Award in 1989 for his short story Shipwreck and the National Book Development Council of Singapore Award in 1984 for Poetry for Tall It to the Sun, and earning praise from the likes of Singapore Cultural Medal recipient Tan Swie Hian and celebrated Taiwanese poet Ya Xuan.

During his tenure as Chairman, the Nantah Poetry Society frequently performed campus concerts where poems were set to music. In so doing, they worked with many young performers who eventually set in motion the Xin Yao movement (Singapore folk songs), which remains to this day an indelible part of the nation’s cultural heritage.

Reflecting on his fondest memories of his time at the University, where he was a student at the Faculty of Arts, Mr Pan recalled the efforts of his peers at the Nantah Poetry Society, where he served as Chairman, to examine Singapore’s cultural identity through bringing poetry to life by organising exhibitions involving multi-media and multi-disciplinary approach to poetry.

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Dr Lee previously enjoyed a decorated 23-year career with the SAF, having risen to the rank of Brigadier General. His last deployment was as Head of Joint Communications and Information Systems Department, and SAF Chief Information Officer (CIO), where he led the design, development and operations of IT systems. He also provided guidance to a community comprising IT staff from the SAF, Defence Science & Technology Agency engineers and Defence Science Organisation scientists.

Mr Ong Chao Choon
Nanyang Business School / Class of 1998

Mr Ong Chao Choon is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Singapore and has been its Advisory Leader since May 2012. He oversees the 15 partner, 170-strong Deals Advisory practice in Singapore which provides Mergers and Acquisition, Infrastructure and Restructuring advisory services. Mr Ong was one of the pioneers in setting up PwC’s Deals Advisory specialisation soon after he was made partner in 1998.

Mr Ong is also the Managing Partner of PwC Myanmar. He was instrumental in PwC’s re-entry into Myanmar in 2012, and currently oversees the operations and strategy of the firm. The Yangon-based firm focuses on market entry, mergers and acquisitions, infrastructure and government advisory and transformation of local businesses.

Despite his busy schedule, Mr Ong is ever-willing to contribute to NTU. He had served the Nanyang Business School (NBS) Alumni Association in various stints from 1998 to 2009 as its President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, and Advisor. He is also the first Chairman of the newlyminted NBS Alumni Advisory Board.

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National Institute of Education / Class of 1997 & 2000

Mdm Moliah was appointed Principal of Princess Elizabeth Primary School in 2013, as the Ministry of Education sought to leverage on the experience of senior, well-regarded educators like her to spread best practices to heartland schools in support of its “Every School A Good School” initiative.

The move saw her end a successful four-year stint as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yayasan MENDAKI, which aims to further the development of the Muslim community. As CEO, she introduced initiatives that sharpened the self-help group’s focus of empowering the disadvantaged through excellence in education. The initiatives included the Ridzwan Dzafir Community Awards, which offers scholarships for postgraduate students in the public and social service sector, and Project Protégé, which provides a platform for aspiring talents and youths to be mentored by community icons.

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Dr Lee Shiang Long
School of Mechanical and Production Engineering / Class of 1990, 1993 & 2000

Credited with leading the transformation of the Singapore Armed Forces through Information Technologies, the unassuming Dr Lee today keeps himself busy planning for the day when autonomous vehicles will become commonplace in Singapore. He dedicated the award to the professors at NTU.

He said: “Professor Liu Chang Yu treated me like his own son. He lived on campus and he always welcomed me whenever I needed help with work. My PhD was done only on the weekends, since that was the only time I had outside of the army, and I truly appreciate the extra time and effort my professors took to help me.”

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One of the leading lights in local broadcaster MediaCorp’s stable of artistes, Ms Joanne Peh was still an undergraduate when she became a celebrity. She shot to fame after charming the audience – and talent-spotters – with her eloquence and fresh-faced beauty during the finals of the Miss Singapore Universe 2002 pageant, where she won the titles of Miss Elegance and Miss Personality.

Having signed up with MediaCorp, the newcomer was soon receiving accolades for her performances on Channel 8, taking home the Most Popular Newcomer award and the Top 10 Most Popular Female Artistes award at the Star Awards 2004, an annual award ceremony for TV personalities. The awards – earned as she ably juggled studies with her budding acting career – proved to be the first of many Star Awards for the actress, who joined MediaCorp full-time after her graduation. Ms Peh was also awarded the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2006.

One of Ms Peh’s defining performances, as the kindhearted but unfortunate Yuzhu in the hit Little Nyonya, saw her win her first Best Actress award in 2009. She clinched another Best Actress in 2012 and has won the Top 10 Most Popular Female Artistes award nine times. This year, she achieved the rare feat of being nominated for both the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, and won in the latter category for her role in The Journey: Tumultuous Times, the second-season of a nation-building trilogy. A capable host too, Ms Peh’s trophy haul includes the Best Info-ed Programme Host Award from the Star Awards 2011.

In 2004, Ms Peh made the successful transition from the small screen to the silver screen, scoring a role in Jack Neo’s movie The Best Bet. She followed this up with an appearance in the 2011 festive hit It’s A Great Great World. Most recently, she played the lead role in the S$2.8 million production 1965, a tribute to Singapore’s Golden Jubilee.

When sharing her feelings on receiving the award and what she would like it to mean to her daughter in future, she said: “It is a very flattering award and I am very privileged that I had this opportunity to study here and also to be in a career that has been very rewarding so far. It is not always about the awards. I do not want my daughter to be driven by awards. I want her to be driven to be good at what she does and if the awards come, that is a bonus.”

I am honoured to be awarded the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award, which recognises alumni under age 40, whose endeavours in their chosen fields or professions are worthy of recognition and have brought honour to the University. I am deeply humbled to be considered alongside luminaries who have achieved much more. But more than that, it is a vindication of my personal conviction, to become a photographer. Even today, photography is still very much regarded as a hobby than a serious pursuit or a lifelong career. Many parents, including my own, would furrow their brows when they hear that their children want to be photographers after spending time and money pursuing university education. That is why it’s all the more important that NTU has considered my contribution “awardable”. This is a good sign” – Mr Edwin Koo, Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient.
Celebrating a grand homecoming

Members of the NTU community including alumni gather on campus for a special SG50 NTU Homecoming which featured an exclusive performance by singing sensation and NTU alumna Stefanie Sun.

A record crowd of some 2,200 NTU alumni, staff, faculty, students and guests gathered at NTU’s Nanyang Auditorium to celebrate a special SG50 NTU Homecoming. Held on 17 October, the event also featured the presentation of the Nanyang Alumni Awards to 31 outstanding alumni, and honouring of Pioneer Educators during NTU Alumni Night. Prior to the evening’s presentation ceremonies, a campus tour and forum were also held.

During NTU Alumni Night, Guest-of-Honour, Minister in Prime Minister’s Office and Secretary-General of the National Trades Union Congress Mr Chan Chun Sing, and NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson presented trophies and certificates to the Nanyang Alumni Awards recipients. Over 120 Pioneer Educators who were recognised for their invaluable contributions to the University also attended.

In his speech to the alumni and guests, Prof Andersson highlighted the University’s progress and provided an update on new alumni relations initiatives which include setting up of an NTU Alumni Council and Executive Committee, and identifying a facility within the campus to act as a focal point between the alumni and NTU.

Minister of State for Manpower Mr Teo Ser Luck, was one of the three recipients of the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award, the evening’s highest honour, for his role in helping small and medium enterprises go global. Speaking after the ceremony, Mr Teo, who is an accountant graduate, reflected on his fondest memories of his time in hostel.

"Every student is different, each is a person – not a unit, and if you do everything in your power to help this person, you can see the results in front of your eyes. That is the most satisfying thing," he said.

Dr Ong Yong Peng, 76, who spent three decades in NIE grooming aspiring teachers, was also one of the Pioneer Educators honoured that evening. He shared: “I think it is a very sincere and warm gesture to recognise those of us who have retired. I also commenting that it served as a reminder for current educators to take pride and joy in their work.

The recognition of Pioneer Educators also included long-serving non-academic staff, such as retired hostel administrator Mr Lee Boon Huat, 67, who spent over a decade ensuring that backroom operations for the Hall of Residence 14 ran without a hitch.

The celebrations continued into the night as attendees made their way to the University’s Quad area for some Oktoberfest fun. Exciting stage games were conducted which saw enthusiastic participation from the attendees. Throughout the night, everyone continued to enjoy a wonderful array of performances by students from NTU CAC.

Pioneer Educator Associate Professor George T L Shenoy has always made it a point to drive his visitors on a short tour through the NTU campus, never mind that he stopped teaching there over a decade ago – such is the affection the former Nanyang Business School professor retains for the University.

Now part of the faculty at Singapore Management University, Prof Shenoy had fought wide-eyed, undergraduates the intricacies of Singapore business law for 17 years, and his passion for teaching is infectious.

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Minister in Prime Minister’s Office Mr Chan Chun Sing (centre) meeting some of the Pioneer Educators. Accompanying him are NTU President Prof Bertil Andersson (far left) and NTU Chief of Staff and Vice-President (Research) Prof Lim Kin Hong (centre).
Life, what's the point?

More than 1,000 people attend the fifth instalment of the TedxNTU talks which delved on the topic of life.

More than 1,000 people converged at NTU’s Lee Kong Chian lecture theatre on 17 October to attend the fifth instalment of the TedxNTU talks. This session was organised by NTU World of Wisdom, NTU Graduate Student Council and the NTU School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Alumni Association.

From activists, medical professionals to academics, 13 speakers of very diverse backgrounds spoke around the theme of ‘Life, what’s the point?’. Various aspects of life, and death, were given airtime as speakers touched on these issues and provided their own perspectives that were coloured by their careers and education.

President of the NTU Graduate Student Council Mr Vivek Manoharan, a PhD student from NTU’s School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) and the current curator of TedxNTU, set the tone with his opening address by asking the audience to open their minds to diverse and interesting ideas.

In the earlier session, NTU’s Associate Provost for Student Life at NTU, and a biologist, spoke on the meaning of life from a biological perspective citing famous evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins.

She added that scientists have a hypothesis called the “keen selection hypothesis” which states that some people have stronger tendencies to nurture, protect and generally look after those biological relatives that they have, more so than others.

“There are times when the choices we make and the very idea of making a choice may matter little. But the little that it matters, matters more than a little because in those moments of darkness, there is still life,” said Prof Kwok.

Dr Kristen Sadler, Director of Student Life at NTU, and a biologist, spoke on the meaning of life from a biological perspective citing famous evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins.

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“Life is different and means different things to all of us. Diversity is essential for life, so let’s embrace diversity. So let’s embrace life,” she concluded.

The event also included talks by physicist Peter Soot, social advocate Avin Tan, Oscar-award winning documentary director Ben Sheidt, philosopher Andres Luco, psychologist Oberdan Marianetti, palliative care specialist Akhileswaran Ramaswamy, trauma surgeon Russell Gruen, strategy and leadership consultant Rajen Makhijani, psychologist Elizabeth Nair and artist Barry Yew.

He explained the importance for people to objectively evaluate their own strengths and weaknesses before setting any goals in life. One should not feel unhappy when one is unable to achieve a target which has been set unrealistically high.

Associate Professor Yip Sau Leung, the second forum speaker, pointed out that wealth and investment are just a means to an end, but not an end itself. The Associate Professor in Economics at HSS explained that the ultimate goal of life is to achieve happiness, stability and quality retirement in life. He also emphasised that any investment strategy should include avoiding over-investment, debt investment or any investment in company equities that one knows little about. For example, debt investment is likely to expose the investors to enormous risks during a market downturn. Although most property investors have to obtain bank loans, it is crucial to act prudently to minimise unnecessary exposure. It is also important to note that debt investments must be avoided when investing in the stock market.

Prof Yip also highlighted that it is currently the wrong time to enter the property market, as he predicts that the Hong Kong property bubble will burst anytime between 2017 and 2019, giving rise to a new round of Asian financial crisis.

During the question-and-answer session which concluded the event, some participants raised their concerns about equity market investments. Prof Yip shared with them that during a market downturn, stock prices do not plummet all the way down, but instead they tend to stabilise after the first round of decline, before falling again. Sharing his experience, Prof Yip attributed his success in equity market investments to his strong passion in the stock market coupled with some good luck. He explained that he would conduct very thorough research before making the decision to buy any stocks.

SUCCESSFUL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Some 600 participants attend the Chinese forum at this year’s NTU Homcoming to learn more about managing one’s wealth and staying happy.

The Chinese alumni forum on wealth management held as part of this year’s NTU Homecoming on 17 October, saw some 600 alumni and guests attending the session at NTU’s School of Biological Sciences.

The first forum speaker, Professor Ng Yew Kwang (Commerce/1966), the current Albert Winsemius Chair Professor in the Division of Economics at NTU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), delivered a presentation on ‘Wealth, Work, Retirement and Happiness.’ Quoting a famous Chinese saying – ‘Money isn’t everything. But without money, everything is nothing’ – Prof Ng further elaborated that although money is important, it should only be to the extent which is sufficient for living. He emphasised that happiness should be the ultimate purpose in life. Taking the example of Japan, Prof Ng explained that according to scientific research, the stagnant GDP growth in Japan in the past few decades has surprisingly made the Japanese happier. A possible reason for that could be the lightened workload in relation to the slowing economy.

He added that long term happiness should be the ultimate goal and not just a means to an end. Prof Ng also shared his views on how to balance work and happiness.

Participants at the alumni forum which was part of the NTU Homecoming 2015 event.
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NTU President Receives Honorary Doctorate

Professor Bertil Andersson is the first from Singapore to be conferred honorary doctoral degree from China’s Tianjin University.

Professor Bertil Andersson, the President of NTU was conferred an honorary doctoral degree from China’s Tianjin University on 30 September. He received the honorary degree in recognition of his outstanding contributions in academia and in forging international partnerships, especially his commitment in fostering close ties between Tianjin University and NTU.

The first modern university in China and one of the country’s largest multidisciplinary engineering universities, Tianjin University has been a forerunner in the transformation of China’s evolving education scene.

A Swede, Prof Andersson is also the first from Singapore to receive a honorary doctorate from Tianjin University.

Prof Li Jiajun, President of Tianjin University conferred the honorary doctorate on Prof Andersson at a special ceremony held at the Zheng Dong Library on the university’s campus. The conferment ceremony was especially meaningful as it is

universities to be presented with this prestigious title, I am deeply honoured, and humbled,” said Prof Andersson. “NTU has a strong legacy of ties with China and our partnership with prestigious Chinese universities like Tianjin University will only deepen. I am sure NTU and Tianjin University will find new opportunities and seek out new challenges so that we can push new frontiers together.”

NTU and Tianjin University currently run a joint yearly summer exchange programme that is popular amongst students from both universities, as well as with students from other partner universities.

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The Hive, NTU’s centrepiece of its new learning pedagogy known as the flipped classroom, was officially opened on 20 October by Mr Ong Ye Kung, Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills).

About 1,500 courses will be converted within five years using this new pedagogy, with the University spending about $75 million implementing this new approach to learning.

Professor Bertil Andersson, NTU President, said: “In education, we are going from Gutenberg to Google and the next-generation professor is Professor iPad or Professor Smartphone. Digital devices and online media have changed the way the young acquire knowledge. The Hive will reinvent the learning experience and also create a unique social space for students from all disciplines to interact.”

This iconic building, which has attracted a lot of international buzz as a new-age university building, is designed to facilitate collaborative learning and student interaction.

NTU has been moving away from the typical lecture-tutorial format towards the flipped classroom model: Students get their course content online or through their smart devices before they attend lessons held in these smart classrooms where they tackle various questions in groups of five or six.

The Hive is designed with environment-friendly features, in line with NTU’s sustainability principles. Its focus on sustainability research and its ambition to achieve a 35 per cent reduction in energy, water and waste by 2020 under its EcoCampus initiative. Even before it was ready, The Hive was awarded the Green Mark...
Boosting 3D printing ecosystem and advancing photonics research

NTU to lead new National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Cluster (NAMIC)

Founded in partnership with NTU, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), the new National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Cluster (NAMIC) will boost Singapore’s efforts in enhancing the nation’s 3D printing ecosystem. NAMIC will be led by NTU, through its innovation and enterprise arm, NTUitive. The new cluster will comprise three additive manufacturing translation and capability development research centres. They are: NTU’s Singapore Centre for 3D Printing, NUS’s 3D Printing initiative for medical technologies and SUTD’s Digital Manufacturing and Design Centre.

NAMIC seeks to harness, strengthen and expand on Singapore’s existing Additive Manufacturing capabilities as an integrated hub and position Singapore as a world leader in this technology. It will be a catalyst for innovation by integrating research expertise and working with key partners to enhance the products, processes and services for the manufacturing sector in Singapore. The cluster will also translate research knowledge into commercial applications for industry.

In addition to offering expertise and research facilities at NTU, NUS and SUTD for translational projects, it will also help companies with the commercialisation of intellectual property, including access to incubators for start-ups and spin-offs.

LUX PHOTONICS CONSORTIUM LAUNCHED

Supported by the National Research Foundation (NRF) Singapore, the LUX Photonics Consortium is established in partnership with NTU, NUS, the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and seven companies. The consortium is chaired by Professor Tjin Swee Chuan from The Photonics Institute at NTU and comprises seven industry partners as founding members, including big companies like DSO National Laboratories and local firms Denselight Semiconductors and Coherent Singapore.

The consortium seeks to encourage stronger collaborations between institutes of higher learning and the industry, in developing groundbreaking applications and to act as a link with the global photonics network.

Photonics research includes developing the next generation ultra-fast Internet through new fibre-optic cables or ground-breaking electronic circuits powered by light instead of electricity.

NRF has awarded nine Competitve Research Programmes (CRPs), investing close to S$73 million in grants, in the area of photonics to NTU, NUS and A*STAR. These research projects cover a wide range of topics including, ultra-efficiency excitonic energy transfer next-generation lighting and displays, fiber optic medical devices for diagnosis of coronary artery diseases, and heterogeneous Integration of low power electronics with high performance photonics.

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LKC Medicine Dean Professor James Best, who chairs the new centre, said: “We intend to characterise the unique Asian phenotypes by working with clinicians from across Singapore, so that we can offer tailored therapies for individuals. We also hope to identify new biomarkers that can be used at a population level to assist people to lead healthier lives.”

In addition, studying phenomes of environmental ecosystems such as the urban water cycle, will provide information that will aid environmental sustainability. To better develop medical innovations in human diseases, the Singapore Phenome Centre aims to link with an international network that will be initiated by the MRC-NIHR (Medical Research Council – National Institute for Health Research) National Phenome Centre at Imperial College London.

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The NTU Integrated Medical, Biological & Environmental Life Sciences (NIMBELS) Cluster will feature Southeast Asia’s first phenome centre, which will tackle key areas of research need, such as in ageing, diabetes, gut microbiomes and the urban water cycle.

NIMBELS brings together the life sciences expertise in NTU’s Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKC Medicine), School of Biological Sciences, Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering (SCESLE) and the NTU Institute of Structural Biology.

NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said: “To achieve breakthroughs in this modern era of biomedical research involving big data, we need a new approach, a new way of thinking about these challenges. We need solutions that bring together not just the best clinical and biomedical minds, but also involving experts in structural biology, environmental life sciences and computing technologies.”

NIMBELS will be led by Professor Staffan Kjelleberg, a world expert in environmental microbiology, microbial ecology and biofilm biology. Prof Kjelleberg, who is also Director of SCESLE, shared that the new life sciences cluster will have dedicated new facilities with cutting edge technologies, offering a unique research environment and capitalising on the interface between life sciences and excellence in engineering to find solutions to health issues.

NTU’s Singapore Phenome Centre

The NIMBELS Cluster will feature the $9 million Singapore Phenome Centre which brings together NTU’s LKC Medicine, SCESLE and School of Biological Sciences. It seeks to have a better understanding of phenomes, and shed light on how these physical and biochemical traits are produced by the interactions between genes and environmental factors.

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TU students held their biggest public event of the year – NTU Fest – at the Promontory @ Marina Bay on 29 August. Comprising a day-long carnival, charity run and concert, the mega event celebrated Singapore’s Golden Jubilee and marked the start of NTU’s new academic year.

Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education, launched the event by unveiling NTU’s record-breaking NTU Fest logo formed by 10,000 photos of NTU students and the community. The photos – that took five months to put together to commemorate SG50 – surpassed the previous record of more than 1,000 photos.

In celebration of SG50, the NTU students worked with the University to put together two exhibitions spanning a diversity of disciplines. An art exhibition featured eye-catching art installations based on the theme of ‘SG50 and beyond’. A science and technology exhibition presented more than a dozen made-in-NTU inventions.

The charity run, Synergy Run, which was flagged off by NTU President Professor Berit Andersson, comprised a 5km run through the city area, as well as a 500m kids’ run. Proceeds from the registration fees for the run will be channelled towards a two-year training programme in partnership with SportCares Foundation to promote character development in underprivileged youths. NTU students will mentor the youths and join them in swimming, sailing and windsurfing training.

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This year, more than 8,600 NTU graduating students received their bachelor’s and higher degrees at 18 NTU Convocation ceremonies from 27 July to 3 August. Presiding over the first Convocation ceremony was His Excellency, President Tony Tan Keng Yam, who is also Chancellor of NTU. Mr Heng Swee Keat, the then Minister for Education, also attended the ceremony.

NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson said to the Class of 2015: “You are graduating in a very special year, this year being Singapore’s Golden Jubilee. When SG100 comes around, we know that all of you will be very proud to have contributed to this nation’s continued progress as Singapore hits the one century mark.”

Education advocate receives honorary degree

Prof Haresh Shah of Stanford University in recognition of his significant contributions to NTU and to higher education and research.

A pioneer in the fields of risk analysis, earthquake engineering, and probabilistic methods for over 35 years, Prof Shah has distinguished himself in academia with his world-class research. Most significantly, Prof Shah served with distinction as a member of NTU’s Board of Trustees where he was the initiator and driver of many initiatives. He helped NTU move forward on multiple fronts – from earthquake engineering and catastrophe risk management, to the revamp of NTU’s undergraduate curriculum and the strengthening of the university’s governance.

In 2007, Prof Shah chaired the high profile Blue Ribbon Commission that advocated a bottom-up review of NTU’s undergraduate education. This laid the foundation for NTU Education, the University’s blueprint for undergraduate education, that prepares students with skills needed in the 21st century workplace while catering to the new ways of learning that today’s young need.

Prof Shah also chaired the Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs Committee and significantly contributed to the reform of NTU’s faculty appointment, promotion and tenure system, enabling NTU to attract and retain high quality academic staff and achieve rapid progress in recent years.

In addition, Prof Shah advocated the introduction of a system of Colleges and Deans, as well as the new position of Provost to lead the University through its academic transformation. Prof Shah personally led the rigorous global search for NTU’s first Provost in 2007 that led to the appointment of Prof Bertil Andersson as NTU’s first Provost that year.

Bright employment prospects for Class of 2015

This year’s graduating class head into a positive job market with many receiving job offers from internship organisations or taking on overseas postings. A number have also chosen the path less trodden to become entrepreneurs.

A survey conducted by NTU earlier this month found that almost 7 in 10 graduates from the Class of 2015 have secured jobs before graduation, slightly higher compared to 2014. In a competitive job market, internships are also proving to be a good way to attract job offers from top-choice employers. And in the technology-related sector, the future is looking bright for young and tech-savvy entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses.
New Master of Arts in Professional Education Programme

Professionals in adult education and training management can now look forward to a specialised programme by two leading institutes.

The National Institute of Education (NIE), NTU Singapore and the Institute for Adult Learning (IAL), Singapore will jointly launch the Master of Arts in Professional Education (Training and Development) or MAPE for short.

This higher degree programme is the first of its kind for both institutes as it is aimed at deepening academic knowledge and competencies for individuals who work in or wish to move into professional roles within various settings of higher and adult professional education.

Increasingly, organisations are expected to engage in ongoing improvement through continuing professional education. Schools and academic institutions are calling for greater evidence of quality work and outcomes in the continual education of their educators. Professional learning has become even more important in recent years as professional educators play critical roles in facilitating the professional learning of staff working in schools, universities and public or private educational institutions (e.g., teachers, faculty members, resource persons, administrators, organisational developers, policy designers and professional development staff).

To contribute to continual professional education support across different industry sectors, the MAPE programme brings together NIE’s world-class teaching pedagogies and education research and IALS Continuing Education and Training experience to develop professionals who have the skill sets and insights to lead professional learning at various levels within an organisation.

The MAPE programme will provide a rigorous understanding of educational practices and systems from social, philosophical, psychological, cross-national and normative perspectives, and an understanding of central issues in learning and development, education and training and educational leadership in various professional contexts. Participants will also be thoroughly equipped with a distinct set of skills to drive mentoring and coaching, innovative training, assessment and design practices.

Upon the completion of the programme, participants will be qualified to play crucial roles in teaching, leading, and researching about their practices in order to carry out multiple missions of the institution. More details including entry requirements can be found at: http://www.nie.edu.sg/study-nie/admissions/graduate-studies-professional-learning/higher-degree-programmes/masters-coursework.

Duration of Study

The programme may be completed in two to four years on a part-time basis.

Fees

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Unique features of the programme

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The MAPE (Training and Development) is a part-time coursework Masters programme of 33 Academic Units. Participants are required to complete seven core courses and two specialised elective courses.

Core Courses

- Foundations of Learning and Instruction
- Instructional Design Models and Practices
- Facilitating Learning and Performance Improvements at Work
- Workplace Coaching and Mentoring
- Quality Assurance Processes for Learning Organisations
- Professional Practice Inquiry Skills
- Professional Practice Inquiry Project

Specialised Elective Courses (Choose any two)

- Training Needs Assessment and Solutions
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Inspired, Kim Soon wrote in to find out more about how he could contribute. He says: “Just sending out that first email was a big hurdle to overcome – I was worried that they would tell me the minimum contribution required is a million dollars! I presume that most other people also believe that a large sum of money is required so they don’t take that first step.”

But he eventually summoned up the courage to send that email and was impressed by the sincerity of the NTU officer who responded. “There was no pressure and we just chatted over coffee. Of course, I asked what is the minimum sum required to set up a scholarship.”

“I also looked through my own financials to assess whether it was doable. My career was quite stable and I was also involved with the NTU Investment Interactive Club. He says: “I was among the pioneer batch of its sub-committee as I joined NTU the same year the club was formed. In my second year, I became part of the main committee and got more involved, helping to organise activities like stock market games.”

Hence, brother and sister hope their contributions will enable others to enjoy meaningful interaction with their classmates. "The investment banker says: “My first thought was that this is such a great idea. It is not a one-off act as the scheme is designed in such a way that needy students can get financial help on a sustainable basis.”

These students certainly appreciate the help, as Kim Soon will attest. He shares the time when he received a letter of gratitude from a recipient of his scholarship, which he has pinned on the door of his office. “As donors, you don’t expect anything in return, but a simple note like this lets us know that whatever we are doing, it must be the right thing.”

Encouraged by this “uplifting” moment, he went on to start the Ang Kim Soon-Ng Bee Keng Scholarship in 2008 with an endowment of $50,000, which he fulfilled in instalments. He says: “I went for the instalment option because I didn’t want to overburden myself. At the end of the day, it doesn’t make sense if you create this huge amount of stress for yourself. You should feel happy and excited to be giving back.”

Fuelled by the knowledge that he was making a difference to the lives of some Nanyang Business School’s financially-challenged undergraduates, Kim Soon did not stop there – he convinced older sister Jean to set up her own programme, the Jean Ang Bursary, with an endowment of $100,000.

The investment banker says: “The event had been held several times previously and the amount raised was usually around ten thousand dollars or more. We ended up raising over a hundred thousand dollars for various charity organisations.”

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Siblings Mr Ang Kim Soon and Ms Jean Ang found success despite coming from a humble background. Now, the duo are paying it forward by starting scholarships for financially-challenged NTU undergraduates.

But they still had to worry about making ends meet so Kim Soon and his three siblings could complete their studies. Seeking to alleviate the burden carried by his parents and be in a position to allow them to retire earlier, Kim Soon joined Prudential Assurance Company Singapore after graduating from the Nanyang Business School in 2002. He worked part-time with the company during his final year and felt this was a job where he would have a good degree of control over the success he could achieve if he put in the hours and effort.

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He Ang siblings, NTU alumni Mr Ang Kim Soon (NBS/2002) and Ms Jean Ang (NBS/1997) were not wealthy growing up. Home was a kampong in Sembawang and every spare moment outside of school was spent assisting their parents who made a living supplying fish feed to fish farms in far-flung locations like Lim Chu Kang and Choa Chu Kang.

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Little emphasis was placed on studies in the kampong and most of their peers dropped out of school along the way. But, thanks to a disciplinarian father who saw the importance of education, the siblings eventually made it to NTU where they both attended the Nanyang Business School. Their two other brothers are also degree holders. Kim Soon, the younger of the two at 36, recalls: “When I received a score of zero for my first spelling test in Primary 1, my dad took one look at the exercise book and threw it into the drain outside my house.”

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Participants at the 32nd Distinguished Alumni Forum learn from alumni speakers on honing one’s potential and improving one’s competitive edge.

Over 150 alumni attended the 32nd Distinguished Alumni Forum titled ‘Hone your potential and improve your competitive edge!’ at NTU’s one-north campus on 14 July.

‘Review, refocus and redefine your worth in the internet age’ was the title of first speaker, Ms Wong Mern Ney’s (NBS/1993) presentation. Ms Wong, who is an entrepreneur and private equity investor, is also the first woman Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Volunteer Special Constable (Singapore Police Force). During her session, Ms Wong encouraged the audience to “persevere in what you believe to make it a reality.”

She spoke on Bernard Baruch’s 10 Rules of Investing, which included the importance of making periodic reappraisal of all of one’s investments and not to indulge in speculation. Research has shown that to reach one’s full potential, one needs to hone one’s strengths as success is attainable when employees focus on their strengths.

Second speaker for the evening, Ms Karen Leong (NBS/1998), shared four case studies from which lessons learnt could have an impact on life. The Director and Co-Founder of Influence Solutions Pte Ltd highlighted four important lessons: everything in the world is created twice, first in the mind and then on the ground and that the ability to verbalise with clarity what a person wants makes it a reality; the results we get often depend on the questions we ask; when we label a person, it can change the relationship we have with him; and one must take the time to add meaning to one’s life.

Mr Dennis Tih (WKWSCI/2007), the Founder Director of Feet Haven Reflexology LLP and Influencer Director of The Influencer Network Communications Pte Ltd, was the final speaker who concluded the forum session with five key points. These were: learn to manage yourself and not others; be pragmatic but seize an opportunity if it is the right time; build a strong team; play sports to maintain good health; and learn from your failures.

During the interactive question and answer session, the panel of speakers emphasised that for an entrepreneur to expand the business, not only does he or she need to have the passion and in depth industry knowledge, but also needs to be the spokesperson for the brand. They also advised gathering people who are equally committed, with the ability to contribute to the business, to build a strong team.

Some 1,000 alumni and guests gathered at Zouk, one of Asia’s hottest nightspots, on 7 August to celebrate the graduation of the University’s Class of 2015 and to welcome them into the NTU alumni family. The Welcome Class of 2015 Alumni Party organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office has become a regular annual celebration since the inaugural party in 2007.

Guest-of-honour NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson congratulated the graduates on their new status of alumni of the University, and encouraged them to stay connected. A memorable highlight during his speech was when he sang a few lines from the song ‘I gotta feeling’ which received thunderous applause from the alumni and guests.

Prof Andersson then went on to officially launch the party together with four alumni representatives – Mr Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Yusoff (HSS), Ms Jiang Lian Lian (SCE), Ms Chen Yiwen (NIE) and Mr Manivannan Mohan Prashanth (MAE).

The night also featured slick dance performances by students from NTU’s Cultural Activities Club’s Soul Funky and MJ Hip Hop groups, which led to the alumni and guests taking to the dance floor grooving to stylish dance music. When the club opened its doors to the public at 11 pm, many stayed on to continue partying with friends.

▲ Let the party begin! NTU President Prof Bertil Andersson (centre) officially launches the Welcome Class of 2015 Alumni Party together with alumni representatives, from left, Mr Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Yusoff (HSS), Ms Jiang Lian Lian (SCE), Ms Chen Yiwen (NIE) and Mr Manivannan Mohan Prashanth (MAE).

▲ Cheers! Here’s to many more years of success and friendship!

▲ From left) Alumni speakers Ms Karen Leong (NBS/1998), Ms Wong Mern Ney (NBS/1993) and Mr Dennis Tih (WKWSCI/2007) share valuable knowledge with participants at the 32nd Distinguished Alumni Forum.

▲ Class of 2015 alumni enjoy a night of celebration with friends.
NTU’s ‘Pioneer Generation’ walk down memory lane

An evening of nostalgia for NTU’s Class of 1985 alumni as they gather for a celebratory dinner signifying their class’ 30th anniversary.

The sounds and smells of cycling past pig and poultry farms located in Lim Chu Kang – long since resettled – remain etched in the memory of Mr Wong Kah Siong (CSE/1985), even though they happened almost three decades ago.

Then an undergraduate at the School of Civil & Structural Engineering (CSE), Mr Wong spent hours of his free time giving tuition to groups of young children who lived close to the University, as many undergraduates today do.

Unlike today’s tutors, lessons for Mr Wong did not take place in air-conditioned comfort.

“Not many people remember that there were many small villages and kampongs located near the University, and there were many children living there who wanted extra academic help,” said Mr Wong with a wistful smile, recalling fond memories of their part in developing and strengthening NTU’s name.

Chairpersons of the Class of 1985’s 30th Anniversary Dinner celebrations organising committee.

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Whilst the Class of 1985 alumni have built successful careers, PM Lee was glad to note that they have continued to contribute to their alma mater and the engineering fraternity through various means, such as the launch of the Class of 1985 Pioneer Fund in 2005 to raise funds to give bursaries, scholarships and prizes to deserving NTU students. To date, the NTU Class of 1985 Pioneer Fund has now raised S$3.1 million with matching government grant.

While noting that NTU has come a long way since it started with just three engineering schools in 1985, Professor Boey stressed that the support of its alumni is a key reason why the University has progressed over the years.

“The University’s reputation is built not only upon its own achievements, but also through its alumni. You are indeed our exemplary pioneers. Our Class of 1985 is a sterling example I hope current and future students of NTU will strive to emulate.”

At the dinner, a new book “Thirty Years, Hundred Stories” published by the Class of 1985, was presented to PM Lee. The 120-page book, which contains a foreword by Mr Lee, chronicles Singapore’s engineering accomplishments in the past 30 years that have made a contribution towards improving conditions in this country.

Recalling fond memories:

Returning alumni included political office holders, senior civil servants, top business executives and engineers, small business owners, lecturers, and many more, who had come anticipating an evening of nostalgia.

For Singapore’s most senior policeman, Mdm Zuraidah binte Abdulrah (CSE), the evening was an opportunity to catch up with old friends she made from her hostel and the School of CSE, and to reminisce a simpler time.

“There was no need at the time to earn hostel points to stay on campus,” said Mdm Zuraidah, recalling fond memories of helping farmers to climb and pick rambutans off trees when they were in season – receiving a basket full of the fruit in return – and spending most of her time outside of the classroom at the sports complex, where she indulged her love for running, aerobics and yoga.

For EEE graduate, Mr Chua Chong Kheng, his time at NTU, was a primer for a career in urban land transport.

Now the Land Transport Authority’s Deputy Chief Executive, Mr Chua recalled his experience going on his first industrial attachment with BBC Brown Boveri, where he got hands-on exposure to electrical installation at Raffles City, a landmark project which remains iconic till this day.

“Engineering opens the doors to so many opportunities,” said Mr Chua, when asked what advice he would give current students considering an engineering degree, adding: “It is a professional skill, like medicine or law, and if you are patient, well-grounded and do not take short cuts, you can really make a difference.”

As the evening wound down, the organisers had arranged one last surprise – the perfect memento to cap an unforgettable right: table photos with PM Lee, who had gamely agreed to tour the floor and take photos with every table of alumni.
The 3rd Conference of China-based NTU Alumni Associations, Alumni Talk and Alumni Get-together Dinner was held in the beautiful coastal city of Qingdao in conjunction with NTU’s 2015 China Convocation.

NTU welcomed its China-based alumni and guests to the 3rd Conference of China-based NTU Alumni Associations (AA) which was held in the city of Qingdao, in Shandong province on 5 September. Some 170 alumni representatives from 27 AAs attended the conference held in the morning. Distinguished guests including NTU Board of Trustees member Ms Lien Siaow-Sze, NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson, NTU Provost Professor Freddy Boey, NTU Vice-President (International Affairs) Professor Er Meng-Hoe, NTU Vice-President (Education Strategies) and (Alumni & Advancement) Professor Lee Seng-Kong, and Nanyang Business School Dean Professor Ravi Kumar were also present.

The conference was hosted by the NTU AA (Shandong), its President, Mr Lu Xuehe (EMBA/2007), delivered a speech welcoming the conference attendees, which was followed by sharing sessions by President of NTU AA (Hunan) Ms Zhao Xiangrong (EMBA/2007), President of NTU AA (Guangdong) Mr Zeng Peng (EMBA/2009), who spoke about their development initiatives and strategies to operate the AAs successfully.

An important highlight of the conference was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between NTUitive and NTU AA (Guangdong) by Dr Lim Jui, CEO of NTUitive and Mr Zeng Peng, President of NTU AA (Guangdong). This partnership signifies the start of a long-term working relationship between NTUitive and NTU AA (Guangdong) in guiding NTU’s start-ups to expand into the Chinese market through the NTU alumni network in China, and at the same time creating investment and business development opportunities for both parties.

Prof Bertil Andersson gave a presentation on NTU’s development whilst Prof Lee Seng-Kong spoke on the topic of ‘Strengthening Alumni Engagement and Governance’. Professor Lu Hong, Chair of NTU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director of Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, delivered a talk on the ‘One Belt and One Road policy and the New Mode of Asian Governance: Perspectives from Southeast Asia and Diasporic Chinese’. This was followed by Dr Lim Jui’s presentation on ‘Innovation and Enterprises at NTU’. During the question and answer session which concluded the conference, the alumni participated enthusiastically in discussions on alumni engagement, technology transformation and investment.

The Alumni Talk held in the afternoon was attended by some 130 alumni and guests. Associate Professor Tan Soon Keat, Deputy Executive Director of Nanyang Environment and Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Director, NEWRI Technology Development, spoke on ‘Urban Water Management and Resource Resilience – Practice and Challenges in Singapore and China’.

The final segment of the entire alumni gathering in Qingdao was the NTU Alumni Get-together Dinner which attracted close to 310 alumni and their families, and guests. Mr Nelson Ng, Counsellor and Head of Political Section, Singapore Embassy in Beijing, China, also attended the dinner. In his speech, NTU Provost Prof Freddy Boey thanked the alumni for their commitment and dedication to stay connected with their alma mater and looked forward to their continuous support. It was an evening of grand celebration enjoyed by all the alumni and guests.

The University’s 10th China Convocation was held in Qingdao city, Shandong province, on 5 September for 252 graduates from China which included graduates from six NTU Master’s programmes and the prestigious Lien Fellows programme.

NTU has an important part in the education and training of China’s public officials. Since 1992, NTU has trained more than 16,000 senior Chinese officials, including more than 500 from Shandong, in areas such as public administration, economic management, urban planning and management of higher education institutes.

It is never easy to leave your comfort zone and test yourself in a different environment and culture, and emerge stronger. But the experience and knowledge you have gained during your time at NTU will be a lifelong one as you forge ahead in your respective careers,” said NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson, addressing the graduates at the ceremony.

NTU has about 200,000 alumni in 148 countries and of these, about 21,500 live and work across China. The University has established 30 alumni associations in China which serve as networking platforms and contact points for alumni in China to stay connected.
Recognising outstanding teachers

Exceptional teachers receive the 2015 President’s Award for Teachers and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award 2015 for their dedication towards the holistic development of their students and their active involvement in youth development.

2015 President’s Award for Teachers

President Tony Tan Keng Yam presented the 2015 President’s Award for Teachers (PAT) to six outstanding teachers at the Istana during the Teachers’ Day Reception on 3 September. They are:

Dr Tay Lee Yong, Beacon Primary School; 
Mdm Tauled Tunisha Bte Mohd Paser, CHIJ (Kellock) Primary School; 
Mdm Safidah Bte Samsudin, Da Qiao Primary School; 
Mdm Halimah Bte Jumaha, Bedok South Secondary School; 
Mdm Tan Dai Hwee, Anderson Junior College; 
Mr Muhamad Salahuddin Bin Ibrahim, Serangoon Junior College

The objective of PAT is to recognise excellent teachers for their critical role in educating the young people of our nation. These teachers inspire their students and peers through their words and deeds. Since its inception, 72 outstanding teachers, including this year’s recipients, have been recognised.

Outstanding Youth in Education Award 2015

The then Minister for Education Mr Heng Swee Keat presented the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2015 to six young teachers in recognition of their inspiring teaching and unwavering dedication to their students at the National Institute of Education (NIE) Teachers’ Investiture Ceremony on 6 July 2015. They are:

Miss Tan Winnie, Bendemeer Primary School; 
Miss Priyadakshini d/o Surendiran S, Punggol Primary School; 
Mr Hazelman Norhafis, Changkat Changi Secondary School; 
Mdm Premlatha d/o Selvaraj, Greenview Secondary School; 
Miss Low Duo Jia Dorcas, Serangoon Garden Secondary School; 
Mr Tan Chin Guan, Hwa Chong Institution

The six winners strongly believe that education is about nurturing the child holistically. These teachers have distinguished themselves by adopting innovative approaches both in and outside the classroom, as well as demonstrating dedication in stretching their students’ potential.

The OYEA is a national award that recognises young teachers for their commendable enthusiasm, energy and active involvement in youth development. Since its inception in 1999, 55 outstanding young educators, including this year’s winners, have received the award.
Embarking on an Entrepreneurial Journey

NTUitive is a channel budding entrepreneurs can look to for support and mentorship programmes.

NTUitive Pte Ltd (“NTUitive”) is Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) innovation and enterprise company. NTUitive manages the University’s intellectual property, promotes innovation, supports entrepreneurship and facilitates the commercialisation of research. It helps entrepreneurially inclined faculty members, students and alumni take their technologies and ideas to market through new business creation.

Additionally, NTUitive provides start-ups with access to early-stage funding, market development, entrepreneurship education, networking, mentoring and start-up facilities within the Innovation Centre at the University. NTUitive is located at the Innovation Centre, a mix of work and social space to incubate and nurture start-ups. It is the place to be for like-minded individuals to work, network, share experiences and create alliances to enhance their value proposition.

The NTUitive experience

Justin Tjoa says: “NTUitive has given us tremendous support throughout our journey and helped us grow into the business we are now. We came to NTUitive with only an idea, and have received continuous support ever since. By joining the NTUitive Acceleration Programme (NAP), start-ups receive many benefits, such as mentorship, introduction to investors, training programs and business networking.

For more information on NTUitive and its complete suite of incubation services, please contact them at:

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With your support, we can enlarge our pool of benefits and privileges for our alumni, and at the same time, expand your company’s outreach.
Flying home to alma mater

NTU alumni from around the globe flew hundreds of miles back to the sunny shores of Singapore for the annual Homecoming held on 17 October.

An event held the day before on the 16th, organised by Dr Viney Kalia, the President of the NTU Alumni Association (Europe), saw members of the NTU Alumni Associations in Europe, Hong Kong SAR and Malaysia, gathering for a medley of activities, including a visit to the Port of Singapore Authority and a unique tour of their alma mater. Some 50 people, including the committee members as well as MBA students, guests and NTU staff, attended the event.

During an informal lunch session with current MBA students, the alumni shared their experiences openly and proved to be an inspiration to the students, who leveraged the opportunity to grill their seniors. However, it was not only the students who gained from the interaction; the alumni benefited from an exchange of ideas across different occupational and cultural backgrounds.

Said 25-year-old MBA student Anoop Bolsetty: “I could relate to the alumni because if I want to make a career shift, I can get guidance from them. This is a good initiative.”

RSIS celebrates its 12th Annual Alumni Dinner

The signing of two new partnership agreements between the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) Alumni Association (AA) and industry partners was held in conjunction with the 12th RSIS Annual Alumni Dinner held on 24 July at Sheraton Towers Hotel. With the latest signings, the RSIS AA now have over 10 notable industry partners providing internship and career opportunities to RSIS students and graduates.

The Guests-of-Honour, Ambassador Ong Kang Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman (EDC) of RSIS, and Professor Joseph Lieow, Dean of RSIS, updated the alumni, faculty and guests on RSIS’ new developments, such as the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme, plans for the 50th anniversary celebrations and international collaborations.

Mr Phillip Ee (EEE/1998; RSIS/2004), President of RSIS AA, gave a review of last year’s activities and engagements, reiterated the key objectives and shared upcoming plans. He urged the alumni to stay connected via the various social media platforms and to actively participate in the activities such as the planned launch of the China chapter.

He then proceeded to thank the industry partners for their support and signed the partnership agreements with Facebook and Control Risks. The signing was witnessed by Ambassador Ong and Prof Lieow.

Touring Phoenix TV Group

NTU alumni in Hong Kong had an unforgettable opportunity to tour the premises of the renowned Phoenix TV Group on 26 June.

The tour was made possible thanks to NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong SAR)’s Vice-President Mr Benson Zhang (WWWSCI/2011), who used to work for Phoenix TV as a radio deejay.

Hong Kong SAR AA President Mr Liew Han-Yong (CEE/1995) together with other alumni and their family members learnt the skills of becoming a good deejay during a live ‘on-air’ programme. Through this media tour, they learnt more about the Hong Kong media industry.

Sharing views on investment strategies

NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong SAR) and Nanyang Angelz (NAG) co-hosted an inaugural event, ‘Angelz Funding’, on 20 August for alumni to learn more about risks and returns of various investments.

NAG is the brainchild of Mr Ivan Yong (Class of 2002) and Mr Sam Lee (Class of 1992) who graduated from NTU’s School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. NAG aims to identify potential start-ups, and thereafter facilitate the process of funding and mentoring for their success.

The event was also attended by Mr Michael Ong, the President of Hong Kong Society of Economists, who is also the CEO of London-listed MLDC Group. Mr Zeng Peng (NBS/2006), President of NTU Alumni Association (Guangdong) was also present.

The event’s keynote speaker, NTU alumnus Mr Jason Chen (EEE/2004), Founder of Leader Venture, spoke about his personal experience in investment. He shared with a rapt audience, more about Pre-IPO to angel funding, elaborating on the high risks and potentially its high returns. Mr Zeng Peng also gave a brief introduction on the various investment clubs being set up by NTU alumni in China recently.

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Staying connected as the Nanyang Family

NTU Alumni Association (Shanghai)’s annual gathering, themed ‘Nanyang Family’, was organised by the NTU Alumni Association (AA) (Shanghai) on 19 September at the Yinxiang Lake Park.

Close to 300 guests, alumni and their families attended the event. Some of the distinguished guests who were present included Mr Ong Sew Gay, Consul-General of Singapore in Shanghai; Ms Beatrice Yeo, Vice-Consul (Political) of Singapore in Shanghai; Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU Vice-President of International Affairs; Professor Su Guaning, NTU President Emeritus; Mr Soon Min Yann, Director of NTU Alumni Affairs; Mr Sam Lee (Class of 1992) who graduated from NTU’s School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. NAZ aims to identify various investments.

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Tea Ah Heng, Deputy Director of NTU Development Office; Ms Dawn Chen, Director of Singapore Global Network; Ms Xu Liaia (NBS/2005), President of NTU AA (Shanghai); and alumni representatives from NTU AAs in Fujian, Shandong, Shanxi, Jiangsu and Hunan.

This year was the first time the gathering was held outdoors at Yinxiang Lake Park. The event included a photo exhibition, musical fountain and fireworks display, and song and dance performances.

The next day, some 80 alumni participated in the second segment of the gathering, which was a fun run by the lake.
Celebrating memories

Some 220 graduates, staff and guests attended the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering’s (MAE) Graduation Dinner on 1 August at the Pan Pacific Singapore.-themed ‘The Hungry Games’, the graduates came to the dinner dressed in elegant outfits.

The event started with a heartfelt speech by MAE Chair Professor Louis Phee who urged the new graduates to stay connected with the University and wished them success in their careers. School of MAE Alumni Association (AA) President Ms Serena Tan then took to the stage to inform them about the AA, its activities and plans. She encouraged the graduates to sign up as a member of the AA and participate in the events which provide valuable networking opportunities.

Prof Phee also presented the Teacher of the Year 2015 awards to MAE professors who have made a positive impact on the students. The award recipients included Associate Professor Ang Hock Eng, Assistant Professor Anutosh Chakraborty, and Dr Selakkutti Rajendran.

Throughout dinner, the graduates happily chatted with each other and snapped photographs to remember the occasion. There was also a song performance by a quartet from the students’ Jazz and Blues club, and a magic act by an NTU MAE student.

Embarking on a new journey

Class of 2015 graduates from NTU’s School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) gathered at their graduation dinner.

Enjoying a delightful celebratory evening

The School of Computer Engineering (SCE)’s Class of 2015 attended their graduation dinner on 25 July at the newly opened Genting Hotel Jurong to celebrate their graduation success.

Some 65 alumni and guests were present at the celebratory event. The new graduates were warmly welcomed into the NTU alumni family by SCE’s Associate Chair (Students) Associate Professor Quek-Hock Chai. Guests from the Singapore Computer Society (SCS), Ms Lumi Srew Khun, Counsel Member and Ms Camilla Khaw, Operations Manager, were also present. At the dinner event, the alumni and guests were entertained with stage games and an exciting Best Dressed Male and Female contest.

The exuberant diners dined to a delectable international cuisine as they mingled with their fellow friends and professors. Some graduates also walked away with attractive lucky draw prizes.

The event came to a close with Prof Quek making a toast to the new graduates and wishing them a bright future to a delicious gluttonous feast. They mingled with the attendees as they participated in the many interesting stage games which included a game where the participants had to build a paper plane and have it glide across the balloon at the furthest distance possible to win. Many attractive prizes were given out during the lucky draw, which included shopping vouchers, household appliances, an Apple iPad Mini and even a yacht experience with ten friends worth $1200! The lucky winners received happily as they collected the many coveted prizes.

The event ended on a high note, as the alumni and guests gave a loud and gusty ‘yum seng’ toast, sending best wishes to the new graduates as they embark on a new journey in the corporate world.
I recently joined NTU’s Centre for IT Services as an e-Learning Manager. I obtained a Masters of Science from NTU but prior to that I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Brock University (Canada). I also hold a Master of Education from Sheffield University (UK) and am currently pursuing a Professional Diploma in Business Intelligence from Victoria University (Australia).

I was with Singapore Polytechnic for about 20 years, specialising in educational technologies with a focus on Learning Design and Applications before joining CITB.

My past experiences involved working with different Learning Management Systems (LMS) like Blackboard, Desire2Learn, Moodle, Saba LMS, and other learning systems such as LAMS, Kaltura, Learning Catalytics, Crystal Reports. I derived great motivation and satisfaction from selecting and applying the appropriate technologies to achieve the best pedagogical outcomes.

My favourite pastimes include reading, watching documentaries and listening to music.

I am a naturally curious person and dabble in anything and everything. I am a self-confessed computer game addict and a self-taught programmer. I love fiction (dungeons and dragons, Jules Verne, Dan Brown, mythological tales and legends around the world), non-fiction (Carl Sagan, Stephen Hawking, Stephen D. Levitt, popular science books on genetics, astro-physic, quantum mechanics, string theory) and even Philosophy books.

I was very lucky to continue meeting new mentors after joining the workforce. Now that I have started my own business venture, I am glad to have the opportunity to give back to society by playing a mentoring role to my staff. Seeing them grow and excel in their work and life each day is my motivation to continue doing what I do.

I joined AIESEC during my time at NTU and the most memorable part of that experience was getting involved in helping an orphanage for children in the slums in Dhaka, Bangladesh. I helped to teach the children, teach them about computers and developing basic computer skills. I have since been involved in various volunteer activities.

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My NTU days were very busy. I was playing football for NTU’s team and for the Singapore Combined Universities Team. Hence there were training sessions every evening Monday to Friday and a match on Saturday or Sunday. Winning 2 SUNIG titles in Year 1 and Year 4 were most probably the most memorable for me despite my hectic training and school schedule.

What I value most about my NTU education was my semester exchange in Oslo, Norway. This gave me the opportunity to backpack in Europe for 1.5 months prior to the start of my studies in Oslo. That opened up my eyes to the world as I made many international friends whilst learning more about different cultures. In Denmark, where I worked for the past two years, mistakes and failures are taken as opportunities in the workplace. They encourage risk taking and allow mistakes as long as there are learning lessons made and repeat mistakes are not made.

I have an interest in the Malay and the lower-income community. I have been involved in various volunteer activities. During the annual Tamil Language Festival, I have been involved in events planning and management. I have also been involved in various other activities such as the National Tamil Debate for primary and secondary students. In my current role, I am involved in various community events and contribute back to the Indian community. My interest is in helping children from similar backgrounds need a good education and are learning lessons made and repeat mistakes are not made.

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I feel that NTU’s education system builds a strong foundation for university students to experience a smooth transition from the world of theory to the practical corporate world. I was also able to enhance my problem-solving, interpersonal and communication skills, as well as build up my confidence.

I am currently working as a Subsea Engineer in FMC Technologies. While working for two months in Australia, I met up with a number of NTU alumni. A common topic we used to discuss about would be the recent rapid climbing of NTU’s place in the world’s universities ranking. We are proud to see these amazing achievements of our alma mater.
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EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015

14 NOVEMBER
NTU Class of 1995 20th Anniversary Reunion

20 DECEMBER
NTU Alumni Movie Screening – ‘Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens’

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