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Thirty-seven honoured at the Nanyang Alumni Awards 2018

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1 in 5 NTU students struggles with financial difficulties every year. Of these, 20% lose a parent to illness or divorce. Many take up full or part-time jobs, causing their grades and school life to suffer. Bursaries help your juniors in need to achieve their full potential, and be the full-time students they should be.

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Donate:
Your donation ($20/$50/$100/$200) will support financially needy students in NTU and sponsor 12 meals for the hungry in Singapore.

Participate in the Meal-Packing Event:
Join us for 2 hours of fun on the NTU campus. Be part of the 500 participants to pack 100,000 meals on Saturday, 23 February 2019. This easy yet powerful activity brings passionate individuals together to make a stand against hunger, and be part of a global community in supporting the United Nation’s goal towards Zero Hunger by 2030.

Donate and/or sign up as a participant for the meal-packing event now!

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Dear Alumni,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you some of the most important developments that have taken place this year on campus and beyond, as 2018 winds down as a tremendously exciting year for NTU.

As we continue to grow as one of the world’s leading universities, we must remain ambitious, nimble, and forward-thinking. In August, I announced a number of ‘moonshot’ projects that we will be pursuing over the next five years. Foremost among them is a strategy to recruit top talent from across the globe. Starting this year, NTU will support 350 new two-year post-doctoral fellowships over five years through a variety of mechanisms for which local and international funding has been identified. We will also embark on a coordinated plan to recruit about 300 faculty members over the course of next five years through expected normal transitional and demographic projections. Part of this push is enabled by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation—the largest private funder of research in Sweden—which has agreed to provide support totalling SEK22 million to NTU for postdoctoral fellowships.

We also launched the oneNTU initiative ‘ECHo’, which stands for ‘Eco-friendly’, ‘Connected’, ‘Healthy’ and ‘oneNTU’. ECHo will address several transformative programmes that exemplify the University’s values and research efforts. The first programme is to enable the University to meet its commitment to reduce energy, water and waste intensity by 35 percent in 2021, and by 50 percent by 2025, from the levels of 2011. NTU will also continue to strengthen its ties to industry in its next phase of growth. One recent example of this is the Alibaba Talent Programme, which aims to equip postgraduate students with critical R&D skillets through practical projects with Alibaba. Some of these projects are housed at the Alibaba-NTU Joint Research Institute (JRI) based in NTU, Alibaba’s first facility of its kind outside of China.

On 23 October, we announced the new HP-NTU Digital Manufacturing Corporate Lab, in partnership with the global technology leader HP Inc. and National Research Foundation (NRF) Singapore. The lab, HP’s largest university research collaboration worldwide, will drive innovation, technology skills and economic development critical to the advancement of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Together with NRF and Surbana Jurong, we have also set up the SJ-NTU Corporate Lab to develop next-generation sustainable solutions to tackle industrial and complex urban challenges. This will include research to explore underground storage systems, sustainable indoor solutions for buildings, and digital technologies to scale up productivity in the built environment.

In September, I travelled to China where I was proud to see that 300 graduands received their postgraduate degrees at the NTU China Convocation held in Beijing. They join more than 27,000 NTU alumni who are based in China with whom we keep in touch through the 30 NTU alumni associations (AAs) established there. Growing the alumni network has been a key focus of my tenure, and we have made much progress this year by establishing new AAs in Australia, the Gulf Cooperation Council, Japan, Germany and Switzerland, with more to follow.

As we expand the alumni network overseas, we also continue to actively engage our alumni based in Singapore. At this year’s NTU Alumni Homecoming, we organised a day of activities, including campus tours and a Learning Technologies Festival. Lifelong learning is critically important and we will provide as many opportunities as possible for our alumni to continue with their learning journey.

The University launched eight mobile-learning courses—covering highly relevant and current topics such as data analytics, cybersecurity and modern software technologies—aimed at equipping professionals with the latest Industry 4.0 skills. These courses will be offered through a new mobile application learning platform known as DeltaKnEW Academy, developed by NTU’s College of Professional and Continuing Education and the Delta-NTU Corporate Lab.

We also recognised 37 remarkable alumni at the Nanyang Alumni Awards Ceremony. Among them, Mr Lim Chow Kiat, Adjunct Professor Tan Chin Ewee, and Dato’ Sri Dr Tahir received the highest honours for their significant contributions to the University and society.

A true measure of a university’s greatness is the impact its alumni have on society. To encourage our alumni to play an active part in cultivating a strong giving culture, we have initiated the inaugural EAT.GROW.LOVE campaign, which seeks to demonstrate our commitment to supporting worthy social causes and also the University. Whether you choose to support the NTU Bursary fund and sponsor meals for the hungry in Singapore, or help in packing 100,000 meals on 23 February next year, your actions and generosity will definitely make an impact and go a long way towards bettering the lives of the less fortunate.

I thank you in advance, and as always, please keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Subra Suresh
President,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
A Asia’s top university, NTU cannot afford to rest on its laurels. To remain a hub of research excellence and stay ahead of the global competition, NTU President Professor Subra Suresh outlined a five-year plan to attract local and international talent to NTU and transform the University into the greenest campus in the world. “NTU’s next phase of major growth as one of the leading global research universities will critically depend on people: the recruitment and retention of top talent among faculty, staff, post-doctoral fellows and students,” said Prof Suresh at a university town hall meeting with more than 2,000 faculty and staff in attendance.

“We are very pleased to present a vision, and a means to achieving this vision, through a number of ‘moonshot’ projects over the next five years.”

Become a talent magnet

Over the next five years, NTU will significantly add to its investment in people, with new schemes targeted at talent recruitment. Starting this year, NTU will support 350 new two-year post-doctoral positions to attract the best and brightest young researchers. These post-doctoral researchers represent a critical pool of talent for academia, industry and government in Singapore and beyond.

Prof Suresh also announced schemes to create up to 100 new named professorships and recruit about 300 faculty members. Faculty members can expect to receive support from the S$10 million Accelerating Creativity and Excellence (ACE) Programme, which is meant to encourage them to carry out unconventional cross-disciplinary research across colleges and in new scientific areas.

In addition, new mechanisms to support PhD scholarships and undergraduate internships have been identified. “No deserving Singaporean student will be denied a world-class education at NTU because of financial or other impediments,” Prof Suresh said.

Furthermore, administrative and academic services will be streamlined to ensure greater support for all community members and improve the efficiency of operations. This involves the establishment of a task force to identify areas for the creation of major pan-University entities for education and research. These hubs will transform education, research, innovation and societal impact over the next decade.

Give sustainability the green light

Besides recruiting world-class talent, the University is also investing heavily in physical infrastructure. Prof Suresh announced the development of a S$180 million six-storey academic building. At 40,000 gross square metres, it will be Asia’s largest wooden building when completed in 2021, and will be built with mass-engineered timber—the same material The Wave is constructed of. The building will house the Nanyang Business School and host the activities of several other colleges and schools.

Other major infrastructure projects include the doubling of solar energy harnessed at NTU to 9.9 megawatts by 2019. This will supply between seven and ten percent of the University’s electricity needs. But hardware alone does not make a green campus. Hence, the oneNTU initiative ‘ECO’—which stands for ‘Eco-friendly’, ‘Connected’, ‘Healthy’ and ‘oneNTU’—has been launched to encourage sustainable behaviour. The initiative will enable the University to meet its commitment to reduce energy, water and waste intensity from 2011 levels by 35 percent in 2021 and by 50 percent by 2025.

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Under this programme, a fee on plastic bags will be implemented across campus from 1 October 2018. Proceeds from the sale of any plastic bags at these outlets will be channelled to NTU’s assistance fund for students. A task force to identify healthier food options at the University has also been formed.
CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2018!

Marking a milestone in their lives, 9,755 graduands walked at their respective Convocation ceremonies between 24 July and 2 August 2018. The first of more than 20 ceremonies was graced by Singapore President Mdm Halimah Yacob, who is also the Chancellor of NTU.

It was also NTU President Professor Subra Suresh’s first time officiating at the Convocation since he took the helm as the University’s fourth President. “It is my privilege to be here to celebrate the achievements of as many as 9,755 graduands. I eagerly look forward to observing the impact you will have on Singapore and the world, and to the many contributions you will make to society,” he said.

In a preliminary survey of close to 5,000 NTU graduands, more than seven in ten have already secured jobs before graduation. One-fifth of those surveyed received job offers from where they previously interned, and more than 12 percent have been employed by their internship companies.

Communication studies graduate Ms Alicia Lim, for example, is now working as a territory sales account manager at Amazon Web Services. She was offered the full-time position after completing a six-month internship with the on-demand cloud computing platform, which counts global brands like Expedia and Airbnb as clients.

Acknowledging achievements

But graduands were not the only ones receiving their higher education degrees. Former President of Singapore Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam was also conferred an honorary doctorate degree, the University’s highest honour, during the first Convocation ceremony.

In addition, Prof Suresh announced in his Convocation speech that Dr Tan has been appointed as Chairman of the Governing Board at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS). Dr Tan set up RSIS in 1996 to look at strategic developments and potential flashpoints that could lead to regional instability. Today, RSIS is an established think tank focusing on the areas of security, defence, diplomacy and international affairs.

Meanwhile, Mr Peter Ho Hak Ean received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science for his exceptional and outstanding contributions to Singapore’s public service and NTU. Now the Senior Advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, Mr Ho is also the Chairman of the Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering (SCELSE), set up by NTU in partnership with the National University of Singapore.

Finally, former NTU President Professor Bertil Andersson was recognised with the prestigious title of President Emeritus for his distinguished leadership and meritorious service as President of NTU from 2011 to 2017, and as NTU’s first provost from 2007 to 2011.

Hats off to the Class of 2018!
EXCELLENCE IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

TU has placed 18th in the Financial Times’ (FT) latest ranking of Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) programmes worldwide, vaulting 12 positions.

This latest achievement by NTU’s Nanyang Business School makes the Nanyang EMBA Singapore’s top programme wholly offered by a local university. Earlier in January this year, the Nanyang Business School (NBS) also moved up two spots to 22nd place in the FT global MBA ranking.

Professor Robert Kennedy, Dean of NBS, said, “I am pleased that the FT ranking recognises the value and quality of our EMBA programmes. To ensure that the Nanyang EMBA remains relevant, we are currently revamping our curriculum that the FT ranking recognises the value and quality of our MBA ranking.”

THE MOZZIE WIPEOUT

Scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART) and NTU have discovered a potential treatment against severe and drug-resistant malaria.

When a person is infected by the malaria parasite, the body’s first line of defence is mounted by natural killer (NK) cells, which are a type of immune cell. NK cells destroy infected red blood cells to eliminate the malaria parasite. Due to human genetic variation, some people have more responsive NK cells, while others do not.

“Moving forward, we could use synthetic drugs to improve NK cell function against other infectious diseases such as dengue, tuberculosis or even cancer,” said Professor Peter Preiser, Chair of NTU’s School of Biological Sciences and a senior scientist in the research team.

A CONCRETE IMPROVEMENT

Assistant Professor Pham Quang Cuong and his team at NTU’s Singapore Centre for 3D Printing have developed a technology where two robots can work in unison to 3D-print a concrete structure measuring 1.86m x 0.46m x 0.13m. The special print even bigger structures in future.

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In just eight minutes, the robots 3D-printed a concrete structure measuring 1.86m x 0.46m x 0.13m. The special concrete used in the printing took two days to harden and one week for it to achieve its full strength.

“We envision a team of robots which can be transported to a work site, print large pieces of concrete structures and then move on to the next project once the parts have been printed,” explained Asst Prof Pham.

ON TRACK TO DELIVER RAIL IMPACT

NTU and Singapore rail operator SMRT have begun trials of a new monitoring system on the train network to improve rail reliability. The sensor system monitors air pressure, movement speed and power systems for pneumatic train doors and alerts engineering teams if problems are detected. It has been installed on a train serving Singapore’s North-South and East-West Lines, and will progressively be implemented in phases across the network.

Three other innovations developed at the SMART-NTU Smart Urban Rail Corporate Laboratory will begin network trials over the next two years. Among them is a train-mounted, real-time condition monitoring system that can pick up defects on the network’s power rails and running rails in advance.

MANUFACTURING SUCCESS

NTU and Delta Electronics are expanding their research efforts in innovative manufacturing processes, and in improving learning and living experiences.

The S$45 million Delta-NTU Corporate Laboratory for Cyber-Physical Systems was launched in 2016 with the support of the National Research Foundation. The partners are opening a second laboratory space to accommodate the expansion in research activities.

“In a short span of two years, the Delta-NTU Corporate Laboratory has developed innovative solutions that can help companies stay ahead of the curve by embracing cutting-edge cyber-physical systems,” said NTU President Professor Subra Suresh.

GOING DIGITAL WITH ALIBABA

Alibaba Group has launched the Alibaba Talent Programme in Singapore with support from NTU and the Singapore Economic Development Board. Programme participants will spend part of their studies at one or more of Alibaba’s research facilities, including the Alibaba-NTU Singapore Joint Research Institute at NTU—Alibaba’s first facility of its kind outside of China—and various Alibaba campuses in Hangzhou and Beijing, China.

“All our PhD students at the Alibaba-NTU Singapore Joint Research Institute will have hands-on experience in developing and deploying systems including artificial intelligence, data analytics, and blockchain,” said Professor Lam Khin Yong, NTU’s Vice President (Research).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Nanyang EMBA programme

14 months of management courses and interaction with business thought leaders

~40 participants/year

15 different nationalities

FT’s global EMBA rankings

Year 2017 30th Year 2018 18th position

FT’s global MBA rankings

Year 2017 24th Year 2018 22nd position
personal pain points can be a source of inspiration for innovation. This was certainly the case for Mr Roderick Chia (EEE/1998), whose houseplants kept wilting as he was often overseas for extended periods of time. He decided to engineer a solution to prevent needless plant deaths.

Thus, the potted plant with the lowest possible maintenance was born—Plant Hero. The key feature of Plant Hero is its automatic irrigation system that mimics a plant’s natural water cycle and absorption pattern. This is achieved with a special clay used in place of soil, which not only regulates the amount of water being delivered to the roots of the plant, but also boosts the plant’s nutrient absorption.

“Maintaining the optimum water and nutrient level are the two biggest challenges in keeping a plant alive. Plant Hero is designed to minimise human involvement in maintaining these two factors,” said Mr Chia, who co-invented Plant Hero with another NTU alumnus, Mr Kris Soh (SBS/2010). Mr Soh had been a student of Mr Chia’s at NTU, so they were well acquainted even before working together on the Plant Hero project.

Leaf it to the expert

Mr Soh himself is no stranger to botany. He founded In Vitro Pte Ltd, a company that specialises in using plants to effectively and efficiently remove volatile organic compounds from the air. With his expertise in growing plants to detoxify the air in indoor environments, Mr Soh played a significant role in developing Plant Hero for the mass market.

The finished product significantly reduces the need for human intervention in keeping houseplants alive. The water tank of Plant Hero lasts for an entire month, which means that it only needs to be refilled 12 times a year. Mr Chia and Mr Soh also paid attention to the ergonomic design of the water tank of Plant Hero, making sure that it is easy to remove and refill. “It took about a year to nail down the core mechanisms and design principles before deciding on the final form of Plant Hero. In the end, we managed to develop a product that is easy to use, inexpensive to produce, and looks cool and elegant,” said Mr Chia.

Growing the money plant

While Mr Chia and Mr Soh were convinced that they had created something valuable for the market, they knew that they had to convince the market to buy their product. This was where Mr Adrian Chye’s (SCSE/2004) knowledge and skills came in handy. As the General Manager of Mediafreaks Pte Ltd, Mr Chye is familiar with pitching ideas to large audiences and getting their buy-in.

“One of the biggest challenges we encountered was how to tell the story of Plant Hero in one minute. People’s online attention spans are getting shorter, so it’s critical that we capture the essence of Plant Hero succinctly and persuasively,” he said.

Mr Chye drew up a digital marketing plan and helped set up a Kickstarter campaign to fund the production of Plant Hero. They met their funding goals within 24 hours, raising more than S$25,000 from 402 backers. “Having taught entrepreneurship for years, I’m fully aware that a successful venture requires innovation, operations and marketing to work hand in hand. So, while I was working on innovation, I was already thinking about getting Adrian to help with marketing and having Kris oversee operations,” said Mr Chia.

“I know both of them well and am familiar with their strengths, which complement areas that I’m not as experienced in.” Clearly, the collaboration has flourished and borne fruit, and the team already has a suite of other interesting projects in the pipeline.
Commitment to Distinction

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illiance and grit best describe this year’s recipients of the Nanyang Alumni Awards. On the evening of 13 October 2018, a total of 37 outstanding NTU alumni returned to their alma mater to be honoured for their significant contributions to the University and society.

Among them, three prominent individuals received the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest accolade conferred upon NTU alumni—entrepreneur and philanthropist Dato’ Sri Dr Tahir (Commerce/1976); Managing Director and CEO of GIC Mr Lim Chow Kiat (NBS/1993); and global investor turned CEO Adjunct Professor Tan Chin Hwee (NBS/1995). As they built their respective careers, they have also contributed to their communities and helped others around them achieve their aspirations.

OF RISK AND RETURN

Even as a student at Nanyang University, Dr Tahir already displayed a flair for entrepreneurship, having established a small retail business exporting goods from Singapore to his home town in Surabaya, Indonesia. But it was only in 1986 that his big break came. Seizing an opportunity to venture into the garment and textile manufacturing industry, he seized it and started Mayapada Group, earning a strong return on investment over the next four years.

Never one to settle, Dr Tahir eventually decided to move into the finance sector; he established Bank Mayapada, today the Group’s flagship entity. Dr Tahir remains the Group’s Chairman and President Commissioner, as well as its controlling shareholder.

Where others might view these transitions as risky endeavours, Dr Tahir saw them as surmountable challenges. “In business and life, there are risks. You have to take calculated risks, which means risks that you can afford,” he said. “I would never say that if I’m a latecomer to a particular business, I could not do well.”

Despite his success, Dr Tahir has not forgotten his humble roots—his parents earned a living by building rickshaws, and their hardship was not lost on him. Seeking to give back to society, he started the Tahir Foundation to serve the less fortunate in Indonesia, Southeast Asia and beyond. Funded by proceeds from his business empire, the Foundation champions initiatives benefiting healthcare and education. Dr Tahir also partnered with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create a combined US$200 million global fund to alleviate social and welfare problems in Indonesia, as well as improve the lives of the world’s poorest by eradicating diseases such as polio.

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A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE

Creating value is also something close to Mr Lim’s heart. Having joined Singapore’s sovereign wealth fund GIC Pte Ltd in 1993 as a portfolio manager, Mr Lim rose swiftly through the ranks with his sharp intellect. Today, as the Managing Director and CEO of GIC, he oversees more than US$100 billion in assets across 40 geographies worldwide.

Mr Lim credits his NTU education for granting him the breadth of knowledge that has served him well over the years. In addition to his degree in accountancy from NTU, he has also taken courses in law, statistics, communication, IT and organisational behaviour.

“Looking back, my parents’ decision to send me to Singapore for education when I was 13 years old was greatly beneficial for my growth. The knowledge and values I picked up during my formative years here were very helpful for dealing with the ups and downs of investing and leading an organisation,” he said, adding that he has also benefited from the many opportunities at GIC over the last 25 years, which include overseas postings and external attachments.

Always keen to contribute to his alma mater, Mr Lim has served on the NTU Board of Trustees, a key pillar of university governance, since 2015. He is also Chairman of the Board of Governors of NTU’s Wealth Management Institute, which was established with the support of Temasek and GIC to catalyse Singapore’s growth ambitions as a premier international wealth and asset management centre. He believes that these efforts will help nurture talent and safeguard Singapore’s future.

“One’s achievements can most often be traced to the opportunities afforded by others, so it’s most important to keep creating opportunities for as many people as possible,” he said.

Ultimately, it’s about increasing happiness, Mr Lim noted, adding that he draws inspiration from long-time GIC partner and fund manager Ray Dalio, who wrote that “meaningful relationships + meaningful work = happiness”.

IGNITING PASSION

For Prof Tan, however, happiness lies in helping others achieve their potential. “My real calling has been mentoring. I think I do this better and with more passion than my role as CEO or in my past position as an investor!” he said.

With a strong track record of success in his prior and current appointments, Prof Tan is more than qualified to give advice on matters in the world of finance. He was a Managing Director at Amaranth Advisers, an American multi-strategy hedge fund, before becoming a partner at leading global alternative investment firm Apollo Global Management, where he founded its Asian operations. Today, he is Trafigura Group’s CEO for Asia Pacific, a position he was headhunted to fill in 2016. Trafigura is in the business of global logistics for commodities and is ranked 32nd in the 2018 Fortune 500 list of companies.

Prof Tan has certainly come a long way from the days of living in a one-room Housing and Development Board apartment in Toa Payoh. But behind the rags-to-riches story is an enduring motto that has kept Prof Tan focussed: there is no shortcut in life when it comes to acquiring knowledge and experience. Asked to choose between the two, he mused that “experience without knowledge is better than knowledge without experience”.

On receiving the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award, Prof Tan noted that it was his honour to serve as an NTU Board Trustee, an adjunct professor and a mentor to NTU students.

For NTU alumni, he had some thought-provoking words: “We all sit around a campfire built by others. Each of us warms our hands by the fire, and each of has a responsibility to see if we can bring one more log to the fire. I hope to see our alumni stepping up and giving back to the school we love,” he said.

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NANYANG DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

This is the highest honour bestowed upon the alumni of the University, to recognise the truly remarkable accomplishments of alumni who have gained national, regional or international distinction as outstanding exponents of their chosen fields or professions, and whose endeavours reflect admirably on or bring honour to the University.

DATO’ SRI DR TAHIR

Entrepreneur extraordinaire

Dr Tahir is the Chairman and CEO of the Mayapada Group, one of Indonesia’s leading conglomerates involved in banking, healthcare and real estate. He was placed eighth on Forbes' list of Indonesia’s 50 Richest in 2017 and has received numerous accolades over the course of his successful career, including the Bintang Jasa Utama—accorded to Indonesians and foreign citizens in acknowledgement of extraordinary contributions to the country’s development—and the Ernst & Young Indonesia Entrepreneur Of The Year award in 2011. Most recently, he was conferred the Bintang Mahaputra Naryana medal by Indonesian President Joko Widodo. Dr Tahir is the first Chinese recipient of this medal.

The tycoon is deeply involved in philanthropy as well, having established the Tahir Foundation to support various initiatives in healthcare, education and legal reform. For example, the Foundation donated S$28.5 million to Singapore Management University for the development of an environmentally friendly building—the Tahir Foundation Connexion. Dr Tahir also partnered with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to make a combined US$200 million investment to alleviate social and welfare problems in Indonesia. A proud NTU alumnus, he also supported the 2016 Global Nantah Reunion in Bali as a host and sponsor.

Mr Lim is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of GIC, which was established in 1981 to manage Singapore’s foreign reserves and today has well over US$100 billion in assets in over 40 countries. Since joining the organisation in 1993, he has risen through the ranks to hold various leadership roles, including Group Chief Investment Officer and President of Public Markets. His perceptiveess as an investor has earned him international repute. He holds the triple distinction of being the Fixed Income Analysts Society’s youngest, first international, and first sovereign wealth fund inductee into its Hall of Fame.

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ADJUNCT PROFESSOR TAN CHIN HWEEL

Nanyang Business School
B.Acc. / Class of 1995

Leading global investor turned CEO of commodity trading giant

Prof Tan is known in financial circles as an astute investor. In 2016, he joined the global commodities logistic giant Trafigura Group as CEO for Asia Pacific, becoming the first Singaporean and Asian to take up such a senior position in the firm. Just over a year since he came on board, Asia’s contribution to the firm’s revenue jumped by around US$10 billion. Since then, Prof Tan has not forgotten the needy in society. Together with a group of friends, he has helped distribute necessities to those living in one-bedroom flats. Motivated by his own daughter’s premature birth, he also helped establish the Premmies Fund with KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital to help parents with premature babies cope with the financial burden. Most of all though, Prof Tan believes in paying it forward by being a mentor. He had more than 40 mentees at one point while at Apollo Global Management, and has also helped set up a mentoring programme at CPA Society Singapore.

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To recognise alumni who have gained national standing due to the significant contributions made to their chosen fields or professions that are worthy of recognition and have brought honour to the University, and to recognise alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service, commitment and dedication for the advancement of the University.

MR LIM CHENG ENG
Science
B.Sc. / Class of 1967
Outstanding businessman and devoted alumnus

After graduating from Nanyang University’s Chemistry programme in 1967, Mr Lim took up a teaching role with Huayi Government Chinese Middle School (today Huayi Secondary School). It was only three years later that he would take his first strides in the business world by joining the family business—Hock Lam Pte Ltd—which imports White Rabbit Milk Candy and other popular food products. Mr Lim would eventually go on to take over the business, establishing it as a major importer and exporter of confectionery to Southeast Asia.

Mr Lim has maintained strong ties with NTU, having served as the Chairman of the Combined Class Reunion (Classes of 1966-1969) and a Council Member (1999) at the Association of Nanyang University Graduates. He also helped establish a student bursary fund under his name towards the support of students in financial need.

ER CHONG KEE SEN
School of Civil and Structural Engineering
B.Eng. / Class of 1987
Accomplished engineer and leader

Er Chong graduated from NTU with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Structural Engineering) degree in 1987. He started work as an engineer and is now the Executive Director of Engineers 9000 Pte Ltd, a civil and structural engineering consulting firm. Over the years, Er Chong has executed various large infrastructure projects, including land reclamation work and initiatives in the petrochemical, pharmaceutical and energy sector.

A proud NTU alumnus, Er Chong has been deeply involved with the NTU Civil and Environmental Engineering Alumni Association since 2003 and is its current President. He was also appointed to the NTU Alumni Council in 2015 and has served on its Executive Committee since 2016.

MR YEO GUAT KWANG
National Institute of Education
PG.Dip.Ed. / Class of 1987
Devoted public servant

Mr Yeo is Assistant Director-General of the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)—a national confederation that strives to be an inclusive labour movement for all professionals, ages and nationalities. Having joined NTUC in 1996, he now leads the U-SME initiative that helps small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to grow workers’ benefits. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2015, championing the welfare of workers in parliamentary sittings.

Mr Yeo also chairs the Migrant Workers’ Centre and Centre for Domestic Employees, advocating for fair employment practices and providing relief and assistance to distressed migrant workers in Singapore. Giving back to his alma mater, Mr Yeo was an adjunct lecturer for NTU’s Masters for Managerial Economics programme for high-level Chinese officials.

MS TAN AIK NA
Nanyang Business School
B.Acc. / Class of 1993
Steward of NTU’s world-class administration

Leadership takes many forms. Ms Tan is a leader who is always willing to challenge convention and the status quo. Since joining NTU in August 2016, she has made it her mission to put people at the heart of its operations. As the Vice President for Administration, Ms Tan has accelerated the transformation of the University’s administrative functions and organisation to support NTU’s continued growth ambitions.

Ms Tan is also a trailblazer. In 2011, she was the first Asian woman in chemical giant DuPont’s 210-year history to be appointed global CFO of its world-leading Titanium Technologies business. In January 2018, she became the first female alumna to be appointed a Vice President at NTU.

MR SHAFIE BIN SHAMSUDDIN
Nanyang Business School
B.Bus. / Class of 1996
Retail business leader

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TAN SRI DATO’ LIM KUANG SIA
Science
B.Sc. / Class of 1975

To recognise alumni who have gained national standing due to the significant contributions made to their chosen fields or professions that are worthy of recognition and have brought honour to the University, and to recognise alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service, commitment and dedication for the advancement of the University.

MR YEO GUAT KWANG
National Institute of Education
PG.Dip.Ed. / Class of 1987
Devoted public servant

Mr Yeo is Assistant Director-General of the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)—a national confederation that strives to be an inclusive labour movement for all professionals, ages and nationalities. Having joined NTUC in 1996, he now leads the U-SME initiative that helps small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to grow workers’ benefits. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2015, championing the welfare of workers in parliamentary sittings.

Mr Yeo also chairs the Migrant Workers’ Centre and Centre for Domestic Employees, advocating for fair employment practices and providing relief and assistance to distressed migrant workers in Singapore. Giving back to his alma mater, Mr Yeo was an adjunct lecturer for NTU’s Masters for Managerial Economics programme for high-level Chinese officials.

MS TAN AIK NA
Nanyang Business School
B.Acc. / Class of 1993
Steward of NTU’s world-class administration

Leadership takes many forms. Ms Tan is a leader who is always willing to challenge convention and the status quo. Since joining NTU in August 2016, she has made it her mission to put people at the heart of its operations. As the Vice President for Administration, Ms Tan has accelerated the transformation of the University’s administrative functions and organisation to support NTU’s continued growth ambitions.

Ms Tan is also a trailblazer. In 2011, she was the first Asian woman in chemical giant DuPont’s 210-year history to be appointed global CFO of its world-leading Titanium Technologies business. In January 2018, she became the first female alumna to be appointed a Vice President at NTU.

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NANYANG OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

To recognise alumni under the age of 40 whose endeavours in their chosen fields or professions are worthy of recognition and have brought honour to the University.

Ms Jessica Ma Thiri Aung (SSS/2010)

Mr Liu Xi (EEE/2015)

Ms Low Ser En (ADM/2013)

Mr Li Xiaojun (NBS/2009)

Mr Wu Tiansheng (NTC/2014)

Ms Yasmin Binti Ahmad Mazlani (NTC/2016)

Ms Nur Syahidah Binte Alim (WKWSCI/2013)

Mr Albert Zhang Yizhong (SSS/2010)

Asst Prof Zhang Yi (SCBE/2007)

Mdm Tauled Tunisha Bte Mohd Paser (NIE/2002)

Dr Tommy Ong Cheng You (MAE/2005; NTC/2005 & 2006)

Ms Yamin Binti Ahmad Madani (NTC/2014)
NANYANG ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

To recognise alumni whose dedication and volunteer commitments, through alumni clubs and associations or the University’s programmes and activities, have significantly enriched the University.

Mr Sundar Arockiyaraj Plavenderraj (MAE/2014)
Mr Cai Qing (NBS/2006)
Mr Stanwin Siow Kwong Ting (SCSE/2012)
Mr Chong Weng Hoe (NBS/1997)
Mr Xiong Junhong (NBS/2005)
Mr Tang Tiebao (NBS/2003)
Ms Lee Hui Min (SBS/2012)
Mr Foo Hee Kiang (CSE/1987)
Ms Jean Chan Sook Chong (MAE/2014)
Mr Chang Wenn Yuan (Science/1959)
Mr Mr Leong Kok Hou (MAE/2012)
Mr Ng Kah Meng (EEE/2011)
Mr Tan Yong An (SoH/2011; NIE/2012)
Ms Gillian Ang Lay Tin (NBS/2002)
Mr Leong Kok Hau (MAE/2012)
Mr Chu Sui-Lung (HSS/2006)
Mr Shen Genlin (NBS/2008)
Mr Ng Kah Meng (EEE/2011)
Mr Foo Hee Kiang (CSE/1987)
Ms Lee Hui Min (SBS/2012)
Mr Ca Qing (NBS/2006)
Mr Chang Wenn Yuan (Science/1959)
Mr Xiong Junhong (NBS/2005)
Ms Jean Chan Sook Chong (MAE/2014)
Mr Tan Yong An (SoH/2011; NIE/2012)
Homeward Bound

It was an evening of glitz and glamour at the Nanyang Alumni Awards—a key feature of the annual NTU Alumni Homecoming event. The awards ceremony, which saw some 1,200 alumni in attendance, kicked off with a series of exhilarating dance performances. This was followed by the arrival of the Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Health Mr Gan Kim Yong, who was welcomed by NTU President Professor Subra Suresh. A bumper crop of 37 prominent alumni were honoured for making a difference in society and for their continued support for NTU in various capacities.

Besides the Nanyang Alumni Awards, this year’s Homecoming was held in conjunction with the inaugural Learning Technologies Festival, which gave NTU alumni the opportunity to experience the latest trends in technology and innovation. The Festival featured micro-seminars and sharing sessions by NTU’s industry partners and covered a diverse range of topics, such as virtual reality (VR), robotics, blockchain and mobile learning. More than just buzzwords, these inventions are driving the Fourth Industrial Revolution, or Industry 4.0.

While there is no stopping progress, the workforce of the 21st century must continue to upgrade its knowledge and skillsets so as to avoid becoming obsolete. Reaffirming the University’s commitment to engage its alumni and promote lifelong learning, Prof Suresh said, “Lifelong learning is very important, and more so with the rise of Industry 4.0 where technology is disrupting the way we live, work and play. We need to keep abreast of new skills and technologies, and we want to help our alumni to do so too, for their personal growth and development.”

NTU alumni enjoyed themselves interacting with scientists and being exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Some alumni got the chance to try on VR goggles and be transported to an alternate reality, while others tried their hand at directing a remote-controlled vehicle with a multifunctional wheel set and mounted equipment.

Never too late to learn

Anyone inspired by the exciting innovations on display could immediately sign up for modules at NTU via their mobile phone. Eight mobile-learning courses were launched at NTU at the Learning Technologies Festival to allow working professionals to upskill on the go.

Interested individuals can sign up for these academic modules via a new mobile application learning platform known as DeltaKnEW Academy, developed by NTU’s College of Professional and Continuing Education (PACE College) and the Delta-NTU Corporate Lab.

The mobile app has been available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store since 13 October 2018. Among the topics covered are ‘Analytics for Turning Data into Actionable Insights’, ‘Automation for Smart Manufacturing’ and ‘Mitigating Cybersecurity Risks for Manufacturing’.

To encourage NTU alumni to sign up for the new courses, applicants can apply for SkillsFuture subsidies of between 70 to 90 percent, depending on their eligibility. NTU Alumni Course Credits can be used to further offset the course fees, which means that NTU alumni may only have to pay a nominal fee instead of the original S$400 per course. Last year, NTU granted each alumnus S$1,600 in course credits.

The eight new mobile-learning courses add to the 65 existing Industry 4.0 courses under the SkillsFuture initiative offered by NTU. In total, NTU offers 185 SkillsFuture courses, a testament to its commitment to lifelong learning.
Enrichment galore

The focus on learning was equally strong at the micro-seminars and sharing sessions that took place during the Homecoming event. Alumni were treated to an educational line-up of speakers from diverse backgrounds.

For instance, Mr Jude Lim, a business consultant with extensive experience in corporate roles involving strategic thinking, project implementation and business execution, shared his experience in the logistics, healthcare and life sciences, and oil and energy sectors. Emphasising the importance of adaptability in a competitive enterprise environment, he also highlighted the importance of listening to alternative viewpoints. These characteristics and practices have allowed him to provide his clients with innovative solutions to their business problems, he said.

Meanwhile, in a separate lecture theatre, a full-house crowd of alumni were brought up to speed on robotics by Associate Professor Xie Ming. Prof Xie noted that robots are a powerful driving force for industry, key to raising productivity and lowering costs. "The higher level of automation will free workers from doing dirty, dangerous and difficult jobs in factories. Clearly, such vision is only achievable with the massive deployments of sensors, actuators, the internet and robots," he said.

Many of NTU’s partners were also eager to share their inventions and insights with alumni. Representatives from Wizlearn Technologies debunked some myths about mobile learning and exposed alumni to the plethora of mobile learning tools available, while Eon Reality’s experts demonstrated the power of augmented and virtual reality in education and skills training.

Mind your body

Homecoming alumni who were more interested to learn about health were not disappointed. The Alumni Forum (Chinese) titled ‘Health is Wealth’ saw an audience of 250 captivated by Dr Goh Chye Tee, Director of the NTU Chinese Medicine Clinic, and Physician Neo Min Jun, Assistant Manager at the NTU Chinese Medicine Clinic.

Dr Goh began the session by commenting on the fact that residents in a wealthy country may not always be healthy and happy. He added that health and wealth could be considered as inextricably linked. For example, in Singapore, people with high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes tend to spend a considerable amount of money on healthcare. He then went on to elaborate on “coexisting well with nature” and “maintaining humanistic harmony”. The former means one should pay attention to keeping warm, having proper meals, adjusting one’s routines and keeping the balance of yin and yang in one’s body in accordance with changes in climate. The latter involves emotional control, as different emotions may affect the internal organs in the body, he said.

Physician Neo then took the stage to explain that prolonged fatigue, joint pains, weakness and inability to recover energy after sleep were signs of a “sub-healthy body”. She recommended acupuncture to relieve pain and a diet comprising more green beans and the root of the Bidentate achyranthes herb.

All in all, the NTU Alumni Homecoming was a great success as it brought alumni together to reminisce the past, feel better in the present, and imagine the future.
Technological advancement waits for no one, and its impact on education can be profound. This sentiment was what prompted Professor Ling San, NTU Provost and Vice President (Academic), to share his personal reflections as an educator with alumni and guests on 20 August 2018 at a Tête-à-Tête session held at the NTU Alumni House at Marina Square.

Prof Ling recalled the challenges he faced in 2011 when introducing the discipline of data science as a programme to the University. Back then, the move to start a programme that revolved around a virtually unheard-of subject was viewed as risky by his peers. Nonetheless, Prof Ling trusted his instincts, having noticed that data science was catching on in the US. In 2012, he managed to convince NTU to establish a Business Analytics track, offered to students in the mathematical sciences.

That decision was validated in 2013, when the Parliament of Singapore acknowledged that NTU’s Business Analytics programme would be crucial in helping to develop a pool of 2,500 analytics professionals over the next five years.

“Just about every year, you start to hear new terms. The pace at which emerging technologies are going to hit us is rising very rapidly. And with all the disruption that is going to happen, there is one threat, which is job displacement,” said Prof Ling. “This has led me to start thinking about a philosophical question: what do we need to learn?”

21st century competencies

Prof Ling highlighted five core competencies that are critical regardless of one’s specialisation or interest: creativity, cognitive skills, communication, critical thinking and collaboration.

“Creativity is the ability to make something from nothing. For example, if you have a problem, knowing how to start tackling it is creativity. The solution doesn’t have to be original, but you must be able to create your own,” he explained.

He went on to define cognitive skills as the ability to learn how to pick up important nuggets of information in the most efficient way. He drew parallels between critical thinking skills and creativity, adding that critical thinking goes deeper and demands that one must start questioning first before beginning to solve any problems. Meanwhile, being able to communicate ideas clearly is a prerequisite for meaningful collaboration.

Comparing the British style of education, which focusses on depth of knowledge, to the broad interdisciplinary style of learning preferred by many American schools, Prof Ling modestly conceded that he did not have a definitive answer as to which is more effective.

“I went through a very deep British style of education which was helpful for me because I wanted to become a mathematician. It was very efficient, but now I regret that I did not have a broader education. I find that the lack of breadth is coming back to haunt me,” he shared candidly.

A learning revolution

Regardless of the style of education one receives, technology will be a key player in shaping the landscape of learning, Prof Ling noted. For example, some schools in NTU are already using augmented and virtual reality to train students on safety and what to do during an explosion; meanwhile, NTU’s Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine is using data analytics to identify medical topics that need greater emphasis, thereby helping to refine the overall curriculum, he said.

As the session drew to a close, Prof Ling extended an invitation to the alumni audience to join the learning revolution by returning to their schools and sharing their expertise and wisdom with current undergraduates.

A member of the audience inspired by Prof Ling’s sharing was Mr Ivan Yong (SCBE/2010), who contemplated his own university experience in light of the changing education landscape. “It’s very interesting to see how education has evolved. I’m sure what NTU is trying to evolve into is something that is more in tune with what industry and society needs,” he said.

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The Distinguished Alumni Forum, held on 2 August 2018 at NTU Alumni House at one-north, was attended by some 110 participants who were eager to hear alumni speakers share insights on ‘Planning for a purposeful life after retirement’.

Dr Goh Chye Tee (Commerce/1975), Director of the NTU Chinese Medicine Clinic, commenced the forum with a presentation on smart health management from a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) perspective. He explained how one needs time, health and wealth to experience a contented retirement.

"Preventive healthcare is paramount. Dr Sun Simiao, a famous TCM physician of the Sui and Tang dynasty, once said that the best physicians are those who assist in preventing illnesses before they occur," he shared.

While Dr Goh dealt with the health aspects of retirement, the second speaker, Ms Kee Siew Poh (NBS/1997), was more concerned about being financially prepared for the silver years. The current Co-Chair of the Marketing and Communication Board of the Financial Planning Association of Singapore went on to explain the two phases of wealth management—accumulation (typically from the ages of 25 to 50) and distribution (from the ages of 50 to 60, to a lifetime).

She also highlighted that successful retirement does not depend only on one’s assets, but also on one’s income. This is because assets such as property, stocks and shares can be lost in a market crash.

The final speaker for the evening was Ms Sow Wei Ting (SCBE/2008), principal author of TalkMoneyLah.com and a financial planner with an independent advisory firm. She guided the participants in a simple exercise to calculate how much they would need for their retirement. Explaining how the Rule of 72 works (72 divided by interest rate = number of years to double your money), she went on to show how the higher the interest rate, the less time taken to double one’s money.

Last but not least, Ms Sow explained the importance of taking action, highlighting that someone who receives good advice and plans well is able to accumulate 265 percent more retirement funds on average than another who receives no advice and has no planning.

The forum session ended with a fruitful question-and-answer session where participants cleared more of their doubts on retirement planning. They left feeling more motivated to plan for a better retirement life.
Ver 1,080 alumni from the Class of 2018 gathered at one of Asia’s most happening nightclubs, Zouk, on 4 August 2018 to celebrate their graduation in style at the Welcome Class 2018 Alumni Party.

The packed crowd had fun participating in a song-guessing contest before they warmly welcomed NTU President Professor Subra Suresh. In his opening address, Prof Suresh congratulated the Class of 2018 on their graduation. He also introduced the newly launched alumni app and portal and encouraged alumni to stay in touch with their alma mater.

Prof Suresh then went on to officially launch the party together with four alumni representatives—Ms Ng Wen Yi (NBS), Ms Eunice Nicole Lin (WKWSCI), Mr Nay Lin Aung (EEE) and Mr Muhammad Arif Bin Abdullah (MAE).

NTU’s Soul Funky and NTU Breakers then took to the stage for some exhilarating dance performances. Thereafter, the revelry continued as alumni mingled over food and drinks.

Ms Wu Siqi (EEE) appreciated the fact that Prof Suresh took the time to be present at the party to extend his warmest congratulations to the Class of 2018.

Ms Ong Wei Li (SBS) agreed, adding, “I really enjoy the ambience! This is a truly memorable experience for me.”

For Mr Fong Kok Leong (MAE), however, it was the time spent catching up with friends that was most valuable. “It feels great to meet in a different setting. I think this event is fantastic,” he said.

IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE!
On 21 July 2018, some 300 alumni and their family members attended the NTU Alumni Family Day, which coincided with the biennial Singapore Garden Festival. The 14-day festival included over 70 exquisite garden and flower exhibits displayed across the Meadow, the Supertree Grove and the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay.

“We are here to enjoy a day out with the family, and I enjoy taking photographs of flowers,” said Mr Tan Boon Piang (MPE/1994) who was visiting the festival for the first time.

The morning kicked off with an exclusive tour which saw small groups of alumni participants venturing out to the gardens with their guides. Beginning the journey at the ‘Lost Forest’, alumni admired sun rays shining through mist while being surrounded by greenery.

The next stop was an air-conditioned tent known as the ‘Secret Garden of Edibles’, inspired by the fable The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Inside, one could find fragrant plants and colourful edibles from temperate climates.

Other destinations in the tour included an impressive gallery of bonsai plants, a walk through the ‘Therapeutic Garden’ featuring plants that could soothe one’s senses, and the ‘Learning Garden’, where young children and adults could find out more about plant pollination and reproduction.

Meanwhile, festival favourites like the ‘Fantasy and Landscape Gardens’ awed alumni participants as they walked through imaginative and breath-taking landscape creations by local and international gardening celebrities. The ‘Floral Windows To The World’, which featured plants delicately woven into works of art, also got cameras clicking non-stop.

Lasting well over an hour, the guided tour proved to be entertaining and enlightening for everyone, including Mr Louis Lu Yi (SCE/2003), whose family joined him for the tour in the afternoon. “My son is quite interested in scientific facts. I need to understand what the guide says, so that I can explain it to my son later,” he said with a laugh.
amaraderie and sportsmanship were on full display at the annual NTU Alumni Sports Fiesta. This year’s event, held at NTU’s Sports and Recreation Centre on 18 August 2018, saw approximately 500 alumni, graduate students and executive programme participants sweat it out in a series of sports and games, including basketball, badminton, table tennis, tennis and a 4 x 100m relay run.

“We hope that this event can encourage you to exercise regularly, and may you enjoy the games in the good spirit of sportsmanship,” said NTU Alumni Affairs Director Mr Soon Min Yam in his opening address.

Mr Norman Selvaraju (SCE/2010) and his team emerged champions in the men’s basketball competition. They had joined the competition without intending to clinch the top prize. Rather, they valued the opportunity to mingle with friends who were former residents of Hall Six.

“Back when we stayed in Hall Six, we spent a lot of time on the basketball courts. Some of the teams here are people whom we used to play with regularly in the evenings,” he said. “Our main motivation is to foster camaraderie between our team and others in the competition. Winning is the icing on the cake. Ultimately, we are here to have a good time and to put in our best efforts!”

At the women’s basketball competition, another team was back to reminisce their competitive sporting days in school, and to see if they still had their ‘A-game’. Ms Priscilla Ong See Koon (CEE/2011) and her friends used to represent NTU in the Institute-Varsity-Polytechnic (IVP) Games.

“We’re here for old times’ sake. We used to train in this very court and we have won IVP games here too,” she said. “It’s good that we get to work out this early in the morning. We don’t usually do sports this early anymore. But it was all good as we played our first game and won. We’ve still got it!”

Over at the tennis courts, it was heartening to see Dr Yap Kim Yew (Science/1961), a familiar face and the oldest participant in his 80s, exchanging banter with his fellow Nanyang University alumni, Mr Tan Kia Kok (Science/1970), who was a former student of Dr Yap, joked about the tough challenge they were facing from younger contenders. Both remained in good spirits as they looked forward to the sumptuous lunch buffet with their friends.

Meanwhile, badminton teammates Mr Bobby Goh and Mr Lim Kim Soon, both from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering’s Class of 1996, were glad to be back on campus to play their favourite sport.

“I think participation has increased from previous years. It’s getting more competitive, but it’s good that the Sports Fiesta encourages alumni to come back, make friends and continue to connect with the University,” said Mr Lim.

“We have friends who are playing for the first time this year. It’s good to see them, some of whom we have not seen for many years due to family and work commitments,” said Mr Goh. “It’s also nice to see that the University has developed so much. The sprawling campus and the facilities are so new now.”

Old friends, new challengers

On and off the courts, alumni valued the time spent bonding over their favourite sports.
The city of Malacca, located in Peninsular Malaysia, was the destination for some 105 alumni and their families and friends who spent a weekend across the causeway for the ‘NTU Alumni 2D1N Interactive Tour to Malacca with Durian Feast’ organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

Starting off bright and early on 14 July 2018, the participants arrived at their first stop, the Mamee Mega factory. They saw how the well-liked Mamee snack noodle was made in the RM80 million production facility, admiring the processes that go into the manufacturing of the snack. Fun fact: the factory churns out two million noodle-cakes per day!

After lunch, the participants visited Mamee Jonker House where they toured the museum and learnt how to hand make instant noodles from scratch at the Monster Kitchen, personalizing their own Mamee Chef cup noodle and sleeve. This was followed by visits to Cheng Hoon Teng Temple, Kampung Kling Mosque and Sri Poyatha Moorthi Temple.

Participants then gathered for dinner at a Peranakan restaurant, after which they spent the night hunting for bargains at the popular Jonker Street night market.

The next morning, it was time for the participants to find out more about land and sea creatures, as well as the Earth’s ecosystem, as they embarked on a unique 3D experience at The Shore Oceanarium.

The delightful weekend getaway concluded with what the durian lovers were eagerly waiting for—an all-you-can-eat durian feast. It was a delicious way to wrap up a wonderful alumni trip.
More than 300 graduands received their postgraduate degrees from six NTU Master’s programmes and the prestigious Lien Ying Chow Legacy Fellowship programme at the annual NTU China Convocation held in Beijing on 8 September 2018. The ceremony, graced by NTU President Professor Subra Suresh, was held at the China World Hotel and featured Professor Tang Xiao’ou, Founder of SenseTime, as the guest speaker.

SenseTime, which has its roots in China, is currently one of the world’s most valuable artificial intelligence (AI) companies. Prof Tang’s attendance at the convocation ceremony thus reflected NTU’s international stature and close links with China.

In conjunction with this year’s NTU China Convocation in Beijing, China, the University held the 6th NTU China Alumni Conference and Alumni Reunion Dinner on 8 September 2018. Some 300 alumni attended the conference. Also present were NTU Board of Trustees members Mr Inderjit Singh and Ms Lien Siaou-Sze; NTU President Professor Subra Suresh; NTU Provost Professor Ling San; NTU Vice President (Research) Professor Lam Khin Yong; NTU Vice President (Administration) Ms Tan Aik Na; NTU Vice President (Alumni and Advancement) Professor Alan Chan; and members of NTU senior management. The conference revolved around topics such as AI, healthcare and the application of blockchain to energy.

After the conference, the evening programme comprised music and dance performances by the students of Beijing Demao Middle School and Jinsong Primary School, dance performances by NTU Alumni Association (Beijing), a choir performance by NTU lecturers and alumni, recitations of Tagore’s poems as well as a thrilling Chinese martial arts display.

During dinner, NTU Pro-Chancellor Ms Jennie Chua, Prof Suresh and Prof Chan, together with representatives from 26 alumni associations in China, took to the stage and launched the NTU China Alumni Campaign. The dinner ended with a choral rendition of ‘Auld Lang Syne’ by NTU senior management and alumni representatives.

Among the graduands in the Class of 2018 was valedictorian Mr Jiang Zhongdong, who had received the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation Scholarship. Mr Jiang is the Party Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Beijing Aerospace Measurement and Control Technology Co., Ltd. “This Convocation not only recognises your achievements in the pursuit of lifelong learning with internationally recognised qualifications from NTU, it is also a celebration of treasured memories that you have with your alma mater. I am certain that the friendships you have created and the skills and knowledge you have acquired while at NTU will enable you to go far in your careers,” Prof Suresh said.
New Beginnings Abroad

Weaving Networks in Europe

5 and 26 August 2018 marked important milestones in the University’s alumni engagement initiatives as the NTU Alumni Association (Germany) and NTU Alumni Association (Switzerland) were formed. With the exponential growth of the number of NTU alumni in Germany and Switzerland, it became necessary to establish the two independent overseas AAs.

The formation of the Alumni Association (AA) in Germany took place at Courtyard by Marriott, Munich City Centre, officiated by NTU Alumni Affairs Office Deputy Director Ms Christine Chua and Senior Assistant Director Mr Jensen Tan. Ms Chua also updated alumni on the University’s latest developments and progress.

The attendees nominated and elected members to the NTU AA (Germany) Management Committee. Ms Elizabeth Chee (NBS/2000) was thus appointed as its President.

Similarly, Switzerland’s AA committee was elected at Hotel Central in Zurich, with Mr Alexander Weinert (WKWSCI/2009) being appointed as its President. Following the election, the NTU AA (Switzerland) committee members enjoyed a lovely dinner together and spent some time getting to know each other better.

Connecting with the Land Down Under

With the aim of bringing more than 500 NTU alumni in Australia together, the NTU Alumni Association (AA) (Australia) was launched at Hotel Langham in Melbourne on 7 July 2018.

Professor Alan Chan, NTU’s Vice President for Alumni and Advancement, graced the launch ceremony, which was also attended by Mr Inderjit Singh, member of the NTU Board of Trustees and Chairman of NTU’s Alumni and Development Committee.

Welcoming the attendees, NTU AA (Australia) President Mr Abhimanyu Bhola (NBS/2005) highlighted the importance of networks in the world today. Prof Chan also spoke about the relevance of the bond between the University and its alumni, noting that as NTU continues to grow by leaps and bounds, the alumni networks help raise the prestige of the NTU brand abroad, especially in relatively far off regions like Australia.
Making Memorable Moments

Food for Thought
More than 60 Nanyang Business School (NBS) alumni and guests had an enriching session at the Willis Towers Watson (WTW)-Nanyang Business School Breakfast Forum: ‘Connecting the Future of Work and Agile Learning’.

Held at Sofitel Singapore City Centre on 11 July 2018, the session was hosted by WTW, a leading global advisory, broking and solutions company, and Professor Guido Gianasso, Associate Dean (Corporate Engagement and Relations) of NBS. Anchorign the forum was Mr Darryl Parrent, Country Leader, Talents and Rewards Singapore, WTW, who highlighted the importance of understanding the consequences of workspaces that are less dependent on humans.

“Organisations are feeling vulnerable and beginning to understand a new reality is on the horizon,” Mr Parrent explained. “From an employee standpoint, given the changing environment, it means new skill sets will be needed to stay relevant.”

A Toast to Teachers
Some 25 NTU Alumni Toastmasters Club (TMC) members had a joyous Teachers’ Day celebration as they gathered for their 166th Chapter Meeting at the NTU Alumni House at one-north on 25 August 2018.

The meeting commenced with an ice-breaker session as alumni shared stories of people who have shaped their lives. Club President Mr Chua Seng Cheong (Commerce/1975) delivered a motivational opening speech and showed his appreciation to club members who are educators and veteran toastmasters.

Mr Chua then shared inspiring stories, such as that of Mr Xia Boyu who conquered Mount Everest this year at the age of 69 after his fifth attempt, despite being a double amputee.

As part of the Teachers’ Day celebration, Vice President of Education Mr Ethan Lee (SCE/2013) carried out a game session where various teams competed with one another to answer riddles.

Toastmaster Mr Zhao Xinxing (EEE/2017) then led an entertaining session on teaching and learning. The meeting concluded with a mingling session over food and drinks.

Sporting Good Fun
Great sportingmanship was on full display at the Inter-Hall Futsal Challenge held on 15 July 2018 at the NTU Sports & Recreation Centre. A total of eight teams consisting of alumni from various halls of residence pitted their soccer skills against one another in an exciting competition. Hall 2 Legends emerged as the champion, while Hall 5 Sockraw emerged as the runner-up.

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A Meaningful Meeting
Some 50 NTU TMC members and guests attended the 164th NTU Alumni TMC Meeting held at the NTU Alumni House at one-north on 30 June.

Graced by Toastmasters 2017 to 2018 International President, Distinguished Toastmaster Balraj Arunasalam, the meeting also marked the installation of the new executive committee for the term of 2018 to 2019.

President of NTU Alumni TMC, Distinguished Toastmaster Ms Aizubah Binte Sapari (MPE/1988), delivered her opening address for the term 2017 to 2018. She highlighted the club’s achievements during the term, which included attaining the President’s Distinguished Club status with a perfect score of 10/10. During the meeting, Mr Chua Seng Cheong (Commerce/1975) was appointed as the new Club President.
On 18 August 2018, Hall 5 alumni volunteered their time at Wiling Hearts, a secular, non-affiliated charity that provides daily meals and other support services to the elderly, the disabled, low-income families, children of single-parent families or poverty-stricken families, and migrant workers in Singapore. It was a day well spent as alumni prepared the ingredients and packed lunchboxes for distribution to the needy. Alumni were heartened to know that their efforts would go a long way in helping others.

Some 35 Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI) alumni from the Class of 1998 gathered to reminisce the good old times at their 20th anniversary reunion held on 7 July 2018 at the Lime House. Alumni had fun exchanging interesting stories among themselves. Emeritus Professor Eddie Kuo, Professor Charles Salmon, Professor Ang Peng Hwa and Professor Hao Xiaoming were also present to celebrate the joyous reunion.

It was a meaningful experience for the NTU Buddhist Society Alumni members who embarked on their annual pilgrimage to Yangon, Myanmar on 9 August 2018. A place of vivid scenery rich in Buddhist culture, Yangon provided alumni with many important lessons on life. Alumni made offerings and donations at Buddhist sites such as the Naga Cave Pagoda and Monastery and Seikpudaung Monastic Orphanage. They also learnt a lot about Burmese culture during the trip.

A group of 16 Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI) alumni and staff gathered at Bread Street Kitchen at Marina Bay Sands on 21 August 2018 for their School’s board meeting. The enthusiastic alumni board also recently met up with the School’s management committee to discuss the nominees for alumni awards and to offer inputs on the undergraduate core curriculum. It was a pleasant gathering where alumni took the opportunity to catch up with one another in a casual setting.

Hearty Meals for the Needy

More than 70 School of Humanities (SoH) alumni, professors and guests gathered on 11 August to launch the School of Humanities Alumni Association (SoHAA) and welcome the School’s Class of 2018. Professor Joseph Liow, Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, unveiled the SoHAA logo, accompanied by Professor K. K. Luke, Chair of SoH; Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of NTU Alumni Affairs, and Mr Henry Loh (SoH/2017), President of SoHAA. Alumni had a wonderful time catching up with one another over a tea buffet and brought home great memories along with a limited edition SoHAA laptop sleeve.

Remembering the Good Times

The NTU Tamil Literary Society (TLS) Annual Orientation Day, held on 25 August 2018 at NTU, saw about 60 NTU TLS alumni, undergraduates and postgraduates immerse themselves in the vibrant Tamil culture. NTU TLS alumni Muhammad Adullah (NBS/2015), Arun Ramasamy (EEE/2017), Sembilan Somasundaram (MAE/2017) and Lekha Ravi (SCBE/2017) led their teams in the amazing race- and avengers-themed activities. Alumni also took the opportunity to share their exciting TLS experiences with the students.

A Pilgrimage to Myanmar

 Harmony and pride filled the Victoria Concert Hall as some 60 NTU Symphonic Winds Alumni Association band members gathered to perform at their inaugural concert titled ‘Reprise’ on 23 June 2018. The performing alumni spanned generations and were joined by past and present conductors. All members performed with great enthusiasm, reliving memories and creating new ones.

For the Love of Tamil Culture

 The enthusiastic alumni board met during both events. SoH alumni witnessed the unveiling of their Alumni Association’s logo and welcomed the Class of 2018 to their ranks.

A Delightful Discussion

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The Melody of Good Memories

The following week, about 20 SSS alumni and staff unleashed their creativity at the SSSAA office planting workshop on 8 September 2018. Participants had a great time catching up with one another and their professors during both events.

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A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

On 21 July 2018, some 40 alumni from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) gathered for their alumni association’s Annual General Meeting at the Kallang branch of McDonald’s. The meeting saw a new executive committee take over the reins of the MAE Alumni Association for the term of 2018 to 2020. Deputy Director of NTU Alumni Affairs Ms Christine Chua and Assistant Professor Marcos (MAE/2003), Assistant Chair (Students) of the School of MAE, delivered inspiring speeches. Outgoing MAEAA President Ms Jean Chan (MAE/2014) and incoming President Mr Kho Yu Cheng (MAE/2013) also addressed the crowd.

CHAMPIONING A GOOD CAUSE

School of Materials Science and Engineering Alumni Association (MSEAA) volunteers brought warmth and joy to migrant workers in Singapore as they joined the Social Enterprises, Outreach and Philanthropy Network’s Project Chulia Street National Day Tribute for Migrant Workers, held on 12 August 2018 at Westlite Papan workers dormitory. The event saw migrant workers receiving health screening, dental checks and nutrition advice via pop-up clinics. A farmer’s market was also on site to distribute fruits and vegetables, while MSEAA alumni provided games and performances.

NO SHORT SUPPLY OF KNOWLEDGE

Some 30 School of Materials Science and Engineering Alumni Association (MSEAA) alumni had an insightful session at the MSE Alumni Association (MSEAA) Trade and Industry Network, held at 29A Cuppage Road on 25 August 2018. The Chapter was launched with a discussion on the future of procurement and supply chain industries. The event provided a great platform for participants to network with industry professionals in a relaxed and educational setting.

FAREWELL AND YOU AROUND

Some 80 alumni of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) attended the CEE Graduate Farewell on 16 May 2018. themed ‘Victory’, the venue was decked out mainly in striking gold and white. This year, the dinner and dance celebration took place at the Pioneer Function Hall at NTU. Guests-of-honour CEE Chair Professor Wang Rong and CEE Associate Chair (Students) Associate Professor Qin Xiaosheng graced the event. The highlight of the event was the interactive ‘Khahot’ game where participants installed an application on their mobile devices to answer questions and gain points. Vouchers were then given out as prizes.

A QUICK GETAWAY ACROSS THE CAUSEWAY

Close to 30 School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering (SCBE) alumni had a memorable one-day durian tour to Bekok, Johor on 4 August 2018. It was an eye-opening experience as alumni took the opportunity to tour the rustic town. Participants also had an enriching time immersing themselves in Hakka culture and history at the Hakka heritage centre. The sumptuous durians were the highlight of the trip. Participants satiated their craving for the king of fruits and bonded over the food.

DEEE LICIOUS DURIANS IN JB

It was durians galore for a group of 90 School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) alumni, family and staff who ventured to Johor Bahru on 21 July 2018. Led by a local guide, they first stopped by a Hakka cultural site for a great learning experience. The group then continued on to Yong Peng for durians at Stingless Bee Farm, followed by Malaysian hawker food for dinner.

MISSION: MEETUP MADE POSSIBLE

It was a thrilling afternoon for some 90 alumni and their friends and family members at the ‘Mission: Impossible–Fallout’ movie screening organised by NTU Alumni Affairs Office on 29 July 2018 at Golden Village Plaza Singapore. The adventures of Agent Ethan Hunt became a popular talking point among alumni, who also took the chance to catch up with one another at the screenings.
A SPRINGBOARD FOR SUCCESS

LIM WEE SHAN
(NIE/2015)

My training at the National Institute of Education was pivotal in shaping me professionally. The interactions with the professors and the precious friendships I’ve forged with other like-minded individuals have helped shape my teaching identity. I met my partner Elena at NTU. I first saw Elena in a lecture theatre and I remember noticing her glasses had special curly rims that were very interesting. We got to know each other more when we hung out at the Global Lounge in our freshman year. We intended to work on our math tutorials but often ended up talking and hence falling in love with each other.

NTU holds many fond memories for us and we were elated to return to NTU for a photoshoot. Our favourite place is the performance space at the Nanyang Playhouse. We were NIE drama students and spent many hours there rehearsing with our classmates. We’re not exaggerating when we say that drama has permanently changed the way we view life.

SAMBAT AMARAK VIPASINY
(RSIS/2013)

My experience at NTU was very important for me academically and personally. My class was a diverse one with students of many nationalities and professional backgrounds. Their friendship is as important to me as the knowledge I gained as an undergraduate.

I am currently a managing director at a hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Before this, I was working briefly in the life insurance sector in Cambodia. NTU has helped me become a better thinker and strategist, which is important for my current role.

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JESSICA LEE YUN QIAN
(NBS/2008)

I always looked forward to going to classes during my undergraduate days. I majored in banking and finance and am really glad to be applying my knowledge and skills as an associate director with Advisors Clique.

Having taken up a leadership position at the Hall of Residence 2 as an undergraduate, I participated in various sports such as basketball, softball and netball. Those experiences helped shape my competitive character. I also greatly cherish the relationships I built there. NTU has given me numerous opportunities, for which I am immensely grateful.

I continue to give back to my alma mater by sponsoring my school’s committee. I’m filled with nostalgia whenever I step onto NTU’s campus!

NICOLETTE NG ZI NING
(HSS/2013)

What I really enjoyed about life on campus was the autonomy—you could plan your own schedule, classes, arrange consultations and take up extra-curricular activities. The diverse range of modules offered and the facilities to support them were very helpful as well.

My university experience taught me the importance of taking a proactive role in learning. It also gave me a chance to try out programmes beyond my university major. For example, I took an astronomy module in year 3 and a creative writing module in year 4. Both were fascinating! Moreover, being involved in the Ignite Change freshmen camp in my final year gave me a platform to experience planning and leading events.

The knowledge and skills I picked up at NTU have helped me do well in my current role at an English and writing enrichment company called The Write Corner. We currently have four branches and 700 students.

JOHN CHANG KYOUNG MOON
(NTC/2012)

I decided to take up NTU’s Master of Science Technopreneurship and Innovation Programme (TIP) because I felt it was more interesting and meaningful than a Master’s in Business Administration. Although TIP was very tough, it helped me reinvent myself as an innovator in the life-changing field of technology. I was enlightened that entrepreneurship is not just a career path but also a mindset and a set of skills that can be used within a company as well.

In my role as a Tender and Special Projects Manager in a medical device company, I’m always thinking of value creation and asking myself how I can help people see not only the utility of the products we offer, but also the strategic intangible value of our entire product portfolio.

At the end of the day, it’s all about making a difference to society. Even though I’m not an entrepreneur per se, I still practice intrapreneurship by inspiring new ideas in the value chain and developing the entrepreneurial mindset among my colleagues.
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EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2018

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NTU Alumni Movie Screening
"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald"

18–22
Exclusive SD4N Interactive Cruise Tour on board Costa Fortuna (Museum of Sea)

20
NTU Alumni Networking Dinner in Seoul

DECEMBER 2018

02–07
NTU Alumni Digital Economy Innovation Immersion Trip

08
Tête-à-Tête with NTU management/faculty

FEBRUARY 2019

23
EAT.GROW.LOVE. Meal-Packing Event

JANUARY 2019

Tête-à-Tête with NTU management/faculty

In order not to miss out on any announcements on upcoming events organized by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office, do remember to update your contact details with us.

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