Different generations of NTU Alumni reunite on campus for a memorable homecoming.

Later in the evening, Minister Chee shared more about the founding of Nanyang University in his speech. This was a continuation of the afternoon’s narrative, which saw the naming of the building housing NTU’s College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences as “Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Building” and the re-naming of Nanyang Valley as “Tan Lark Sye Walk.”

"Nantah went on to nurture a total of 12,000 graduates, including many who belong to the Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation. Nantah graduates have made outstanding contributions in various fields, from journalism, education and the arts to science, business, labour unions and public service. They include Enick Suratman, Mr Thomas Chua and five other awardees whom we are honouring today," Minister Chee said.

Minister Chee and Prof Suresh proceeded to present trophies and certificates to the Nanyang Alumni Award recipients. The evening ended on a high with dance performances by NTU Breakers, Dance Sport Academy and MJ Hip Hop student clubs.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS
THE TCM WAY
Alumni and guests came together for an afternoon of learning before NTU Alumni Night. At the NTU Chinese Medicine Clinic, participants were greeted with wellness tea as they toured its facilities. There were also demonstration areas where they could learn about traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) treatments such as acupuncture and cupping, as well as the taxonomy of various herbs.

A Mandarin forum entitled "Holistic Health Management for Gracious Living" chaired by Dr Goh Chye Tee, Director of NTU Chinese Medicine Clinic, was attended by some 100 alumni and guests.

Dr Goh began his session by sharing his definition of what it means to be ‘healthy’ and giving an overview of the foundation of TCM treatment.

According to Dr Goh, there are different stages of health management. These include healthy status, sub-healthy status, disease symptoms, rehabilitation symptoms and different healing states. As the old adage goes: ‘prevention is better than cure’. Dr Goh suggested taking supplements, choosing healthy food and consuming herbs to prevent illnesses from occurring.

In conclusion, Dr Goh emphasized the importance of "co-existing well with nature" and to "maintain humanistic harmony", in order to lead a well-rounded life.

MAKING GOOD TRADE-OFFS
Over at the School of Biological Sciences, Professor Euston Quah, Albert Winsemius Chair Professor and NTU Head of Economics, provided his two cents’ worth of wisdom at the forum "Why We Need Cost-benefit Analysis".

A pioneer in the field, he started cost-benefit analysis courses at two universities locally. The intrepid professor has also been consulted by various ministries and served as the Principal Advisor for cost-benefit analysis and economic-valuation projects for several government agencies.

Addressing an audience of 60, Prof Quah illustrated the basic idea behind cost-benefit analysis — that is to consider the decision-making process. He went on to describe how cost-benefit analysis can operate on a much larger scale to impact society.

Drawing from his wealth of advisory experience, Prof Quah shared numerous valuation case studies with the captive audience. A question-and-answer session concluded the forum. Prof Quah left the audience armed with an understanding of cost-benefit analysis and how it can help them make better decisions personally and professionally.

SHAPING HOW CHILDREN LEARN
Some 60 alumni and guests gathered at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine’s Learning Studio to attend the forum "How do Children Learn?" led by Dr Rebecca Chan, Lecturer, Early Childhood & Special Needs Education (ECSE) Academic Group, NIE-NTU.

In an engaging and interactive session, Dr Chan shared about how to better connect with young children by understanding the way they process information. Tools such as analogical thought processes and building on their prior knowledge can increase meaningful engagement with children. This in turn could lead to a change in their understanding and subsequent behaviour.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD
At the NTU Food Science & Technology Laboratory Discovery Experience, Professor William Chen, Director of NTU’s Food Science and Technology programme, was on hand with his students to showcase various food-processing technology innovations which were devised to enhance food security.

From seeing biodegradable packaging made from durian husk to witnessing fresh juice being converted into powder form, it was an eye-opening experience for participants.

A high-octane opening act put up by the NTU Chinese Drums student club.

The audience listening with rapt attention as Prof Quah shares about harnessing the advantages of cost-benefit analysis.

Director of NTU’s Food Science and Technology programmes, Prof William Chen (2nd from right) looks on as his student shows various food-processing technology innovations.

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