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    校友感言园地
中国高干获益南大教育
南洋理工大学已成为中国在海外培养高级干部的主要基地。

身穿礼袍的师生们整装待发，准备列队入场。

南大校长徐冠林博士在南大海外（中国）毕业典礼上，对130多名中国毕业生说，南大已与中国哈佛大学齐名，成为中国在海外培养高级干部的两所最重要的高等学府之一。

这是南大第四次举办海外毕业典礼，今年有288名中国学员在南大修完硕士学位课程。在这批毕业生当中，有许多是中国各省市的中高级干部，因此南大通过其在中国的相关课程，对这个亚洲巨人扮演着“重要角色”。

徐校长强调指出，自1992年起，南大已为中国各省市通过硕士学位课程及短期培训班培养了8000多名中高级干部。

在新加坡的高等学府中，南大是第一所在海外举办毕业典礼的大学。这次毕业典礼于9月19日在远离新加坡3000多公里的福建省东南沿海城市厦门举行。

南大师生副董事长黄祖耀博士主持了毕业典礼。出席典礼的有南大校董会董事和南大校方领导，中共中央组织部干部培训局副局长曹毅先生，中共福建省委组织部常常委。另外，中共厦门市委常委、厦门市委常委兼组织部部长黄文彪女士和新加坡驻厦门总领事郑美乐女士。

再接再厉
徐校长透露，南大准备扩大中国项目办公室的规模，以进一步提升中国相关课程和项目。这意味着南大将开设更多的全面性和综合性课程，并使中国相关项目与文、理、工、商四大学院属下的12所院校进行更加活跃的合作。

他补充说：“这将使我们为现有的‘市长班’两个硕士课程（即管理经济学课程和公共管理课程）加强师资阵容和研究力量。”

徐校长也透露，南大正探讨建立中国研究院（即一所跨学科的研究生院）的可行性，这将使南大得以即使在经济危机下也能进入日益壮大的中国市场。南大也计划进一步扩大和加强本科生到中国的学习和浸濡。

任重道远
目前南大在中国的校友总人数己超过一万。
NTU takes the lead
NTU has become China’s key overseas partner for the training of senior officials.

NTU is one of China’s two most important overseas partners – the other is Harvard University – for the training of senior Chinese officials, NTU President Dr Su Guaning told more than 130 graduates at their convocation.

The convocation, the University’s fourth, saw a total of 288 China-based graduates complete NTU’s Master’s degree programmes this year.

With the graduation of its latest cohort, many of whom are senior and middle-ranking Chinese officials across different provinces, NTU is playing a ‘leading role’ in building bridges to the Asian giant through its China-focused programmes.

Dr Su made the point, emphasising that the University has since 1992 been conducting Master’s programmes and short-term training programmes for more than 8,000 mid- and high-level Chinese officials.

NTU is the first among universities in Singapore to hold convocation abroad. Its latest convocation was held 3,000 km away from Singapore in Xiamen, a coastal city in southeastern Fujian, on 19 September.

NTU Pro-Chancellor Dr Wee Cho Yaw presided over the graduation ceremony, which was also attended by the NTU Board of Trustees and senior management. Some of the top brass from the Chinese administrative service attended as special guests. Among them were: Mr Cao Yi, Deputy Director General (Inspector), Senior Officials Training Bureau of the Organisation Department of Central Committee CPC; Mr Wei Tingfang, Member of the Organisation Department of Fujian Provincial Committee CPC; and Ms Huang Xiaoying, Standing Member of the Xiamen Municipal Committee and Director of the Organisation Department of Xiamen Municipal Committee. Ms Tee Bee Lock, Singapore Consul-General in Xiamen was present, as well.

Doing more
Dr Su shed light on plans to expand the capacity of NTU’s China Affairs Office to further enhance the development of its China programmes and initiatives. This means more well-rounded and competitive opportunities will be made available as NTU’s China programmes will be integrated into the other 12 schools under the Colleges of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Science, Engineering and Business.

“This will enable us to reinforce the teaching and research capacities for our existing ‘Mayors’ Classes’ in Managerial Economics and Public Administration,” he added.

Dr Su also revealed that NTU was exploring the feasibility of setting up an Institute of China Studies, an interdisciplinary graduate school that will allow the University to tap the growing Chinese market, the financial crisis notwithstanding. There are also plans to expand and reinforce the China immersion programmes aimed at NTU’s undergraduate students.

Going far
The number of NTU’s China-based alumni has grown to more than 10,000.

To date, the highly regarded Master of Science in Managerial Economics and Master of Public Administration programmes have trained 765 senior and middle-ranking Chinese officials.

For best practices in public administrators’ effectiveness, NTU has a part to play in the rising China.
南大福建校友会隆重成立

新校友会的成立将支持日益壮大的南大中国校友队伍。

2009年9月19日，350多位南大校友与来自新加坡南大校友会及嘉宾欢聚在厦门海悦山庄的海悦厅，为庆祝南大福建校友会的正式成立举行的典礼。

南大名誉副校长黄祖耀博士、新加坡驻厦门总领事郑美玉女士及南大校长徐冠林博士一起为南大福建校友会的成立主持仪式。出席的嘉宾也包括多位南大校友会董事如连维思校友、谢万森校友、殷君星校友，还有刚刚毕业的中国校友们，六个省市兄弟校友会的代表们，福建校友会的全体校友及新加坡的校友团，新加坡商会福建分会的理事等。

徐校长在致词时说：“南大过去五十多年来，培育了13万名毕业生，到目前为止，南大的中国校友人数已超过一万名，海外的校友已经在中国、英国、印尼、印度、越南及泰国等地成立了校友会。单单在中国，南大校友会已经在15个省市（即北京、上海、杭州、南京、广州、大连、浙江、四川、湖南、云南、香港和福建）成立，在不久的将来也会在河北、广西和黑龙江等省市相继诞生。南大福建校友会的成立，是一个重要的里程碑。

福建校友会会长曾祥辉校友指出：“母校留给我们的，是最严谨的作风、最激情的精神、最真诚的情谊、最美好的回忆，母校是永远抹不掉的‘胎记’．．．校友会的成立，为我们搭建了共叙友情、重温师恩的平台，让我们在步入社会、经历人生酸甜苦辣之后，可以在这里相聚、小憩和交流．．”。

校友与嘉宾在《难忘今宵》的合唱歌声中欢畅的结束了南大校友联欢会。

母校是我们永远抹不掉的“胎记”
Over the past 30 years, China has stunned the world with its dramatic transformation and economic progress...Throughout this process, the ‘Singapore experience’ has been highly valued by the Chinese government, and NTU has had a major role to play in the sharing of this experience,” said NTU President Dr Su Guaning.

Dr Su cited the role of the University during his address whilst officiating the launch of the NTU Alumni Association in Fujian. He added that more associations will likely be set up in Hebei, Guangxi and Heilongjiang, to better serve the 10,000 China-based alumni.

The latest in the University’s China chapters, the association is aimed to cater to the 160 alumni currently living and working in Fujian.

Pro-Chancellor Dr Wee Cho Yaw and Singapore Consul-General to Xiamen, China, Ms Tee Bee Lock, graced the launch. Various members of NTU Board of Trustees, including Ms Lien Siaou-Sze, Mr Chia Ban Seng and Mr Inderjit Singh, and representatives from the other China alumni associations, were also present to lend support. In total, there were 350 guests at the launch held on 19 September in Xiamen, a coastal city in southeastern Fujian.

Asian Networking

The NTU Alumni Association (Fujian) President, Mr Zeng Xianghui, shared with guests the multi-cultural education he received from NTU. It had left an indelible impression on him, which he compared to a ‘birthmark’ that will always remain. That he had fond feelings for his alma mater was clear.

NTU has built a strong network within Asia, with China in the lead. The new chapter in Fujian brings the total number of alumni associations in China to 15. The others are in Beijing, Shandong, Shanghai, Jilin, Liaoning, Guangdong, Chongqing, Hubei, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Sichuan, Hunan, Yunnan, and Hong Kong SAR.

The growing network will give the University fresh opportunities to keep in touch with its China-based alumni.

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Dr Su Guaning

NTU President
相聚在东方之珠
记南大香港校友会成立

2009年11月6日傍晚，华灯初上的香港霓虹闪烁。在南大校友和远道而来的嘉宾们汇聚到香港跑马地圣士提反书院会堂出席南洋理工大学香港校友会成立大会暨香港校友联欢会。

大会邀请到多位重要嘉宾，包括新加坡共和国驻香港特别行政区总领事柯新治校友、南大校长徐冠林博士、南大大学秘书长张顺才先生、南大首席大学事务推展总监周庆全先生、南大校友事务处主任孙春炎先生、南洋大学香港校友会会长林顺忠校友，共达80多位校友和嘉宾们前来共庆这个激动人心的成立仪式。

大会贵宾徐冠林校长在成立仪式上说：“南洋理工大学香港校友会的成立，是一个重要的里程碑。我谨代表南洋理工大学全体同仁，向各位表示热烈的祝贺……感谢在座的每一位嘉宾、南大校友会的理事、各位南大校友、以及南大校友事务处的同仁，没有你们的支持，我今晚不可能站在这里，与各位一同见证这个重要的时刻。我们也很感激南洋大学香港校友会，对南洋理工大学香港校友会的全力支持，我希望这两个犹如兄弟一般的校友会，今后能并肩携手，互相支援，把校友会的工作做得更加出色。”

随后，大会的嘉宾们被邀请上台，在全体校友们的见证下，徐校长和柯新治总领事为校友会的成立主持揭匾仪式。紧接着，当南洋理工大学香港校友会会长刘瀚杨校友从徐校长手中接过大学校旗的时候，台下响起热烈的掌声。

随着晚宴拉开序幕，校友和嘉宾们共举酒杯，彼此送上发自肺腑的祝福和期待。大家还观赏了校友会特制的缅怀旧日南大的精彩幻灯片，而非常珍惜这次的盛会。正如徐校长所说，生活在繁忙的大都市，我们要懂得适当地放慢脚步，希望香港的校友们多参加校友会的活动，珍惜每一个团聚的机会。
Partnersing Hong Kong
The University sets up the NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong) to foster a win-win partnership.

Alumni living and working in Hong Kong SAR will now have more opportunities to participate actively in the advancement of their alma mater. They will also be able to harness opportunities for business collaboration and get involved in more activities.

The launch of the NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong) will foster a win-win partnership between the alumni community and the University.

Officiated by NTU President Dr Su Guaning, the launch was graced by distinguished guests, among them Dr Ker Sin Tze and Mr Lim Soon Chong. Dr Ker is Consul General of the Republic of Singapore in Hong Kong SAR, and Mr Lim, the President of Nanyang University Alumni Association in Hong Kong. NTU was also represented by Mr Anthony Teo, Secretary to the University, Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Chief University Advancement Officer and Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs.

Dr Su accorded recognition to several of the Nanyang University alumni in his speech for their support in setting up the new association. Indeed, the launch marks the close relationship between the two Hong Kong chapters, which will serve nearly 130 alumni located on the island today. The NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong) is NTU’s fourteenth chapter set up in China after Fujian and its nineteenth, internationally.

**Historical links**
The new NTU Alumni Association (Hong Kong) is headed by Mr Liew Han-Young, an alumnus of NTU’s School of Civil & Environmental Engineering’s Class of 1995.

“The way forward,” he stressed, “is to tap the unique roots of our heritage so as to press on the effort of transforming NTU into a university of global stature.” Mr Liew cited the importance of working together in advancing NTU, as well as working with diverse stakeholders. Taking pride in how far NTU has come since the days of Nanyang University, he vowed to keep the association relevant to NTU’s continual pursuit of education excellence vis-à-vis the rapidly expanding network of alumni associations worldwide.

**Alumni roles**
Of the role alumni can play in the development of the University, Dr Su said: “Whilst the quality of the education we offer and the research we conduct are traditional benchmarks of excellence, it is the impact you, our alumni, make on society and the world in the course of living your lives and carving out your careers, that cements our long-term reputation as a great global university.”

He urged alumni to uphold the indomitable Nantah Spirit, more so if they serve as ambassadors of the University. “The Nantah Spirit is now the hallmark of our students and graduates,” he added.

Lest memories of the University’s heritage were a thing of the past for the Hong Kong alumni who hadn’t returned to the Yunnan Garden campus for a while, alumni and guests were treated to an association game. They were flashed images of the buildings on the campus and tasked to identify them. The game made the launch memorable.

The launch was held on 6 November at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
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NTU’s Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA) alumni and students pooled their resources to set up the ‘Nanyang Love and Care Fund for Education’ two months after the Sichuan earthquake last May. The special charity fund had donated one million yuan (approximately S$211,000) to rebuild a Sichuan school wrecked by the seismic disaster.

The Class of 2008 alumnus, Mr Zhao Wei, who spearheaded the setting up of the fund, said the alumni decided to focus on education-related programmes, as “education is still the best way out of poverty”.

“But, instead of a one-off donation, we plan to devote time and resources to raise the quality of teaching and school management here in the long term,” said Mr Zhao. He is the Vice-President of Singapore-listed Hongguo International Holdings.

A New Beginning

The school given a new lease of life now has ‘Nanyang’ connection in the name it has adopted to commemorate the NTU donation. Dr Su Guaning, NTU President, and Mr Xiao Longxi, Vice-Mayor of Deyang, the Sichuan city where the school is located, unveiled the new name – Shuangdong Nanyang Primary School – at a ceremony held on 6 September.

Dr Su lauded the alumni, most of whom are successful entrepreneurs and executives, for their social responsibility and doing their alma mater proud.

“We will be sharing with the principal and teachers the latest management philosophies, with the hope of upgrading the management and pedagogy in the school,” he said.

The school was formerly known as Shuangdong Primary School. It is a public, full-day school for children of local farmers and immigrant farmhands, under a voluntary rural education scheme.

How NTU largesse rebuilds quake-hit Sichuan school

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(New staff office building, dormitory and a sports track)

NTU’s EMBA alumni and students chip in to help the province’s quake victims to rebuild lives through education.

The world’s third largest economy, China, is recovering from recession. Its recovery may well contribute to the early signs of a global recovery. The topic was discussed as part of the theme for this year’s NTU Nanyang Business School (NBS) Business Forum on the new economic world order and the challenges for China.

Representing NTU, Professor Tan Kong Yam, Director of Asian Research Centre, tackled the issue of weak consumer spending. Chinese tends to save up a huge portion of their income on essentials like education and healthcare, he shared.

Another speaker, Dr Chen Dongqi, the Vice-Head of Macroeconomic Research at the National Development and Reform Commission, China, said that the Chinese government would need to make structural changes to boost lagging sectors such as services and light industries.

The other distinguished speakers, representing academia, government bodies and industry, from China and Singapore were: Dr Lee Boon Keng, UBS’ Singapore Chief Investment Strategist and Mr Wang Hang, Vice-President of New Hope Group and Director of China Minsheng Banking Corporation Ltd.

Held on 5 September, the NBS Business Forum was attended by at least 200 alumni.

NBS’ Interim Dean, Professor Gillian Yeo, said in her welcome address, that the forum will serve as “a vibrant link between the University and our alumni”. She hopes that alumni will “make full use of this rare opportunity to acquire new knowledge, exchange views with the experts and network”.

NTU’s EMBA alumni and students chip in to help the province’s quake victims to rebuild lives through education.
三方商业论坛探索世界经济课题

中国和新加坡的学术界、政界和工商界三方领袖人物首次云集成都市，讨论“环球经济新秩序下的现实与展望—从大环境看企业战略”。

南洋理工大学南洋商学院选择中国作为它的两年一度的商业论坛地点，为两国学术界、政界和工商界的领袖人物提供三方交流的机会。

三句不离本行

南大亚洲研究中心主任陈光炎教授是论坛上七位演讲嘉宾之一，他论述了中国所强调的国内消费驱动增长的课题。

陈教授认为，中国人民的高储蓄率是一个障碍，造成人民群众消费疲弱。中国人倾向于把一大部份收入储蓄起来，用于教育和保健等重要开销。他建议中国政府降低这种储蓄的必要性，并且通过提供更多的社会福利来鼓励消费。

除了陈教授外，其他六位代表中新两国学术界、政界和工商界演讲的嘉宾包括：瑞士银行首席投资策略师（新加坡）李文庆博士、中国国家发展与改革委员会宏观经济研究院副院长陈东琪博士、以及新希望集团董事兼副总裁暨中国民生银行董事王航先生。其中五人来自中国，两人来自新加坡。

活跃的联系

南大南洋商学院代院长杨贤卿教授表示：“我们举办这个论坛作为一个平台，让南洋商学院和南大校友聚集一堂，使校友和母校之间继续保持活跃的联系。我希望校友们能充分利用这个难得的机会，获得新知识、同专家学者交换看法、沟通交流。”

这是南洋商学院首次在成都市举办经济论坛。论坛于9月5日举行，出席的校友超过200人。在探索“环球经济新秩序”的同时，校友们也有机会再次与南大挂钩，并与母校建立紧密联系。
校友慷慨解囊，为四川小学生带来希望

南洋理工大学高级工商管理硕士班校友及学员们捐献100万元人民币，为中国四川省灾后一所小学进行重建和扩建。

今年9月6日，对于四川省小学生和南大来说，是一个很有意义的日子。因为那天是该小学在遭受四川大地震后进行重建和重新命名的日子。南大校长徐冠林博士出席了别具一格的“南洋爱心小学”命名仪式，与他一起出席命名仪式的还有德阳市政府官员、小学行政人员以及一些南大EMBA校友。

该校的前身为“双东小学”，在南大校友所设立的“南洋爱心教育基金”的资助下重建和扩建。

热心教育

“南洋爱心教育基金”是在“5·12”汶川大地震两个月后，由南大2008年校友赵伟及其他几位南大商学院EMBA校友共同设立的。他们的使命很明确：协助发展四川的教育基础设施。

赵伟校友是在新加坡上市的鸿国国际控股有限公司的副主席，他在谈到这次援助活动时表示：“教育仍然是脱贫致富的最佳途径……我们不是采取一次性捐款，而是集中精力、时间和资源，以便从长远提高这里的教学质量和服务水平。”

捐款数额

他们所捐献的100万元人民币（约21万1千新元）将用于“硬件”建设，包括建造一栋新教学楼、提供宿舍、行政楼和体育设施。扩建后的学校将容纳12个教学班，招生规模扩大到540人。

南大校长徐冠林博士说：“我们可以跟小学校长和老师们分享最新的管理理念，让小学在管理和教学质量得到提升。”他补充说：“我为我们南洋EMBA的学员和校友感到无比的骄傲与光荣！你们都是成功的企业家、事业有成，虽然平时工作繁忙，但是不忘关爱社会、关爱国家、关爱弱势群体，实实在在地履行了企业家的社会责任并为母校带来无比荣耀！”
您的捐款从钱包流向哪里？
南洋理工大学校友的捐款将造福来届学生和大学本身。

自愿捐献的南大校友，不仅仅是打开了他们的钱包，也真正打开了他们的心怀。因为他们通过“南大募捐大使”所捐出的钱将源源不断地支援大学的各项活动，包括奖学金和助学金之内。

值得注意的一个具体团队是2009年毕业班。尽管经济持续下滑，然而他们还是慷慨解囊。在南大连续第4年的募捐活动中创造了新纪录。几乎有半数（准确地说是43.6%）的毕业生在“毕业班级捐款活动”中慷慨捐款。

“毕业班级捐款活动”是南大三个年度捐款活动之一。另外两个是：“校友年度捐款活动”和“教职员年度捐款活动”。这三项活动旨在培养南大社群的捐献习惯。

播下捐献的种子
南大2009年毕业班级的“募捐大使”们在南大校友举办的“年度募捐大使之夜”获得表 彰，荣获“我捐献”（I Gave）奖。“年度募捐大使之夜”于10月2日在艺术、设计与媒体学院内同中秋节联欢会同时举行。

获奖者之一陈施桦小姐（南大材料科学与工程学院2009年毕业生）应邀在会上介绍她的捐款经验。她说：“作为一个团队，我们尽力而为……我们从一个学院走到另一个学院，从一个宿舍走到另一个宿舍，挨门挨户播下奉献的种子，并且向同学们解释为什么要回馈学校。这样，我们的学弟学妹们就能享有最好的南大经验。当她了解了“班级募捐大使计划”时，她认为这是向曾经培育过她的母校说一声“谢谢您！”的好机会。

现在是“校友募捐大使”
陈小姐和另外一位班级募捐大使陈炳和先生（南大土木与环境工程学院2009年毕业生）决心在毕业之后也继续进行筹款和捐款活动，他也荣获“我捐献”奖的金奖。该奖、银奖和铜奖是根据募捐大使们所筹集的捐款额而颁发。

陈先生也表示，他也希望看到他所播下的奉献种子开花结果。他现在作为“校友募捐大使”也面临新的挑战。他说：“因为我现在已经工作，更重要的是怎样调整时间。”他在南大学习时也享受助学金，因此亲身体会到捐款的作用；助学金给他的生活带来变化。他今天是埃克森美孚(亚太)有限公司的土木工程师。

南大校长徐冠林博士赞扬2009年毕业班募捐大使转变成为“南大校友募捐大使”，继续进行募捐活动。他说：“我衷心感谢今晚在场的大使们向新募集的2010年班级募捐大使们分享经验！”
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Phonathon Ambassadors: In profile

Oil behind the scenes, on weeknights and weekends, are NTU students who are the University’s Phonathon Ambassadors. Their voices reach out to tens of thousands of NTU alumni, as they silently spread the culture of giving.

One dedicated student shared why he does it. He is Aeron Leong, NTU’s longest-serving Phonathon Ambassador. “Initially, I volunteered because I wanted to improve my communication skills. I soon learnt that soliciting gifts wasn’t easy. Though hard, I didn’t give up because I believe in the cause. Gradually, I got better at it. I was also encouraged by some of the alumni I called. They were receptive to giving and felt that such a campaign provided an avenue for them to do their bit to advance the University where they once studied,” said Aeron. He even received encouragement through the phone for his studies.

The fourth-year MAE student has been putting on his headset for more than two and a half years and will continue to lend his voice for a good cause.

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As many as 300 alumni from as far back as 1989 returned to their alma mater to attempt a never before record-setting feat. They were to form the nation’s largest mosaic of business cards. They did and set a record for forming a mosaic measuring 1.75m long and 0.83m wide, comprising 300 namecards.

Besides piecing together a record mosaic, they were also re-united in piecing together memories of bygone days spent at NTU before graduating 20, 15, 10 and five years ago, for the respective classes.

The momentous occasion of record-setting and reminiscing took place on the fine afternoon of 26 September where alumni and guests gathered at the Nanyang Auditorium Foyer.

A mosaic to unite
The Chairman of the Combined Class Reunion Organising Committee, Mr Lim Thian Fatt, said that the mosaic idea was to unite the alumni towards a common goal. He registered his gratitude to all alumni participants, especially those who made it to the reunion all the way from Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

“Getting everybody involved for the purpose of setting a record adds interest and meaning to the reunion. We saw everyone eagerly fishing out their cards at the point of registration. There was class unity and participation,” said Mr Lim. The Class of 1989 graduated from the School of Civil & Environmental Engineering.

He added: “The Class Reunions event is one that is organised by the alumni, for the alumni. The organising committee has put in time and effort in making this event successful and we are all appreciative of all alumni and friends that have taken time to be there. It was fun coming back to the campus and meeting up with old friends who had come down with their family in tow. At the same time, we set a new record, too!”

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Friends unite: Alumni and their families gather for a friendly reunion, celebrating it with the placement of their class plaques at the Quad.

We have set a new record! Alumni and guests place the final touches to the largest namecard mosaic. Present are: (From left) Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Chief University Advancement Officer; Mr Lim Thian Fatt, Chairman, Class Reunion Organising Committee; Professor Er Meng Hwa, Senior Associate Provost; Professor Ting Seng Kiong, Associate Dean, College of Engineering (behind, in grey); Ms Violet Ong, representative of Class of 1994 Reunion Organising Committee; Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs and Mr Hendra Wirawan, Chairman of Class of 2004 Reunion Organising Committee.
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NTULink profiles our inspiring alumni whom NTU gave due recognition to, at NTU Alumni Night 2009. This year, 26 individuals clinched the awards. The presentation ceremony was held in conjunction with NTU Alumni Night Homecoming 2009 on 24 October at Nanyang Auditorium.
Mr Chia Ban Seng  
PMB, BBM  
(Science/Class of 1961)

A proponent of education with an exemplary fortitude for public service and social causes

Although running a conglomerate, Mr Chia Ban Seng still finds time to devote to education. The 70-year-old has taken on several leadership roles, including serving as a member on the NTU Board of Trustees and helming the school management committees of Nanyang Junior College and Chung Cheng High School. He had chaired the Deyi Secondary School Advisory Committee for 26 years.

Mr Chia, who has been elected the Senior Honorary Council Member of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has served the Chamber voluntarily for at least 16 years as a Council Member. Eight of those years were spent as its Vice-President.

He also served as Deputy Chairman of Singapore Chinese Orchestra and has been serving as a Member on the Chinese Development Assistance Council Board of Trustees, Chinese Heritage Centre Board of Governors and Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Board of Directors.

Mr Chia led the establishment of NTU’s Tan Lark Sye Professorship in Chinese Language and Culture and raised funds for the cause. He was Chairman of the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, and oversaw the refurbishment of the 120 year-old bungalow where Dr Sun Yet Sen resided for a brief period of time.

The Public Service Star and the Public Service Medal were conferred on Mr Chia by the government in 2002 and 1990, respectively, in recognition of his social pursuits. Of these accolades, Mr Chia says simply: “If it is within my personal power to contribute to society, I will not hesitate to do so.”

Mr Chia has businesses, ranging from trading in primary produce such as rubber, coffee and pepper, to cement manufacturing, and currently holds directorship at Indocement Singapore Pte Ltd, Marina Centre Holdings Pte Ltd and Finnegan Investments Ltd.

Dato’ Er Kok Leong  
(Science/Class of 1966)

An industrialist and an innovator at the forefront of the palm oil industry

Dato’ Er Kok Leong has devoted 43 years of his life to his career and by the end of 2009, he would have spent 38 years in the palm oil downstream processing industry. He was instrumental in introducing a special solvent fractionation process in 1980 while serving Lam Soon (M) Sdn Bhd, a company he joined in 1971 as its Chief Chemist. In 1976, he was promoted to Technical Director and in 1985 was seconded to Intercontinental Specialty Fats Sdn Bhd (ISF) as its Managing Director. ISF is a subsidiary of Lam Soon, incorporated in 1980.

The 67-year-old was truly ahead of his time. His pioneering spirit earned for ISF a ‘first’ in the specialty fats manufacturing company in Malaysia. Leading its R&D operations, he developed quality specialty food oils and fats that met the requirements of the international market through the use of palm oil derivative, 1,3 Dipalmitoyl-2-Oleoyl-Glycerine (POP fat), in the Cocoa Butter Equivalents production, for chocolate-making. The palm oil derivative received the ‘Excellence Product Award’ from the Ministry of International Trade & Industry of Malaysia in 1987.

For combining technical expertise and leadership skills, he rose to helm ISF as its Chief Executive Officer in 2006. At the end of 2008, Dato’ Er retired as the CEO of ISF after 24 years of service. The company continues to engage him as its Corporate Advisor.

He was conferred the state award of Kebesaran Mahkota Yang Mulia by the Malaysian state of Pahang in recognition of his innumerable achievements in the palm oil industry in 2006/2007. The award carries with it the title of ‘Dato’. Dato’ Er’s service to the country is larger than just palm oil. He spent a decade forging business ties between Malaysia and Russia and was honoured with ‘The Presidium of International Public Movement (Eastern Dimension)’ by the Russian Federation.

He remains steadfast in advancing the palm oil industry through his board membership in related associations like The Palm Oil Refiners Association of Malaysia (PORAM), the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB), Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and membership of Malaysian Oil Scientists’ & Technologists’ Association (MOSTA).
Dr William Tan Kian Meng, PBM, BBM  
(Science/Class of 1980)  

An outstanding humanitarian with a remarkable will of iron and a solid heart of gold

Paralysed by polio from the waist down since the age of two, Dr William Tan Kian Meng thrives on transcending the invisible boundaries people tend to impose on the physically challenged. “It comes from an innate desire to prove to myself, and others, that with sheer willpower, anything is possible. There is no journey too tough, no challenge too insurmountable, as long as we put our heart and soul into accomplishing it.”

In 2007, the veritable ‘Iron Man’ became the first person in the world to complete a wheelchair marathon across the North Pole in 21 hours and 10 minutes, achieving this amazing feat in the most adverse of weather conditions. Later in the same year, he became the fastest person to accomplish seven marathons across seven continents, including Antarctica in 27 days.

Not content with simply setting world records, the medical doctor, neuroscientist and international inspirational speaker has also channelled his superb endurance in sport to worthy causes, raising more than S$18 million over the past 22 years. Local and overseas beneficiaries include the Universities Endowment Fund, Nanyang Technological University Students’ Union Students’ Fund, National University of Singapore, ITE Needy Students’ Fund, Children’s Hospital in Boston, Global Flying Hospitals, Free Wheelchair Mission in California and St George Hospital in Sydney.

Even when he was diagnosed with cancer in mid-2009, the 52-year-old resolutely put others before self. Having experienced first-hand the astronomical costs of cancer treatment, he was even more determined to go ahead with Ride for Hope, a fundraising event he had committed to before learning of his condition. Despite being weakened by chemotherapy, Dr Tan led 40 students across the finish line of the 80-km race held in August and raised S$100,000 to help needy patients across six hospitals and National Cancer Centre.

Undeterred, he followed up with a fundraising event for The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund in September, with the target of raising S$70,000 by towing children around a running track for 12 hours.

Conferred the President’s Social Service Award in 2001 and the Public Service Star in 2007’s National Day honours, Dr Tan’s humanitarian efforts have also been recognised internationally, garnering him the Outstanding Young Persons of the World Award in 1997, Commonwealth Youth Award in 1998, ASEAN Youth Award in 2000 and Reader’s Digest’s Inspiring Asian Award in 2003.
Mr Ang Mong Seng
PBM, BBM
(Arts/Class of 1973)

A consummate politician with the people’s welfare at heart

More popularly known by the people as ‘Grassroots MP’, the 59-year-old Member of Parliament (MP) is actively involved in community affairs and feedback.

Of his involvement, Mr Ang Mong Seng said: “When the residents elect me as their MP, it is their vote of confidence in my ability to look after their interest. It is my personal conviction to do everything in my power to fulfil the responsibility they have chosen for me to undertake.”

Selected by the People’s Action Party (PAP) in 1997, Mr Ang led the political battle against the incumbent opposition MP in Bukit Gombak where he emerged the victor of the Single Member Constituency. Later in 2001, he joined the Hong Kah Group Representative Constituency.

After he was elected MP, he appealed for the installation of new lifts to every floor in older Housing Development Block (HDB) apartments. The new lifts would afford residents greater convenience and benefit the elderly. The lift upgrading project is estimated to benefit some 3,000 HDB blocks when completed in 2014.

In view of Singapore’s ageing population, he proposed in Parliament for senior citizens to undergo annual community health screening. His proposal for senior citizens to undergo annual community health screening was also adopted, with more than 500,000 senior citizens participating in the programme each year.

The long-standing member of the PAP was accorded the PAP Commendation Medal in 1991 for his sterling track record. He was presented with the National Day Award of The Public Service Star in 1995 and The Public Service Medal in 1986.

Emeritus Prof Goh Suat Hong
(Science/Class of 1964)

An avid researcher committed to ‘science with a purpose’

Emeritus Professor Goh Suat Hong has a special interest in polymer chemistry and has contributed greatly to research on polymer, in particular on polymer blends and composites. He co-invented three patents on biodegradable, thermogelling polymer and heat and hot water resistant polyurethane sealant.

Prof Goh shares his research work with the international fraternity, collaborating frequently with fellow researchers from the United States, Italy and Hong Kong, so as to consistently achieve breakthroughs. He has won a number of awards, including the Outstanding Alumni Award (from the Department of Polymer Science, University of Akron, USA) in 2007 and the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies Citation Award in 2003. In 1998, he won the ASEAN Achievement Award.

His work has been crystallised in textbook chapters, which future generations can rely on for reference.

He has published over 310 research papers and made over 110 presentations at local, regional and international conferences. He has also contributed a chapter on fullerene-end-capped polymers for a book published by Wiley-VCH, entitled Fullerene Polymers: Synthesis and Properties.

The 67-year-old is also a regular reviewer of international journals related to chemistry and polymers and research proposals submitted to the Hong Kong Grant Council.

He has reviewed contributions to over 35 international journals, including the Journal of the American Chemical Society, Journal of Applied Polymer Science and Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.
Mr Heng Guan Teck
(School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering/Class of 1985)

Professional engineer turned educator extraordinaire

Mr Heng Guan Teck, 48, has been playing a key role in shaping Singapore’s technical education since he joined the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) nine years ago.

“My task (at ITE) is to ensure that we produce graduates who are equipped with relevant, marketable knowledge and skills. Through constant academic review and refinement, I’d like to think that we have fulfilled the national mission to provide this ‘less academically-inclined’ cohort of our post-secondary students with fresh opportunities for gainful employment and further progression,” shared the Deputy CEO (Academic).

As passionate as he is about his profession, Mr Heng also has passion for his alma mater. He committed himself to speaking at the Freshman Welcome Ceremony in August, and kept his word despite his mother’s passing on the same day. In 2006 and 2005, he sat on the interview panel during the admissions exercise for NTU’s Discretionary Intake applicants.

Last year, Mr Heng received the Public Administration Medal (Silver), which recognises the level of excellence he has attained in the field of technical education in Singapore. His responsibilities at ITE include Curriculum Development, Educational Technology, Student Affairs and Registrar’s Office.

Though an engineer by profession, it was his career at ITE that has given Mr Heng the greatest gratification.

Dr Khoo Seow Hwa
(Science/Class of 1970)

A Chinese calligrapher who pioneers a legacy for the benefit of present and future generations

Dr Khoo Seow Hwa, 63, is a master calligrapher, educator and theorist, all rolled into one. Through practising calligraphy, he has found that there is more to it than meets the eye. Chinese history, philosophy, culture and values, not to mention art, are intrinsic to the craft.

He became the first Singaporean to hold a solo Chinese calligraphy exhibition in Washington, D.C. Besides the United States, his calligraphic works has also toured Canada, China, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Malaysia. He has been lauded as a ‘Tri-Specialist’ by his Chinese counterparts when he held his solo exhibition across China since 1992. He donates his work to charity auctions and through his solo exhibitions, has had a hand in raising nearly S$8 million.

To share his passion for Chinese calligraphy and culture, he authored ‘Behind the Brushstrokes’, a first-of-its-kind book which introduces the history of Chinese calligraphy through storytelling – in English. The book has since been used as a source of reference at several universities in Europe and the United States.

Dr Khoo is also the author of 28 books on Chinese literature, culture, philosophy and the theories of Chinese calligraphy.

The calligrapher taps his fluency in Mandarin and English to impart knowledge on Chinese calligraphy to the masses. He has given numerous keynote lectures on Chinese art over a span of 20 years. To-date, he is the only teacher in Singapore to conduct calligraphy courses in both languages.
Prof Yeo Kiat Seng, PPA(P)  
(School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering/Class of 1993)  
Technologist, researcher and lecturer all rolled into one

Thanks to Prof Yeo Kiat Seng’s research innovation and leadership, NTU was ranked 16th worldwide and among the top three universities in Asia in the 2008 edition of ‘Integrated Circuit Design Research Ranking for Worldwide Universities’. He also pioneered the first facility in South-east Asia to perform research and development in Radio Frequency (RF) Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) device modelling and characterisation.

The 45-year-old professor has had 17 patents filed or granted and about 300 journal articles and conference papers and six books published. He was honoured with the Public Administration Medal (Bronze) on National Day 2009.

Since joining NTU 13 years ago as a lecturer at the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE), he has established himself as an authority in low-power Integrated Circuit (IC) design, and an expert in CMOS technology RF IC design. In the recent five years, he has amassed over S$20 million worth of external research funding due to his contributions in IC design. He has supervised more than 100 Final Year Project students, 40 researchers, as well as over 50 PhD and Master’s students, many of whom went on to emulate his spirit of innovation in academia and industry.

A man of multi-talent, he holds several public appointments. He is the Interim Director for the new IC Design Centre of Excellence; board member of the Microelectronics IC Design and Systems Association of Singapore (MIDAS); Head of Division of Circuits and Systems; and General Chair of the 2009 International Symposium on Integrated Circuits.

Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee  
PSM, DMSM, KMN  
(Science/Class of 1963)  
An inimitable trailblazer of great accomplishment in education

The first woman in Malaysia to head a university, Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee was the founding President of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR). She pioneered the country’s private university and developed it into a full-fledged higher education institution of excellent repute within a short span of six years. She retired from UTAR last year at the age of 70.

During her presidency, the University produced 9,151 graduates and the student enrolment at UTAR rose to 16,572, with 60 undergraduate and postgraduate degrees programmes being introduced. That UTAR is today a popular choice among young Malaysians seeking quality yet affordable tertiary education is testament to her success.

In recognition of UTAR’s contributions to Malaysia’s Wawasan 2020 nation-building blueprint, in particular her outstanding services and leadership, the Panglima Setia Mahkota award was conferred on her by the Yang Dipertua Agung. The award carries the title of Tan Sri. She holds the honour of being the first Chinese woman in Malaysia to bear this title. She also bears the title of Datuk, which was conferred on her in 1998.

Other accolades Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng has received for excellence in education include the Centennial Presidential Award given by Campbell University in the United States in 1989. The following year, she received a Doctor of Science from the same institution. In 2004, she was made Doctor of the University by the Queenslands University of Technology, Australia, and Doctor of Education in 2008 by UTAR. From 1969 to 1971, she was privileged to have the late Nobel Laureate Prof R.G.W. Norrish take her under his wing, while a post doctoral research associate at Cambridge University.
Recipients of Nanyang Alumni Awards 2009

Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award

Mr Chia Ban Seng 谢万森 (Science/Class of 1961)
Dato’ Er Kok Leong 余国隆 (Science/Class of 1966)
Dr William Tan Kian Meng 陈建民 (Science/Class of 1980)

Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

Mr Ang Mong Seng 洪茂诚 (Arts/Class of 1973)
Emeritus Prof Goh Suat Hong 吴雪鸿 (Science/Class of 1964)
Mr Heng Guan Teck 王元德 (EEE/Class of 1985)
Dr Khoo Seow Hwa 黄少华 (Science/Class of 1970)
Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee 黄丽绥 (Science/Class of 1963)
Prof Yeo Kiat Seng 杨杰圣 (EEE/Class of 1993)

Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Mr Roderick Chia Yeow Kheng 谢耀庆 (EEE/Class of 1998)
Mr Chua Chin Hon 蔡振峰 (WKWSCI/Class of 1998)
Mr Eng Aik Meng 邓益民 (NBS/Class of 1993)
Mrs Goh Hui Cheng 吴慧曾 (NIE/Class of 1999)
Dr Heri Susanto Djie 徐圣钊 (EEE/Class of 2005)
Associate Prof Lam Ying Ming 陈燕明 (MSE/Class of 1996)
Major Lee Peh Gee 李瑞琪 (NBS /Class of 1998)
Ms Serena Ng Gek Yi 黄惠燕 (WKWSCI/Class of 2000)
Ms Esther Tan Yin Xuan 陈颖旋 (WKWSCI/Class of 2005)

Nanyang Alumni Service Award

Mr Chong Peng Jek 郑澎湃 (Arts/Class of 1970)
Mr Jeffrey Chua Leong Chuan 蔡隆川 (CEE/Class of 1986)
Mr See Yong Leng 施永龙 (Commerce/Class of 1966)
Ms Shi Yuehan 史月寒 (NBS/Class of 2003)
Mr Shu Dajun 舒大军 (NIE/Class of 2007)
Mr Sim Kuang Meng 沈观铭 (Commerce/Class of 1967)
Mr Wang Hairong 王海荣 (NBS/Class of 2007)
Mr Raymond Wee Keat Kheng 黄吉庆 (SCE /Class of 2001)

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The Nanyang Alumni Awards epitomise alumni recognition of the tallest order.

Introduced since 2005 when NTU celebrated its 50th anniversary, they are presented to alumni in four award categories, namely, the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award, the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award, the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award and the Nanyang Alumni Service Award.
The University made alumni feel at home in the first-ever weekend-long NTU Alumni Homecoming.

Of dandelions, romances and togetherness

A rousing cheer! The student cheerleaders put up a striking performance at NTU Alumni Night.

Saturday NTU Alumni Night Live! Alumni of different generations represented by (from left) Major Lee Peh Gee (NBS/1998), Mr Ang Mong Seng (Arts/1973), Mr Chia Ban Seng (Science/1961), Mr Heng Guan Teck (EEE/1985) and Mr Choudhury Anshuman Das (SCBE/2009) join Senior Minister of State Ms Grace Fu (in white) and NTU President Dr Su Guaning (3rd from left) to launch the NTU Alumni Card.

Couple of the Night: Dato Er’ Kok Leong and wife, Mdm Lau Yi Yean, have been together since their Nanyang University days.
After an 18-hour flight from San Francisco, alumnus Dr Hedy Susanto Djie (EEE/Class of 2005), flew in for NTU Alumni Homecoming. Another alumnus from China, Mr Zhang Dai (NBS/Class of 2005), also flew in. They, like several other overseas alumni, returned to the Yunnan Garden campus to be part of the alumni event of the year.

Today, at least one-fifth of NTU’s more than 130,000 alumni lives and works abroad. Many have travelled beyond our Garden City after they graduated not unlike dandelions, the blooms that were incorporated into the design element of this year’s Homecoming theme, ‘Bond, Share, Unite’.

Noting the similarities, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education Ms Grace Fu, shared that as dandelions thrive and bloom in their new habitat, the heritage they share with the mother plant would remain. She said: “The dandelions are symbolic of the Nanyang Spirit, the hallmark of the NTU alumni.” Ms Fu was the Guest-of-Honour at NTU Alumni Night 2009.

The NTU Alumni Night was one of five activities put together for the Homecoming, held for the first time over a weekend from 23 to 25 October. The weekend affair kicked off with an Alumni Barbeque Get-together on Friday, held near the Chinese Heritage Centre. This was followed by two forums (for coverage on the English session, see page 27 and Chinese, page 30) and NTU Alumni Night 2009 on Saturday. Wrapping up on Sunday with an Alumni Sports Competition, the Homecoming was organised by NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

Community in bloom

Why the stretch when previously Homecoming was a one-day affair?

NTU’s Director of Alumni Affairs, Mr Soon Min Yam, explained: “We wanted our alumni to have more time to rekindle ties with former classmates and faculty. We hope they can spend time on the campus that was once their playground and see for themselves how much their alma mater has advanced. This will instill pride and promote rootedness to the University.” Mr Soon added that having the Homecoming over the weekend would encourage more to come home, as they could better plan their travel.

The US-based Dr Djie did just that. En route to Singapore, he had dropped in on his family in Indonesia before flying over together. He and family attended the NTU Alumni Night where the 32-year-old engineer was presented the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award (the Nanyang Alumni Awards recipients are profiled on pages 17 to 23).

Equally elated was alumnus Mr Zhang. He had not been back since he graduated from his MBA four years ago. “I miss my alma mater and attended the Barbeque, Chinese Alumni Forum and NTU Alumni Night,” said Mr Zhang, 50, CEO and President of the NTU Alumni Association in Zhejiang.

Romancing the Yunnan Garden

Among the returning alumni, there were also those who came in pairs.

If there was a Homecoming Couple title, surely husband-and-wife alumni pair, Dato’ Er Kok Leong and Mdm Lau Yi Yean, deserved to be crowned. Both were classmates from Nanyang University. When they graduated in 1966, they had become firm friends. Now in their 60s, they are like the petals of one flower, each completing the other. The Homecoming was especially meaningful for the couple, as the University had honoured Dato’ Er with the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award.

Yet another returning couple, Ms Fan Fang (EEE/Class of 2000) and her husband shared that they used to go on ‘dates’ at each other’s school laboratories. Both went on a campus tour to enjoy the greenery of the Yunnan Garden campus which used to inspire the 40-year-old. It still does.

We are one

Demonstrating a sense of community and camaraderie was the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering Alumni Association (EEEA).

Led by President Mr Hendri Zhang Weiqian, they attended the Friday Alumni Get-together Barbeque (BBQ). They even came in the association’s new maroon polo tees. Togged up with jeans, it was just the kind of get-up that was appropriate for a BBQ.

As the BBQ got underway, with food and conversations free flowing, the EEEAA alumni took to the mikes the moment the karaoke set was switched on. Striving to ‘entertain’, they were, needless to say, original. With karaoke chart-toppers being sought as much as the local mixed grill of satays and stingrays among others, the Homecoming BBQ was turning into a typically Singaporean-flavoured activity.

One good start deserves a great finalé. The Homecoming, which wrapped up with the Alumni Sports Competition held on Sunday, saw alumni pitting their skills against one another in badminton, basketball or table tennis.
Alumnus Mr Koh Boon Long (NIE/Class of 1995) who came to cheer on his friend, ‘won’ for being a good sport. Mr Koh, 63, was back on Saturday as well. He said: “I always feel at home in the Yunnan Garden campus; it holds a special place in my heart.”

Mr Koh and his peers were glad to have being taken up to speed on how the University underwent a makeover to host the world’s inaugural Youth Olympic Games. Updating alumni on the progress of their alma mater has been a tradition of Homecoming, long observed by NTU President Dr Su Guaning. He shared: “Our University is currently undergoing a makeover...The Village Square in NIE will function as the heart of the Youth Olympic Games Village and the existing facilities there will be refurbished.” Apart from NIE, Dr Su added that ten halls of residence would be spruced up to house more than 5,000 athletes and officials from 205 National Olympic Committees.

At least 1,700 alumni came for this year’s Homecoming. See you next year!

One for the album: The recipients of the Nanyang Alumni Awards 2009 posed for the camera along with Senior Minister of State Ms Grace Fu (seated, 6th from right) and key figures of NTU, namely, Dr Su Guaning, Prof Bertil Andersson, Prof Er Meng Hwa and Mr Chew Kheng Chuan. The four are seated, 7th, 4th, 9th and 11th from the right, respectively.

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Launch of NTU Alumni Card

Yet another celebration of the Alumni Night was the launch of the NTU Alumni Card. A new initiative of the University, the card identifies the graduates of NTU and NIE, including their predecessor institutions, with the University. The card also entitles alumni to discounts at Singapore’s lifestyle outlets.

Senior Minister of State Ms Fu launched the card along with Dr Su and five alumni specially picked to represent the graduation class of 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. They were: Mr Chia Ban Seng (Science/1961), Mr Ang Mong Seng (Arts/1973), Mr Heng Guan Teck (EEE/1985), Major Lee Peh Gee (NBS/1998) and Mr Choudhury Anshuman Das (SCBE/2009). Once the launch button was activated, the big screen lit up to reveal a large image of the card, followed by fanfare music and confetti popping.

Before the night came to an end, alumni and guests were treated to cultural items put up by student performers from NTU’s Cultural Activities Club.

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“I always feel at home in the Yunnan Garden campus; it holds a special place in my heart.”
Mr Bennett Neo and Mr Gunasekharan s/o Chellappan have found their niche in marketing and could brand just about anything. They are also Singapore’s Young Business Leaders.

Beer brand

“I am not here to sell beer. I am here to sell a brand,” said Mr Neo, the first speaker at the English Alumni Forum. Setting the tone, he drew from his years of experience in promoting beers, especially Tiger Beer. He is currently Regional Director at Asia Pacific Breweries Limited (APBL).

Branding, he cited, was one of the most important factors that has contributed to the marketability of Tiger Beer. So, what makes a successful brand? “In my experience with Tiger Beer, I must single out four brand pillars. They are consistency, innovation, engagement and authority,” he said.

“You need to have consistency in packaging and messaging. There is also a need to create excitement, which is where innovation comes in. We constantly explore alternative medium and have adopted a brand variant to attract new drinkers,” he said.

Mr Neo went on to highlight that a company must engage itself with the public in order to create a brand that lasts. He suggested sponsorship of sports teams and events and the organising of unique international events such as the Tiger Beer Chilli Crab Festival. The festival, which is now an annual event in London and other major UK cities, was organised during his stint in the UK as Managing Director of Tiger Beer UK Ltd.

To add value to the brand, we seek accreditation from major authorities, he affirmed. Mr Neo graduated from the School of Mechanical & Production Engineering’s Class of 1994.

Personal brand

Offering a different perspective, the second speaker, Mr C Gunasekharan got down to basics – personal branding. Just as how branding is critical to a product or a company, it is important for one to work on one’s personal brand.

“To build a personal brand, first, we need to know what we want in life,” he said. To drive home his point, the Vice President (Alliance and Channels, AsPAC) of JDA Software Asia Pte Ltd, shared his own branding journey. Akin to going through a mid-life crisis, he had had to take a good look at himself in the mirror. In the process, he took a bold step. He left his decade-long career at Oracle and switched to his present company.

Accentuating the importance of personal branding, he walked the audience through his self-review process. Then, he branded himself thus: “I am the son of Chellappan. I am the NTU EEE Club guy. I am the lifetime Oracle employee (before moving to JDA).” Adding to his personal brand, which he referred jokingly, to as his ‘multiple personas’, he said: “Now, I am known as the Channels guy and also a Young Business Leader.” The critical questions to ask of oneself, he said, were: What exactly would we like to be known as, and how could we build on our personal brand by way of self-improvement.

Forum Chairman, Professor Wee Chow Hou, Head of Marketing & International Business at Nanyang Business School, also shed light on the subject. No stranger to branding, Prof Wee surfaced what he deemed as superlative ‘brands’, namely, Singapore and Minister Mentor Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

The 100 or so alumni who took part at the forum posed questions during the question-and-answer session. Participant Mr Daniel Aung Min, from the School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering’s Class of 2002, summed up his experience. “Being new to the marketing industry, the forum provides a good opportunity for me to learn from the experts.” he said.

The forum was held on Saturday 24 October, at the School of Biological Sciences lobby.
校友回校日：凝聚一心

南洋理工大学的校友们重返母校，重游云南园校园，汇聚一起的南大社群其乐融融地度过了一个愉快的周末。

2009年的南大校友之夜：傅海燕高级政务部长将南洋精神传承校友们的标记，并赞扬晚会的主题“凝聚、分享、团结”的意义。

优美与典雅：南大文化活动俱乐部学生们在表演华族舞蹈。

星期五的烧烤晚会：校友和家属们在华裔馆附近愉快地参加第一次举办的回校日烧烤晚会。
南大校长徐冠林博士在“南大校友之夜”盛会上向校友们发表讲话时说：“今年，我们是第一次让校友们在云南园校园度过整个周末，再次体验温馨的南大校园生活。”南大校友之夜是今年校庆日五大活动之一。往常的南大校友回校日只举行一天的活动，包括南大校友之夜及同时举行的南洋校友奖颁奖典礼。

由南大校友事务总办的南大校友回校日，从10月23日（星期五）至25日（星期日），举行：“星期五的笼场节目是校友烧烤晚会，紧接着是星期六的英语讲座、华语讲座（英语讲座的报道，请见第27页；华语讲座的报道，请见第28页）和南大校友之夜晚会，最后是星期日的校友体育竞赛结束，历时三天。

超过1,700名校友重返母校，参加今年的校友回校日活动。

温暖的家
南大EMBA课程2005年校友张俊能先生从中国飞到新加坡，特意来好好享受一下今年别出心裁的活动。这次50岁的人生总结兼南大浙江校友会成立的南大校友之夜活动，就是为校友们提供一个放松和交流的机会。南大校友之夜的活动内容包括烧烤晚会、华语讲座和南大校友之夜晚会。

星期天的体育竞赛：精神抖擞参加比赛的校友们在球赛中的镜头，这是在南大体育与康乐中心举行的南大校友之夜体育竞赛中的其中一个项目。

校友会会长毕业之后从来校，今年能够重返母校，感到格外兴奋。他说：“我们乘飞机赶来，参加这一连三天的校友回校日感觉真好！更重要的是，参加这些精心安排的活动使我们的旅途非常值得。”与张俊能一同前来的另一位校友也自觉兴奋地参加了校友烧烤晚会、华语讲座和南大校友之夜晚会。

到目前为止，南大13万多名校友中，几乎有五分之一生活和工作在国外。

今年南大校友之夜的大会贵宾是国家发展部兼教育部高级政务部长傅海燕女士，她在讲话中把南大校友比作蒲公英：“校友们一毕业就离开了舒适安逸的校园生活，有些人甚至远走他乡。然而他们生根开花之后，仍然把母校保留在心中。对于南大校友，蒲公英是南大精神的象征，是南大校友们的标记。”盛开的鲜花是今年校友回校日主题，即“凝聚、分享、团聚”图案。

傅海燕部长与徐校长一起颁发了南洋校友奖，并主持“南大校友卡”的推介仪式。南大今年最新推介的南大校友卡，在识别校友的同时，让校友们心系母校。

茁壮成长的南大社群
南大电机与电子工程学院校友会（EIEEE）的会员们在盛会上特别表现出对母校的归属感和同窗情谊。

该校友会的会员在校友会及南大校友会的聚会。“在张维前会长领导下，该校友会理事会理事们出席了星期五的校友烧烤晚会。大家整齐划一地穿上了校友会新的会服——格子红色polo-T恤衫加牛仔裤，是出席烧烤晚会再好不过的服装。

烧烤晚会热闹非凡，大家开心地享受着美味的同时，尽情地聊着天。电机与电子工程学院校友会的会员们也利用这个难得的机会，在卡拉OK唱机一声响，就放声高歌起来。享用着烧烤会上地道的新加坡风味烧烤，他们的歌声越来越嘹亮投入，为这个校友回校日烧烤晚会增添了别开生面的气氛。

校友会理事会异口同声地唱出友谊和兄弟情谊之歌。他们还在歌中试图显示出智慧的独创性以娱乐大家，并且用南洋精神来鼓舞其校友们。他校友们。“南洋精神万岁”，用徐校长的话来说，是“……南大创校先贤的奋斗精神以及南大自强不息、逆境求存的光荣传统”。

根深蒂固的传统
校友回校日已经成为南大社群的一项传统，通过颁发南洋校友奖来表彰那些在新加坡和海外做出卓越贡献、为母校带来荣誉的校友们。

今年有24名杰出校友获颁南洋校友奖（有关南洋校友奖的完整报道，请翻阅第17到23页），以肯定和表扬他们在教育、科技、艺术、商业、政治和服务领域里的巨大贡献和影响。

获奖者都是由南大社群包括校友、教职员及学生提名，并在南洋校友之夜获颁奖证书。于10月24日（星期六）在南洋大礼堂举行的南洋校友之夜是整个校友回校日的重头。除了让母校和校友们有机会向卓越的校友们表示敬意，与会者还受邀观看了南大文化艺术俱乐部学生们表演的节目。

校友们也参加了南大校友体育竞赛，这也是校友回校日的传统活动之一。参赛者使出浑身解数，在羽毛球、篮球、乒乓球的项目中与对手一较高低。获胜者捧走了奖杯，也有许多校友们纷纷表示明年再来，不仅重叙友情，也再次较量较量。

亲爱的校友们，明年再见！
南大华语论坛使听众对未来经济增加信心

未来的中国经济将越来越强盛，而其他国家的经济在萧条以后，现在也慢慢恢复正常。南大华语《经济论坛》使在场者对未来经济增加了信心和希望。

在2009年南大校友回校日第二天（10月24日）的下午，南大校友事务处在南大生物科学学院礼堂为校友们主办一项华语论坛，邀请了两位经济专家为在场的250名听众就“全球经济的挑战与复苏”发表演讲。

论坛会主席周捷博士是南大人文与社会科学学院经济系助理教授，两位主讲者是陈光炎教授（现任南大亚洲研究学院院长和经济学教授）以及曹勇副教授（现任南大经济系研究院长和金融系）。在论坛会上，陈教授演讲的题目是《世界经济危机与东亚经济：挑战与未来趋势》。阐述全球金融危机的背景及其演变以及中国在国际经济中的重要性。此外，他也表示中国的经济潜力将推动国内生产总值（GDP）增长，并发挥着政治影响力。据陈教授透露，美国的金融危机是由房地产泡沫导致的。他告诫国家经济千万不能把自己的泡沫弄得太大。陈教授提议，投资者应该向自然资源丰富和发展中国家投资。

曹副教授演讲的题目则是《新兴市场与发达国家市场脱钩争论的复苏》，与听众分享他对21世纪国际经济发展的独到见解。他也分析了新兴市场（如中国）与发达国家（如美国）在历史上的不断脱钩与挂钩的事实。在结束演讲前，曹副教授提出，现在比较关键的问题是：中国及亚洲各国的经济如何在各自的重组中找到自己的定位。

问答会

在两位经济专家演讲以后，进入问答阶段，让在场听众向演讲者发问。

2006年毕业于南大电机与电子工程学院的杨丽曼校友就向演讲者问：“国际金融危机是在全球的房地产泡沫所导致。近年来，中国和新加坡的房地产也上升了很多，那么这两个国家会有房地产泡沫吗？”陈教授向杨丽曼解释有关新加坡的情况。他说，新加坡的政府组屋是由政府控制的，屋价因此不会升得太高，有一定的稳定性。曹教授则探讨中国的情况。他表示，中国的房地产虽然不是政府控制的，不过政府并没有像美国一样，把抵押贷款再重新售卖，因此屋价应该不会升得太高。

当校友问到：“既然是金融危机，那么钱都突然间消失到哪里去了？这是否会影响到我们的退休基金？”陈教授解释说，房地产价值只是一个资产估计，不是真正的金钱。若不要亏损退休基金，那就得在资产价格高的时候，快把房子卖掉，趁价格还没滑落之前赚一笔。

在这场论坛结束后，与会者纷纷表示受益匪浅。
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Water Crusader

Local hero to the villagers of Aceh afflicted by the 2004 tsunami, Dr Adrian Yeo is somewhat unaffected by the adulation, for all he wants is to bring safe drinking water to the disadvantaged.

“You cannot survive too long without water. More so clean water. But, we cannot run out of water, for the earth is a closed system. So, I hope that by doing research in water treatment, I could continuously come up with solutions to the water woes of the world.”

Dr Adrian Yeo
Research Fellow
Singapore Membrane Technology Centre
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only 32, this self-confessed geek has one abiding mission, which is to make clean water accessible to everyone. This year, Dr Adrian Yeo earned the title of becoming the first recipient of the Don Quixote Fund Award, which provides start-up venture capital for the development of ‘high-risk, innovative water technologies’.

“Everything happens for a reason,” says Dr Yeo, the alumnum of the School of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE). He was referring to the tsunami that hit Aceh in 2004, which has become a calling of sorts for him.

Clean drinking water

When he read about the disaster, Dr Yeo who was doing his PhD then felt the urge to help the affected villagers. “I saw it as an opportunity for me to give back in return for the opportunity given to me to pursue my PhD. Society has ‘invested’ in me and I ought to pay back,” he explains humbly.

So with his water filtration technology in hand, he headed for Aceh. He had invented a simple hand-pumped membrane-based water filter that played an important part in easing the shortage of drinking water for many. A testimony of his ingenuity and enterprising spirit, his invention delivered some 8,000 litres of drinking water to Aceh. He even trained locals to operate his water filtration system.

“I visited Aceh after the tsunami and the villagers spoke of the filters with newfound respect, for they now have access to clean water,” he shares.

Refreshng ambition

The Membrane Instrumentation Technology of Dr Yeo provides a refreshing take to water treatment.

Comprising a thermometer and an X-ray machine all rolled into one, the Membrane Instrumentation Technology diagnoses the ‘health’ of a water treatment plant, to make sure it is performing at its peak. “Once we are able to detect what problem the plant has, we can solve it immediately,” Dr Yeo explains. Indeed, that was the winning project that clinched him the Don Quixote Fund Award.

Being the recipient of the inaugural award in 2009, the humble Dr Yeo keeps any celebration in check. “It’s a competitive process whereby we write in with our technology and business idea, and the panel chooses the winner from all the entries,” he says, explaining the award process.

“We decided to send in our project for this award where we managed to obtain some funds from the prize money and most importantly, gain links to important contacts,” he adds.

Still, he held on to the hope that he would win. “That all researchers were confident of their projects being the best makes our win that much more significant. It is an endorsement that we are on the right track,” he says, displaying a hint of pride.

“Choices yield outcomes. I chose to do a PhD on Waters; it wasn’t by chance. I did so because I felt a need to do something for mankind, to contribute to society. I must thank my former Dean, Professor Cheong Hee Kiat, who gave me his fullest support,” says Dr Yeo, who was not unfamiliar with helping the disadvantaged, as he was already doing his bit during his undergraduate days. He put up guitar performances for a boys’ home along with members of the Welfare Services Club.

The Don Quixote Fund was set up by Dr Andrew Benedek, winner of last year’s Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize. It offers a start-up venture capital of US$100,000 (S$138,700) to enable graduate students and early career scientists to develop high-risk innovative technology ideas that have the potential to dramatically impact the water sector in the future.

Silver linings

Indeed, not all of Dr Yeo’s projects have been as successful or as sustainable. He says: “I started an NGO called WISH (Water Initiative for Securing Health), which received about S$1 million in funding. What I considered my initial ‘full service provider’ model was however unsustainable. Soon after, I started Blue Ocean Envirotech Pte Ltd, which sold small filtration systems to factories in Indonesia and the Philippines. That, too, didn’t sustain. I have since switched to a more consultancy-based model.”

In 2007, Dr Yeo headed for the US to pursue his post-doctoral studies at the University of Colorado.

By chance, Dr Yeo received a call from his supervisor in NTU. The supervisor was keen to bring him onboard a new centre that was set up at NTU. “I was a bit apprehensive given my previous experience with start-ups. But, my supervisor was very supportive. So, I decided to join him in SMTC. We decided to focus on Membrane Instrumentation Technology because there was a vacuum and no one was filling it,” he enthuses.

“Of course I was sad when my business failed. But I guess you can’t always have good news. You must know great sorrow to know great happiness. When life has its down, just ride it out and when it’s going up, remember that it was down before. In the end, things usually work itself out. If it doesn’t, it means it’s not the end yet,” says Dr Yeo of his philosophy on life and the ‘games’ people play.

When he is not preoccupied with philosophising in his free time, Dr Yeo enjoys playing computer games. He does get caught up crusading against computer war games, just as he is in making water cleaner for the needy. What gets him distracted though are nature walks and yoga sessions with his dear wife.
南大校友荣获高尔夫球赛冠军

南洋大学校友郑桂发在南大校长杯高尔夫球锦标赛中，捧走了锦标赛冠军杯。

如果您问郑桂发校友关于打高尔夫球的秘诀，他会告诉您，在球场上或电视里看别人打球并从中学习，将受益匪浅。这位58岁的南洋大学校友在双期制（double-period system）比赛中，以40分的总分制记分（stableford points）击败其他120位高尔夫球好手，在湖畔球场上以85分的总分数获得冠军。

有121位南大教职员、校友、在校学生、南大的商界伙伴和南大之友参加了这场于8月20日假莱佛士乡村俱乐部举行的南大校长杯高尔夫球赛。其中有68位打不100杆及100杆以上。

锦标赛由南大校长徐冠林博士主持。由他牵头开球，挥出第一杆。与他同组的球友包括南大校董会董事谢万森校友、吴玉麟先生以及新加坡报业控股英文与马来文报章总编辑帕崔克·丹尼尔（Patrick Daniel）先生。

少一杆入洞及标准杆数

冠军郑桂发校友透露，他在15年前在朋友们连哄带劝之下练习打高尔夫球的，而现在已经对打球十分入迷。今年，他已成为“9.9正式差点系统的球员”（handicap index player），每星期在圣淘沙高尔夫球场（新加坡主要的岛屿度假胜地）打高尔夫球一次。

在绿色球场外，这位公共会计师拥有自己的会计公司，名叫郑桂发会计私人有限公司。他于1974年毕业于南洋大学商学院会计系专业，年轻时是运动员，喜欢打篮球、足球和羽毛球。

球友的表现

获得第二名和第三名的分别是惠普
Ask Mr Teh Kwi Huat for his secret to a good game, he would have you know that watching the golfers and learn, on the course and on television, helps.

The 58-year-old beat 120 other golfers with 40 stableford points on the double-perioa system, shot two birdies and a bagful of pars in his 85 gross round at the Lake course.

Of the 121 participants at the annual tournament held at Raffles Country Club on 20 August, 68 played 100 and above. Participants comprised NTU faculty, staff, alumni, students, as well as corporate partners and friends of NTU.

The tournament was hosted by NTU President Dr Su Guaning, who led the tee-off with the first flight. His flight mates included NTU Board of Trustees members Mr Chia Ban Seng and Mr Goh Geok Ling, and Mr Patrick Daniel, Editor-in-Chief of Singapore Press Holding’s English and Malay Newspapers Division.

Champion Mr Teh shared that he took up golf at the coaxing of friends 15 years ago, but is now hooked on this game of birdies and bogeys.

Today, a 9.9 handicap index player, he professes to exercise his swings once a week at the golf course at Sentosa, Singapore’s premier island resort getaway.

Off the green, the public accountant runs his own accountancy firm, Teh Kwi Huat & Co. Mr Teh hailed from the faculty of Commerce, Class of 1974. In his younger days, he used to be a sportsman and dabbled in basketball, football and badminton.

In their elements
Finishing in first and second runner-up position were: Mr Chan Chee Yeow from Hewlett-Packard Singapore and NTU’s Senior Associate Provost Professor Er Meng Hwa. They each scored 38 points.

After presenting prizes to the tournament winners at the dinner and prize-presentation ceremony, Mr Anthony Teo, Secretary to the University and Chairman of the NTU President Golf Challenge Organising Committee, thanked the participants for their support. He also applauded the committee members for their hard work.

Indeed, the NTU President Golf Challenge is the platform for participants to network, interact and foster closer ties.
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课程旨在培养勇于创业、敢于创新，具有凝聚力和领导力，适应全球化发展及能从容应对知识经济时代种种挑战的创业型企业家和经理人。课程从企业生命周期的视角出发，层层透视及探讨企业如何从起步、高速成长到成熟的发展过程，注重教导创业者如何识别机会、制定商业计划、评估专利技术、风险融资、组建创业团队、制定创业战略、管理企业财务和设定退出机制等各个核心层面的必要知识与技能。在一年的全日制学习中，学员有机会走访六个国际化城市，参观和考察国际著名的创业园并与中国一流的风险投资人和企业家面对面交流。无论是立志成就一番事业的创业精英、私营企业主管，或是政府部门扶持与推动创业的决策人员及各地区孵化器和创业园的中高层管理人员，以及怀有强烈创业愿望并有意到海外留学进修的大学毕业生，都将从本课程受益，极大程度地拓展国际视野、增进才智、增强实力和提升自我，从而为创业的成功之路打下坚实基础，引领时代潮流。

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Friday 24 July was a special day for alumni couple, Mr Gao Debin (EEE/Class of 2001) and Ms Zhang Heng (WKWSCI/Class of 2009). The duo said ‘I do’ and had their marriage solemnised by Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs, NTU.

The solemnisation of the couple’s reunion was the first such ceremony held in Dendrobium Nanyang, a special room at the Alumni Affairs Office (AAO), newly created for alumni to exchange wedding vows.

24 July also marked the bride’s convocation. Not only did Ms Zhang graduate with her master’s, she and Mr Gao also graduated from being friends to being life partners. The couple met online while the bride was in her first semester and Mr Gao popped the question just when she was sitting for her final exams. Their love had flourished in two years, the time it took her to earn a master’s.

Family affair
Having their solemnisation on the same day as the bride’s convocation was a deliberate choice, as well as a pragmatic one. “Since Zhang Heng’s family members were going to fly in from China for her convocation, I thought it would be meaningful to have our marriage solemnised with family members around,” explained Mr Gao. His family members also flew in from China for the special day, with relatives in tow. The couple’s friends were around as well to give their blessings.

Romantic affair
The solemnisation was not all a serious affair. Friends ‘teased’ the shy couple into sharing how the groom proposed.

“I got suspicious when he kept watching and telling me to be careful when scooping the porridge,” Ms Zhang disclosed after much cajoling. He had had the intention to propose and the porridge was just ‘convenient’.

Private affair
For alumni keen to exchange their marriage vows in a private solemnisation service at NTU, email us at alumniaffairs@ntu.edu.sg. We will be pleased to reserve the Dendrobium Nanyang room at no extra charge. Our residential solemniser, Mr Soon, will preside over the ceremony. He has been offering alumni the solemnisation service since he joined NTU five years ago. Mr Soon is a licensed Deputy Registrar of Marriages and has been solemnising marriages in Singapore since 1992.
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When we talk about NTU, we tend to forget the early days of Nanyang University. My trip to Xiamen has served to remind me of the first day Nanyang University was formed. The trip was organised by my alma mater.

I recalled the long queues of cars on the road, ferrying Singaporeans to visit the site where Nanyang University was being officially opened. The trip was organised by my alma mater.

Perhaps many are too young to know of this milestone. That day, many Singaporeans were overjoyed with the setting up of a Chinese University. Without it, a lot of us might not have had a chance to enter university.

I am very thankful for the tour. My wife, See Siok Fen@Seet Siok Hoon, and I enjoyed ourselves throughout the entire trip. We were especially happy to be able to learn so much about our ancestors, whom we have only heard about during our childhood from our parents.

I was happy, too, for the chance to get to know fellow alumni during the tour. I certainly look forward to more such tours in the future so we can rekindle our newfound friendships.

I find that NTU has established a lot of overseas connection. This, I think is very good for the future development of Singapore. The NTU alumni in Xiamen could help to promote ties between Singapore and China.
First, I would like to thank the University and my fellow alumni who had kindly organised our recent gathering.

The seasons may be one of the ways to mark the passage of time for ancient people; they still do for some today. But each of us has our own preferred markers; it may be events like marriage or the birth of our children. And sometimes, we find our markers by accident.

The 20th reunion was a short but memorable one because it is a milestone. Inadvertently, it has also become a marker for my engineering journey. Seneca said:

*Non scholae sed vitae discimus* – We do not learn for school, but for life.

Engineering is a passion and a humbling vocation for me, which formally started in NTI and NUS. Twenty years is barely adequate, what with the march of technology and the needs of the world today becoming more urgent.

It is good to meet again. Many of my fellow alumni have made good. Their career as an engineer has been profitable, with some partners of their own practice, while others work in corporations. Some have chosen alternative careers or life paths. No doubt, whatever their paths, this occasion will in some way be a marker in their life, even subconsciously.

It is at a certain juncture in our lives that we look back, reflect and hopefully feel that it was all worthwhile. This makes the markers significant. For some, it may even mark a crossroad, but most importantly, there is still a lot to be done.

Afterall, the reunion does resonate with Benjamin Franklin’s quote, more so for those of us (1989) who are now in our 40s:

“At 20 years of age, the will reigns; at 30, the wit; at 40, the judgement.”

For engineers who want to and are still pursuing their passion, I say ‘bravo!’ And, if there is anyone out there interested in making Safer and Environmentally Efficient Cars, do visit www.autoliv.com, where I am now based. Or, you can visit some of our partner organisations in this field – www.tass-safe.com, www.sae.org and www.euroncap.com. From there, you can see where our car designs are being ‘driven’, pardon the pun.

Please write to me if you feel we can pursue some common goals or just for a friendly discussion on the opportunities in this field of specialisation. I can be reached at cjinlee@gmail.com. My webpage is at cjinlee.multiply.com.

Lastly, I would like to share a message with the young engineers whom I may meet:-

“Our science and technology are powerful beyond anything imagined by the confident founders of the modern world. But our sense of proportion and depth of purpose have not kept pace with our merely technical abilities.”

- David W. Orr

The Nature of Design: Ecology, Culture, and Human Intention
缘起：
尽管现今是e-时代，电脑和网络网络盛行，传统媒体还是不可或缺的。透过10月11日联合早报方晓得10月23日（星期五）傍晚7时于南洋理工大学云南园校区举办南大校友烧烤晚会（南烧会）。

想起20年前（当时是NTU毕业生）毕业至今都没回校和同学相聚，不禁汗颜：当时通过电子付款e-payment方式报名，校方也利用SMS手机短信提醒我，真有效！

当天早上：
真巧，却不妙，因着“莫须有”，我离职了！我得面对中年危机，思考未来的路如何走。暂且回顾人生的世俗问题做个美丽的绣球，抛给上帝，由主带领，阿门！

当天下午：
驱车偕同妻儿（秀蓉和岳圣）去南大校园。正当接近校门口时，我在车里激情地说：“前头是NTU！”冷不防旁边小声接道：“CI”！

来到南大校门停车场，下车就见到附近的艺术学院，十岁的儿子不禁又想到两年前在马来西亚宽柔中学画小鱼儿的情景。之后我们一行三人游览了南园的云南园、仿古凉亭、八字草坡（自强不息，力求上进），开幕纪念碑，和南大牌楼坊，1955。后又逛了南大创校的艰辛历程，陈六使‘老子拼了！’，星马义行，林语堂在马上任，南大关闭。……

稍后来到华裔馆（前南大图书馆），立马看到当年头一天到NTU报到，误把华裔馆当着行政楼，进去里头，寂静无人！

当天黄昏：
来到南烧会现场，时而微细雨，校友们陆续到来就座。邀了几位亲切大方的南大校友事务处职员张锦良先生，蔡彩萍小姐和杨应玲小姐。很荣幸地我被委任为Class Agent（南大校友代表），以后我得多参考南大校友活动，多联系新知旧友及多写NTUlink文章！

当天夜晚（7pm - 10pm）
约五百人出席当晚的南大校友烧烤晚会，南大，NTU和NTU校友共襄一堂。彼此交流，对友述旧，人生几何！见到昔日同事刘杨和大学同学林友发先生，意外交欢喜，和同座趣谈的学交朋友陈群生先生沟通，一乐也！

在享用美食的当儿，南烧会的余兴节目也展开。掀起序幕的是在籍大学生的排舞表演（发源于马来西亚）表演倒还中规中矩。随之而来的是让大家欢呼歌唱的卡拉OK。

南大校友的“老歌”让人听出耳油。NTU校友年轻活泼，歌声甜美，三位挪威女生大合唱“Lemon Tree”让人惊艳！NTU中生代校友，洪亮歌声，独树一帜。

我也献丑上台唱了两首怀旧歌曲“柳树下”和“跟往事干杯”。

能在大学校园歌唱，感觉太美妙了。我也成了“校园歌手”！

正所谓
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南大校友们，来年再相聚！
2009年11月14日于榜鹅居
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During my school and varsity days which were spent at NTU, I wrote for school newsletters as well as university magazines as part of my ECA. I was also co-executive editor for NTU’s Union Express publication. But, once I joined the working world, writing took a backseat.

It was only in 2007 that I felt a prompting to write again when I took part in the Media Development Authority & Book Council’s First Time Writer’s Publishing Initiative. I was taking time out from the working world, having been in Raffles Holdings for 10 years, doing hotel development.

My first manuscript won at the Initiative and I was awarded a grant to write and publish my book *Prince Bear & Pauper Bear*, a story about love, hope and second chances. This was inspired by my personal journey of coping with a rare voice disorder, Spasmodic Dysphonia, for the past 10 years.

As it turns out, the story was providential as it was a turning point in my life which led me onto the writing path; it was also a journey of healing and recovery. I have since become a full-time author and recently completed my fourth book, *Bunny Finds the Right Stuff*. My collection of four books celebrates life, love and friendship as seen through the eyes of toy characters. They have given voice to my own struggles and restoration.

I set up Mustard Seed Books in 2007 to publish my first book. It captured the start of new beginnings and the hope that, my writing would find purpose and reach like the little mustard seed in Matthew 13:32. The seed grew into the largest tree in the garden where birds of the air gathered.

My first three books have since received international awards. *Prince Bear & Pauper Bear* and *Just Teddy* won the Bronze Medals at the IPPY Awards, the world’s largest book awards competition, in 2008 and 2009. I became the first in Asia to win two IPPYs and also the first in South-east Asia to win an IPPY in children’s books since the inception of the awards 13 years ago.

*The Tale of Rusty Horse* was also recently awarded the Gold Medal at the Moonbeam Awards, one of the fastest growing US-based children’s book awards. MDA, together with acclaimed animation studio Peach Blossom Media, also converted my first two books into cartoon animation which was aired on OKTO TV earlier this year. MDA has also continued to support me in my publishing efforts and regarded me as its publishing success story.

I hope to be able to make a meaningful difference in the writing and publishing industry. To explore opportunities for collaboration or bulk-order my books for corporate and year-end giveaways, please visit my website at www.mustardseedbook.com. All my books are also available in all major bookstores.

It was at NTU that I discovered my passion for scientific research. It was also where I studied with passionate professors and met many people who have had an impact on me.

The Materials Engineering Programme was like an extended family. Through the programme, I found close friends and caring mentors who were interested in my academic and personal well-being.

I am grateful to my NTU mentors who had helped me to realise my dreams. In a way, my career choice of becoming a teacher was shaped by them. From them, I see the importance of helping others fulfill their dreams.

I have gained a lot from the experience of being an NTU undergraduate. Not just in terms of academic training, but also lasting relationships that have helped in my personal and career development. It is something that I would recommend to anyone, anytime!
Jennifer Toh Yun Hui  
(NBS/2003)

I am glad for the opportunity to study at the Nanyang Business School (NBS) of Accountancy at NTU. I enjoyed my years there as a happy and outspoken young person.

I had come from a science background and NBS gave me a fresh and new perspective on finance.

During my three years, I also lived on campus. The experience helped mould me into a mature and independent person. I learned to be disciplined and manage my time effectively, balancing studies and play, at all times.

After I graduated, I met my mentor, Tricia Tan, who was from the insurance industry. I then launched into a life-long career with Prudential Assurance Company Singapore (Pte) Ltd.

Five years into the business, I still wake up excited about the day, for I have an intellectually stimulating, socially diverse and dynamic lifestyle, where I meet and help people. I get a great sense of satisfaction that comes from helping people from all walks of life to meet their financial planning needs.

As I work diligently towards my goals, I do take time off to smell the roses and enjoy the finer things in life. I am able to do this while on incentive trips to beautiful and exotic places, courtesy of my company. These experiences have enriched my life, and I find myself returning to work with greater focus and renewed energy.

I would like to express my thanks to my kind seniors and course mates who have added much joy to my life. I look forward to a reunion and hope that we are able to always keep in touch.

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Aditya Nurman  
(MAE/2007)

I work at an oil and gas company, which is owned by one of the biggest organisations in the world, GE.

I would like to share that I love NTU. The University has given me knowledge and great experience throughout my four years of study. It is thanks to NTU that I got my job even before I graduated.

金仲棋  
(SPMS/2008)

南大给我留下的印记颇多，比如我的电子邮件，虽然毕业多年，用的仍是南大的邮箱。又比如我和学弟在南大云南路结识，继而在南大湖牵手，又在南大五月花注册成为情侣。此情此景，尤复昨日。然而在星洲，在南大，我也经历了一系列的不幸，有爱情，有事业。但不管我拒绝也好，接受也好，南大在我生命中留下了一连串无法消磨的印痕。这极有可能，或者说已经改变了我一生的旅程，多多少少、好坏好坏，就像西哲海德格尔所坚信的Dasein一样，他在那里，他就在那里。

杨玲  
(TIP/2008)

TIP是个绚丽的舞台，连接知识与梦想。我从中不仅学会了以战略的眼光看待问题，从创新的思维中找答案。重要的是，我可以学以致用，在就学期间，我曾将“蓝海战略”成功的导入到一家大型公司的项目推广中，大大提高了企业的知名度和项目收益。今天，我又站在了一个新的行业新的起点上，再次寻找着新的创业创新机会，我将借用所学，让我的人生在一次次的梦想中，持续、改变、成功！
Having just graduated from NTU, I dived straight into the unknown realm of starting a fashion business, Threadweavers, together with my sister who happened to be in the same course. I was fortunate that the school has provided me with the necessary skills and rigorous training to inculcate the entrepreneurial spirit. Rather than emphasising on just academic achievements, the school taught me the importance of being an all-rounder. I was given great opportunities to build my leadership and soft skills when I took on the challenge of being the captain of the in-line hockey team. Few people may have heard of this sport in Singapore, but the support given by the school for this relatively unknown reflects the very strong spirit that NTU represents – To be bold and live your dreams.

So, like NTU, I find myself taking the brave steps to achieve the dream of creating Singapore’s first online fashion mall, Threadweavers. This is a great launch platform for all fellow alumni who wish to start their own fashion business. There are currently 20 budding entrepreneurs, partnering us. It will be awesome to see more from NTU joining us at www.threadweavers.com.

Thank you, NTU, for helping me to keep my dreams alive. To all my friends in school, I am already missing the fun times we had in school. We should head for supper soon. Let’s keep in touch. My email is gxchia@hotmail.com.

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My motto in life has always been, ‘Believe, drive and perform’.

I have always wanted to strike out on my own and build my own enterprise from scratch. However, doing so will need more than business acumen.

During my entire course at NTU, I managed to grasp the technicalities, especially the financial and accounting aspects of doing business. The comprehensive course curriculum has adequately provided me with technical business knowledge from which my business idea has materialised.

Other than the technical aspect, being in the NTU wakeboarding team also allowed me to widen my social circle and to grow in other aspects.

Being in the same course as my brother, we share some common views. Thus, when we spotted this opportunity to realise the threadweavers dream, we went all out.

Threadweavers is a platform that allows budding entrepreneurs to set up their fashion brand without having to incur high capital outlay. This is especially beneficial to young entrepreneurs who are behind the successful blogshops in the internet sphere.

Threadweavers is not just any blogshop; it is a culture altogether. It is a platform where you can find anything pertaining to fashion – bags, shoes, accessories, swimwear, and apparel. The platform is constantly expanding its clientele base. Currently, we have 20 brands under our care.

The business that we launched – in 2009 – was at the crux of the economic crisis. You could say many turned to entrepreneurship to tide over the crisis.

Do show us your support by checking out to www.threadweavers.com! Indeed, life is: Your runway, your style.
Alex Chow  
(EEE/2009)

My job as a Technical Marketing Manager of my company – EnergyCorp Global – has taken me to different countries.

I have been to China, Taiwan, UAE, Nigeria, and Kenya, to name a few. I have met people from different cultures. Though different, I find that we are able to communicate with one another.

Each time I visit a different country, I have never failed to be surprised. My few visits to China have broadened my knowledge of this giant country. I would like to share the two remarkable buildings I saw.

In Baoding, Yingli Solar has built a solar powered hotel. There, solar panels are installed on the glass window, and they provided 20 per cent of the hotel’s total power consumption. Yet another remarkable building is found in the Qianjiang development zone, Hangzhou. It is a zero emission exhibition building, which is powered by a 2MW solar farm located atop the building.

And across to Dubai, where I have been to recently, you could not imagine a city within a desert that can be so well developed.

So how do I get these opportunities to see different places? My company – EnergyCorp Global – represents and distributes the world’s first 1MW dual-rotor wind turbine. We promote wind energy and there isn’t such a market here in Singapore. What’s more, we are the only wind energy company in the region. Thanks to my knowledge of Blue Ocean Strategic (BOS), it has helped my job and my company in promoting energy from wind turbine.

We are also a value integrator in the global renewable energy industry. Like a computer system integrator, our clients are enriched and empowered through our interlocking roles. We are their consultant, investor, supplier, and project manager.

Daryl Neo  
(NBS/2009)

When I was studying in NBS, I had the opportunity to spend a semester at Maastricht University in the Netherlands on NTU’s International Exchange Programme. I was rather active in participating in the business case competition.

In 2008, I led a student team to victory at the Undergraduate National Case Competition in Montreal, Canada.

I have made many friends at NTU among my fellow students as well as professors. What I cherish most are the fond memories and the time we spent together.

I am currently working in the Issuer Regulation Department of Singapore Exchange. There, I monitor the corporate actions of listed companies, which include both primary and secondary fundraising.

I hope to pursue an MBA within the next five years.
Smoove Technologies is a mobile technology company founded in 2007 by Low Guanghao and I. We are both from NTU (MSc. Technopreneurship and Innovation Programme), Class of 2009.

Smoove Technologies is a Media Development Authority and NTU Ventures' funded company.

Recently, Smoove Technologies was selected by Infocomm Development Authority as one of the most innovative companies to exhibit in CommunicAsia 2009, Asia’s largest information communications tradeshow.

By the end of 2009, Singapore will be the first country to experience a range of mobile services that will ‘Re-Define User Experience’ on the mobile phone. Our mission is to power a sustainable ecology of intelligent mobile services. You can read more about the technology at www.smoov3.com.

I must say I have had many wonderful experiences studying at NTU, but the most memorable would have to be my involvement as a Class Gift Ambassador. So much so that although I have graduated from NTU, I vow to carry on giving to the University.

As to why I do so, I think it is a personal conviction. In a way, kindness begets kindness. You see, if not for the financial assistance I received from the Kuok Foundation, I would not be where I am today. That I was able to come to Singapore to study and complete my education is thanks to the financial aid I received from the Foundation. It had transformed my life and my thinking, especially towards giving.

Today, I am a Civil Engineer. Though work takes up a lot of my time, I remind myself to cultivate the seed of giving. I see it as my mission in life.

Steve Wah Ziyuan  
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