

REALumni E-Newsletter

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Welcome Note

It has been a while since we last met in November 2019. We hope that in this new year 2020 you will be able to realise all your dreams and aspirations! Hope the new year will also bring new opportunities for you to discover new and exciting experiences the whole year through. Happy New Year 2020!

New REP Leadership



In June 2018 (Issue 2 of the newsletter), we welcomed Associate Professor Geoffrey Chua on board as our Deputy Director (Graduate & Alumni), REP. We are taking this opportunity to inform you that we have a new Deputy Director (Graduate & Alumni) with effect from 1 January 2020. Associate Professor Chong Beng Soon from Banking & Finance Division, Nanyang Business School, has taken over from Associate Professor Geoffrey Chua who decided to step down due to his other commitments. He received the Nanyang Fellows MBA Teacher of the Year Award in 2013 and the MBA Teacher of the Year Award in 2009. He also received the Best Teacher Award for the Banking & Finance Division at NBS, NTU. He teaches finance courses in the Nanyang Business School. Please join us in welcoming Associate Professor Chong to the Renaissance Engineering Programme leadership team.

A Special Thanks to Outgoing Leadership



On behalf of the REP community, we would like to congratulate Associate Professor Geoffrey Chua for his new appointment as the Academic Director, EMBA in the Nanyang Business School. Our thanks to Associate Professor Chua for taking the lead in successfully launching the REALumni Association in November 2019. We wish him all the best with his future endeavours!

REALumni Association Launch cum REGrad Night



On 15 November 2019, we celebrated the launch of the Renaissance Engineering Programme Alumni Association (REALumni) as well as the REGrad Night for our graduating cohort, R5. About 150 attendees including alumni, graduating students, REP Fellows and staff from REP Office attended the event at the NTU Alumni House at One-North.



Professor Kam Chan Hin, Deputy Provost (Education) kicked off the proceedings with his welcome address, which was followed by short speeches by Professor Lalit Goel, Director of REP, and Mr Oo Guolin, President, REALumni Association. During the evening we also had a performance from our very own musical band comprising four year 4 students, Northern Hills, who wowed the audience with popular songs. There were also many catch-ups and interactions among all the alumni and graduating students.



Do stay tuned for more upcoming REALumni events.

The formalisation of the REP Alumni Association is indeed an important milestone, one which marks the start of a new chapter in our REP timeline. Going forward, more concerted efforts for initiatives can be facilitated and achieved through the REALumni Executive Committee. It was heartening to see different batches of REALumni gather together for an evening of cheerful catch-ups. I am excited to see how everyone, equipped with 4.5 years of university experience unique to each, continue to grow and develop. Despite it being a relatively small community, I am confident that the REALumni would continue to make waves across industries in their respective ways and capacities.



Oo Guolin
President, REALumni Association

NEW Overseas Partner Universities

SIX Partner Universities

We have widened the choice of overseas partner universities by adding two new Canadian universities with effect from AY2020/21. The two new universities are the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo. More REP students will be able to enjoy cross-country intelligence and learn from these new partnerships.



University of California, Berkeley

Imperial College
London



Northwestern
University



University of British Columbia



*New
UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO



*New
UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO

Featured Alumni

Yeo Lee Guan (R3) is currently working in the Sales and Marketing team of commercial aviation at Embraer, which is an aircraft manufacturing company headquartered in Brazil. The company has offices in United States, Europe, China and APAC.



DESCRIBE YOUR OVERSEAS WORK EXPERIENCE BRIEFLY.

As part of the Sales and Marketing team, I am responsible for marketing the aircraft to prospective customers in APAC and providing support to drive sales activities of our aircraft. Our customers can be any commercial airlines. As part of my training for this role, I was sent to Brazil for a 6-month training stint. The purpose of the training was three-fold:

- provide me with the essential skills and knowledge to market the aircraft;
- gain an in-depth understanding of the complicated processes in the company, and
- familiarise myself with the culture in Brazil.

Needless to say, the experience was nothing short of amazing and enriching for two simple reasons - my colleagues were friendly and hospitable; they would ensure that I am well taken care of and taught me patiently about the language and habits of Brazilians.

Being at the headquarters meant that I was able to oversee and support activities not just from the APAC office where I am based but also from the offices around the world. This meant taking on a different challenge and problem solving each day. I really enjoyed the experience a lot.

SHARE SOME KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OVERSEAS ATTACHMENT, SUCH AS WORK KNOWLEDGE, NEW FRIENDSHIPS, AND NEW DISCOVERY ABOUT YOURSELF, ETC.

For me personally, I think there are two kinds of highlights - work and fun.

In terms of work, I flew on one of our aircrafts on a production flight.

This is something like a test flight except that the aircraft flown was not an experimental aircraft. As this was a new aircraft type, it was a rare opportunity to be able to fly in it! At that time there were only five such aircrafts in the world. In terms of fun, it was when I saw the various breathtaking views of South America. From the ruins of Machu Picchu, to the colourful port town of Valparaiso to the majestic waterfalls of Foz do Iguacu. South America is full of amazing places to explore.



Keep an open mind and be prepared to adapt your habits according to the culture of the country. It also helps to learn a little of their language.



HOW DID YOUR NTU REP AND ICL EXPERIENCE HELP YOU IN ADAPTING TO YOUR OVERSEAS ATTACHMENT?

Staying overseas is never easy. The 1-year overseas in ICL has helped me to adapt quickly to a new environment because of the life skills that I picked up. One such skill that was really helpful was cooking. I cook daily in Brazil. In terms of work, there were three things that were particularly helpful - presentation skills, business concepts and aerospace technical knowledge. Firstly, in marketing it is all about getting the message across effectively and this is a useful skill I learnt across the various MSc courses coupled with presentation opportunities. Business concepts were also particularly useful in analysing business plans and crafting value proposition messages for targeted marketing. Lastly, the aerospace modules provided me with some basic knowledge and industry terminology to enable me to understand the technical discussions better during my training.



Rhodes & Schwarz 5G Broadcasting Engineering Competition 2019

Our Year 2 students have done very well in this competition. Rhodes & Schwarz has been organising this competition since 2004. This year's theme was about improving future streaming experience using innovative 5G broadcasting technology. The team comprised Chin Zhi Wei, Jervis Chan, Larry Lee, Nigel Lee and Vincent Yong. They were awarded first prize in Asia and top 6 internationally. They also participated in the Finals held in Munich, Germany in May 2019 and ended as the top scoring team there.



Singapore-India Hackathon 2019

Two teams comprising Year 2 students participated in the second Singapore-India Hackathon, a fast-paced 36-hour competition held in Chennai, India from 28 to 30 September 2019, to develop creative and innovative solutions focused on five problem statements. The hackathon featured 20 India and Singapore teams of three university students each.

Our two teams came out Top 10 in the competition.



EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year Case Competition (Singapore)

Tan Jie Hui, our Year 2 student worked in a team of 4 and emerged as the champion in the EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year case competition in November 2019.

The competition is in its third year and recognises talented young women with the potential and calibre to excel in corporate finance. The competition strives to nurture the next generation of female talent to make an impact in the world of corporate finance. Jie Hui's team managed to impress the judges with its comprehensive and robust analysis, and was awarded the best team presentation. Despite being one of only two second-year students among the finalists, Jie Hui was able to deliver a well-rounded presentation that showcased application of her critical thinking and analytical skills.



We would love to HEAR from you!

Do you have interesting stories to share or are planning to organise activities for your fellow alumni? Let us know and we will be glad to feature them in the e-newsletter. We welcome all suggestions and contributions for future issues. Simply email us at REALumni@ntu.edu.sg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NTU Open House	Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)
29 February 2020 (Saturday)	March – April 2020 (Saturdays)
9.30 am to 6.00 pm	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
Nanyang Auditorium	North Hill

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