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Well done, Class Agents!

NTU gives thanks to Class Agents for their contributions and unwavering support.



To health and prosperity: Alumni and guests getting into the traditional 'lo hei' tossing, for good luck and well wishes for the year ahead.



Class Agents – alumni who volunteer to update the contact details of their former classmates – have been vigilant in fulfilling their role.

Through their help, NTU has been able to keep in touch with a phenomenal 87 per cent of her 135,000 strong alumni population.

Their hard work received kudos at the Lunar New Year Gathering held in their honour on 26 February, at the Bukit Batok Civil Service Club.

NTU embarked on the Class Agent initiative four years ago. To-date, there are more than 1,400 alumni who have volunteered to be the link between alumni and the University. They represent every single cohort of NTU and its predecessor institutions since 1955.

Vital link

NTU President Dr Su Guaning addressed the Class Agents who attended the gathering and updated them on the progress of the University, as well as the importance of alumni support in advancing NTU.

Dr Su said: “It warms my heart to see the commitment and dedication exemplified by our Class Agents. You serve as the bridge that connects our alumni with the University. You are our vital link. It is only with the support of passionate alumni like yourselves that the University can reach greater heights.”

Sustaining connection

Mr Aseem Singhal, a newbie Class Agent attending his first Class Agents gathering, was pleased to be of service in keeping his peers connected to the University.

“I am glad I volunteered to be a Class Agent. It allows me to do my part to ensure a close knit alumni family. Being here tonight gives me the chance to meet fellow Class Agents,” said Aseem. He graduated from the School of Computer Engineering in 2009.

All guests partook in the traditional ‘lo hei’ tossing, followed by a buffet dinner.

Guests were also treated to performances from undergraduate student members of NTU’s Cultural Activities Club, as well as belly dance from a group of graduate students.

More than 230 Class Agents attended the Lunar New Year gathering organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.



A belly dance item by graduate students of NTU delights guests.

You, too, can be a Class Agent!

Why not come forward and help keep the alumni family close to their alma mater?

Be a Class Agent and the contact point for fellow alumni of common graduation years. Pick up the phone now and call **6790 6557** or email **mkwong@ntu.edu.sg**.

向校友班级代表致敬！

南洋理工大学举办农历新年联欢会，以答谢校友班级代表对母校一如既往的支持。



难忘的夜晚：南大校友班级代表们齐聚一堂，度过了难忘的夜晚。

南大校友事务处于2月26日在武吉巴督公务员俱乐部里举办了“南大校友班级代表农历新年联欢会”，与230位校友班级代表们共庆农历虎年的来临，并向他们对母校发展的大力支持和鼎力相助表示感谢。

至关重要的联系

“校友班级代表”计划始于四年前，卓有成效地使南大与校友的联系切实加强。那么这项计划是如何运作的？校友班级代表的工作又是什么呢？

校友班级代表自愿并主动联络昔日同班同学、搜集他们最新的通讯地址和其他联系方式、并定期告知母校。在校友班级代表的鼎力相助之下，目前南大得以同多达87%的校友保持定期联系！

到目前为止，报名加入校友班级代表的人数已经超过1400名，他们代表着南大自创校以来的每一个班级。

南大校长徐冠林博士在联欢会上讲话时，向班级代表们介绍了大学的发展情况和最新动态，并强调了校友对促进母校持续发展的重要作用。他说：“看到校友班级代表们热情服务，我心里感到很温暖。你们充当起大学和校友之间的联系桥梁；你们是至关重要的联系人。大学只有在像你们这样的校友的热情支持下，才能攀登新的高峰。”

永远支持母校

2009年毕业于南大计算机工程学院的阿森·星哈先生是一位新的校友班级代表，这次是他第一次参加校友班级代表聚会，他很高兴能够起到架起同班同学与母校桥梁的作用。他说：

“我能够支持这项计划，用各种可能的方式使校友大家庭保持凝聚力，感到很高兴；我今晚参加联欢会并同其他校友班级代表们见面，也感到很愉快。”

传统庆祝新年的“捞鱼生”使现场的气氛达到第一个高潮，大家彼此祝愿新年步步高升、百尺竿头。随后，校友们一边享用晚餐，一边欣赏精彩的文艺表演。南大文化活动协会学生们的舞蹈和扯铃表演使大家叫好连连，三位研究生的肚皮舞表演更是妩媚动人。

您是否也要报名加入校友班级？

各位校友，您是否也要报名加入校友班级代表的队伍，协助保持校友联系网络不断更新、永远充满活力？快拿起电话，拨打67906557或者发电邮给 mkwong@ntu.edu.sg。

Taking baby steps to parenting

Parents and couples flock to a forum to learn about how to bring up children for success amid today's challenges.



Bringing up baby: Parents bring along their bundle of joy to the 14th Distinguished Alumni Forum where they learn about parenting for success.

Mdm Monica Lee has been a busy mother-to-be. The 33-year-old full-time tutor and her husband, alumnus Lim Eng Boon (CEE/Class of 2002), have been studiously attending any course they can find on parenting.

So, when Mr Lim found out that the NTU Alumni Affairs Office was organising its 14th Distinguished Alumni Forum, focusing on the topic of 'Bringing up Children in Singapore: Today's Challenges', he immediately signed up.

As many as 200 alumni, staff, students and members of the public attended the forum held on 5 March at the NTU Alumni Club@one-north, Buona Vista.

Of resilience and partnership

The forum featured speakers Associate Professor Jessie Ee from the National Institute of Education (NIE), Dr Connie Lum from NTU's Singapore Centre for Chinese language, and Dr Ivan Lee, a 1985 alumnus from the former School of Mechanical & Production Engineering. Associate Professor Quek Jin Jong, NIE's Principal Officer, chaired the discussion.

Assoc Prof Ee, who specialises in educational psychology, dealt with the challenges working parents face and suggested how they can enhance their children's resilience through various means. These include recognising and helping them to manage their emotions; teaching them how to develop positive relationships; and helping them to see

perspectives in decision-making. Such skills honed during their formative years will help children to relate better with the real world later in life.

She further encouraged parents to focus on their children's strengths and build their confidence so as to foster resilience, which will better prepare them to face the demands of the 21st century. Parents, she shared, could use stories and video clips from *Youtube* and pose open-ended questions; this would enhance their children's social-emotional competencies.

Dr Lum, on the other hand, pointed out that parents ought to help develop their children's EQ (Emotional Quotient) by being encouraging and speaking positively.



(Left to right) The forum panel comprises alumnus Dr Ivan Lee (MPE/1985); Associate Professor Jessie Ee, NIE; Associate Professor Quek Jin Jong, NIE's Principal Officer and forum chairman, and Dr Connie Lum, Lecturer, Singapore Centre for Chinese language, NTU.

She reminded the audience that parenting is a partnership and not just the responsibility of the mother.

To inculcate values, Dr Lum recommended that parents tweak the stories they once heard from their own parents and relate it differently to today's children. 'Gong Long Rang Li', for instance, may be irrelevant today because 'li' or pears are aplenty.

Practice versus theory

After the presentations, a lively discussion took place between the forum speakers and participants. Dr Lee, relying on his own experiences as a father of three sons, suggested that parenting knowhow gleaned from books and experts has its merits, but real-life parenting takes a lot of practice and improvisations.

Some members in the audience sought advice about children who keep testing their limits and challenging 'house rules'. The 'practitioner' Dr Lee replied that he consults with his wife about rules, and they are open to changes if their sons have valid arguments. Dr Lee is married to Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education.

Dr Lee also encouraged parents to observe their children's moods and negotiate to get a point across.

Of the forum, Mr Mas Romi bin Mohamad Sukaimi, 38, an NTU staff, said: "I think parenting is a balance between theoretical knowhow and practice. Perhaps we should go about it as if we were taking baby steps. As the saying goes, you have to learn to crawl first before you can walk."

"Parents could use stories and video clips from *Youtube* and pose open-ended questions; this would enhance their children's social-emotional competencies."

Associate Professor Jessie Ee
National Institute of Education (NIE)

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Worthy recipients of this year's Caring Teacher Awards score for playing multiple roles in shaping the holistic development of students.



Recognising our caring mentors: The winners of the Caring Teacher Awards 2010 (National Award) are (from left) Mr Chan Kar Hong from Kent Ridge Secondary School, Mdm June Wong Kwai Yeok from National Junior College and Mrs Rosiah Giri from Da Qiao Primary School.

For developing their students as all-rounders, three exemplary teachers were conferred the National Award of the Caring Teacher Awards (CTA), while another 12 received the National Commendation Award.

The CTA recognises the three for having demonstrated inspiring passion, innovation and dedication in teaching as they play the role of not only an educator, but also nurturer and mentor.

All 15 were presented the awards by Ms Grace Fu, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education on 8 April, at NTU Alumni Club@one-north.

Education success

Commending the recipients in her speech at the award presentation ceremony, Ms Fu said: "Teachers, not textbooks or exams or syllabuses, are ultimately what makes education succeed. And the teachers who make a difference to their students' lives are those who demonstrate care and concern for their students as individuals, who help them up when they fall, and give them the confidence they need to beat seemingly insurmountable odds."

In emphasising her point, Ms Fu said: The best teachers are also the most caring teachers. They are sometimes more strict with their students as they care for the well-being of the students."

Caring teachers

This year's CTA went to:

Mrs Rosiah Giri, Da Qiao Primary School (Primary School level)

Every child matters. This has always been and will always be Mrs Rosiah Giri's belief and guiding principle. She applies it to her teaching and when guiding her young charges. A Senior Teacher in Da Qiao Primary School, she has taught there since 1996.

Mrs Rosiah feels that children need a lot of support and being there for them can make a difference in their lives, especially those who are emotionally disadvantaged or lack adult role models. She realises that by recognising and acknowledging her pupils' strengths, she is giving them the affirmation they seldom



The recipients of the Caring Teachers Awards 2010 (National Commendation Award) seen here with distinguished guests, including Ms Grace Fu (centre, in front), Senior Minister of State for National Development and Education.

receive; this will spur the students on. She believes in never giving up on her students.

Mr Chan Kar Hong, Kent Ridge Secondary School (Secondary School level)

Mr Chan has been a teacher at Kent Ridge Secondary School since 2003. He often goes the extra mile for his students particularly in the provision of pastoral care.

His belief in providing a holistic education for his pupils through the inculcation of values is manifested in the time and effort he put in towards the counselling of his pupils, in particular those from low social economic background and those who are in need of extra attention.

While Mr Chan constantly imparts to his students the virtue of caring for the less

fortunate, he also reminds them to pay constant attention to their own needs by confronting their personal challenges with courage and resilience. This, he believed, would hasten their development into individuals and citizens of sterling character.

Mdm June Wong Kwai Yeok, National Junior College (Junior College level)

Mdm Wong, fondly known as Mrs June Fong to her students, epitomises care in a holistic way. Demonstrating care of students through gestures that set her apart from her peers, caring comes naturally to Mdm Wong.

She admits that she does consciously reach out to the wide range of students that she teaches, in a way that is appropriate and effective. She does this in collaboration with

other teachers, parents, school counsellors and even selective students.

She is testimony to the adage that caring is nurturing the character.

Care exemplified

A biennial award, CTA was first given out in 1996 with the aim of acknowledging and rewarding those teachers in the schools who, through their daily deeds and actions, exemplify the values of caring, sharing and concern for the academic, moral, social, emotional and mental welfare of their students.

The CTA 2010 is jointly organised by the National Institute of Education, Singapore, and ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, with support from the Ministry of Education, Singapore.

National Commendation Award recipients

Ms Low Miow Noi, Nanyang Primary School

Ms Evelyn Chiam, Ngee Ann Primary School

Mdm Belinda Hoe Quee Hiang, Telok Kurau Primary School

Mdm Noor Azleen binte Sarbini, West View Primary School

Mrs Serpojan Singh, Yumin Primary School

Mrs Soonam Suneeth, Balestier Hill Secondary School

Mr Melvin Kong Kok Heng, Chua Chu Kang Secondary School

Mrs Sheila Philip, Commonwealth Secondary School

Ms Pamela Seet Siew Lin, Pei Hwa Secondary School

Mrs Toh-Lim Wei Ling, Ping Yi Secondary School

Mr Soong Chin Siang, Woodlands Ring Secondary School

Ms Karen Au Yee Kuan, Serangoon Junior College

The more, the merrier

NTU's Malaysian alumni are growing in numbers. Many showed up for their 'Waltz of Memories' annual dinner gathering.



All it takes is good entertainment to start the NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner get-together on a high note.

Of the 20 per cent of international alumni NTU has, more than 8 per cent or 11,300 are Malaysians, observed Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, Chief University Advancement Officer, at the NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner held on 20 March at Nanyang Auditorium, NTU.

Mr Chew was a Special Guest at the NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner.

The large number is not surprising given the proximity of Malaysia to Singapore. Indeed, NTU has been the university of choice among

Malaysians from the days of the University's predecessor institution Nanyang University, Mr Chew said in his welcome address.

As many as 300 NTU Malaysian alumni working or living in Singapore turned up for the dinner get-together.

'Waltz of Memories'

Participants were treated to a full repertoire of programmes lined up in the name of the theme of the evening – 'Waltz of Memories'.

Among the highlights were performances like a cappella, the comedic routine of the dancing 'dwarfs', and a percussion rendition à la 'Storm'. These were put up by several NTU Malaysian undergraduates who volunteered.

The evening turned nostalgic when video clips of campus days were displayed, bringing on much laughter. Alumni were exchanging anecdotes of the good times they once shared.

To round up the evening, a lucky draw was held, with prizes sponsored by the NTU



Fellow Malaysian alumni, catching up for some good laughs.



NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner get-together declared open! Chief University Advancement Officer Mr Chew Kheng Chuan (centre), is flanked by Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU, Mr Soon Min Yam (far right), Malaysian Students' Association presidents Nicholas Lee (right) and Lee Jia Yi (far left), and chairperson of Malaysian Alumni Dinner 2010 Poh Wencin (left).

Alumni Affairs Office (AAO). Several alumni got lucky and won great prizes.

Together forever

The NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner was an occasion not just for the alumni, but also their juniors. NTU's Malaysian undergraduates in their final year also came to join the dinner get-together.

Although all are of one same nationality, they hailed from different parts of Malaysia.

Many were meeting for the first time and were thankful that the dinner gave them a chance to meet.

The dinner get-together, held for the second time since it was initiated last year, was the collaborative effort of the NTU Malaysian Students' Association, the NTU Association of Malaysian Chinese Independent School Alumni and AAO.

AAO Director Mr Soon Min Yam tapped the platform to update alumni on upcoming

activities they could take part in. He also shared with all present the University's 55th anniversary and encouraged them to join in the celebratory events being held throughout the year.

Grateful for the updates on NTU, many alumni and students present shared their hopes for the annual get-together to be an event they could look forward to every year and that it could continue well into the future.

古稀之人共庆欢聚

南大校友联合周年聚会庆祝毕业40、45和50周年。



校友们拍下合影，纪念他们多年的友谊。

2010年3月21日，南洋理工大学第1、6和11届共200名校友回到母校，在生物科学学院前厅举行毕业40、45和50周年的联合聚会。

时光荏苒，岁月如梭，当年意气风发的年轻人很多已届古稀，但不变的是仍然热情满怀的精神。校友们见面后，纷纷握手言欢。有些同学已经多年不见，却仍然能一口叫出对方名字。当年的趣事信手拈来，引来阵阵欢笑；毕业后物换星移，引来诸多感慨。

南大校长徐冠林博士以贵宾身份出席了周年聚会，在致词中着重介绍了南大2015年的战略蓝图，大学最新取得的成就，以及2010年庆祝创校55周年将要举办的重大活动，让校友们在游览了云南园校园、南大牌坊与华斋馆，怀恋往昔过后，更加体会到了母校发展的日新月异。

本次聚会的联合工委副主席，1970年地理系的吴中博。校友在致欢迎词时，回忆起在座的校友们和新加坡一同成长的经历，也强调这些校友们都

拥有踏踏实实、自强不息的“南大精神”。由于他们接受的是华文教育，毕业后要从基层做起，但是校友们自力更生，在不同领域都取得了骄人的成功。他还说，成功是大家的，愿我们的友情常青。

随后，第11届校友参加了在四合院举行的校友班级牌匾放置仪式，第1、6届的校友也分别拍摄了各自的合照，最后所有校友围聚在一起，留下了非常有纪念意义的大合影。



在之后的午宴中，校友们在席间觥筹交错，回忆着旧日的趣事，也互道出美好的祝愿。校友和南大学生团体也带来精彩的表演，如越南学生的舞蹈表演、中文学会的口琴合奏《梁祝》悠扬婉转，校友男声独唱、男女二重唱、以及男生二重唱歌技不减当年，引来阵阵掌声。张爱华校友是当年广受好评的校园歌手，在校友的推举下，她应邀上台，即兴改编《小城故事》为《南大故事》，听上去让人格外感动。最后，徐冠林校长等贵宾与

学生们一起上台，合唱歌曲《传灯》，温暖的歌声余音绕梁。

当生日蛋糕被推到舞台中央，工委会委员们拥簇着校长上台，一起唱起生日歌，吹灭了蜡烛，切下祝福的蛋糕，与全体校友同庆他们40、45和50周年的友谊。

聚会在真挚与温馨的气氛中结束，校友们迟迟不舍离去，围在一起交谈留影。同窗聚首，更添旧日情谊，也期待着下一次的再聚。



欢乐的聚会：但愿校友与母校继续保持密切的联系！

The way we were

Alumni from the Class of 1960, 1965 and 1970 enjoy a walk down memory lane when they to the Yunnan Garden campus for their anniversary reunions.



Remembering the Class: Alumni from the Class of 1970 witness the laying of the Class Plaque at the NTU Quad.

Nearly 200 Nanyang University alumni came back to NTU to reunite with one another and their alma mater, thanks to a group of active peers. They got together and formed a joint working committee to organise their own reunion anniversary.

Chaired by Mr Chen Mong Tse from the Class of 1960, the Combined Reunion Organising Committee worked tirelessly for the classes to celebrate their 50th, 45th and 40th anniversary.

The reunions were held on 21 March at the foyer of the School of Biological Sciences, NTU.

Memories in monochrome

The alumni who returned spent a delightful afternoon at the Yunnan Garden campus, getting to know one another all over again.



The way we were: Alumni poring over the photographs taken during their Nanyang University days.

Some even brought along photo albums full of memories of their campus days captured in monochrome. Poring over their black-and-white old photos, they chatted animatedly about their younger, spirited days.

The years certainly had slipped by. Some alumni already in their 70s, greeted each other with warmth and great anticipation. Some even professed that it was the first time they had met one another after their graduation 40 or 50 years ago.

Light of legacy

The anniversary event was graced by NTU President Dr Su Guaning. His presence signalled the sincere intent of the University to stay connected to her alumni.



Big hugs, warm embrace.



Campus songstress: Alumna Chang Ai Wah (Arts/Class of 1960), popular with her singing talent during her school days, belts out an evergreen to the delight of fellow alumni.



Campus tour: Alumni re-acquaint themselves with the University as they catch sight of new buildings and the changes on campus.

Addressing all, Dr Su highlighted the University's strategic plan that would bring NTU to the next level.

Dr Su also highlighted the University's 55th anniversary and its hosting of international athletes as the official Youth Olympic Village.

Dr Su and other distinguished guests were invited onstage to sing 'Chuan Deng' or 'Light of Legacy', a song touted as the Nanyang University song. It was a touching rendition that brought warmth to the hearts of many present.

Creating new memories

Class of 1970 alumnus Mr Goh Tong Pak, who was also the Vice-Chairman of the Combined Reunion Organising Committee, shared with peers a delightful insight in his welcome address.

He spoke on how alumni from the Class of 1960, 1965 and 1970 had 'grown together' with the Nation and that they held high the Nanyang Spirit of striving unceasingly for the best. He hoped that the friendship among fellow alumni would remain evergreen.

In the tradition of anniversary reunions, alumni were treated to lunch, as well as performances by fellow alumni and students from NTU students' clubs.

Alumni from the Class of 1970 also witnessed the laying of the Class Plaque at the campus Quad.

As the event drew to an end, alumni were seen lingering behind, for parting is never easy.

Many had photos taken with one another in the hope of creating new memories.

Around Singapore in record time



Nine from NTU went around the island in the University's 55th anniversary signature event, Run Round Singapore. Five completed the run's entire 218km route or five marathons non-stop ahead of schedule. Three national records set.

Run Round Singapore takes off: A symbolic carrying of the torch marks the occasion. The torch is being passed from the first station at the Chinese Heritage Centre through to the last or 68th station, also on campus, at NTU's Sports & Recreation Centre.

“The greatest distance to cover in any race is the distance between your ears. Strength does not come from physical capability, but from an indomitable will.”

Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE/Class of 1997)
Fastest 218km Ultra-Marathon Runner (Male)
31hr 28min 51sec

Photo | Ng Jun Sen



NTU, all the way! The nine NTU runners, taking on Run Round Singapore, are (from left): Teng Teck Hou, Ng Junwei, Adeline Yong, Chin Kok Kai, Lim Nghee Huat, Adrian Mok, Chua Kok Chiow, Melvin Lee and Yong Yuen Cheng.

For crossing the finish line first and becoming Singapore's fastest 218km ultra-marathon runner (male), alumnus Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE/Class of 1997) ended up in a wheelchair after the run.

He and eight others had put the human spirit to the test by putting themselves through physical and mental anguish like blisters, cramps, blackened or dislodged toe nails, heat, crippling fatigue, and a lack of sleep.

Yuen Cheng even suffered from diarrhoea and had to go to the bushes as many as 20 times.

Pain now a vivid memory, fellow finisher Lim Nghee Huat (Commerce/Class of 1975) who came in fourth, flew to China in May to obtain approval from the authorities for a proposed 1,000-km, 12-city run across the country. The oldest one at the run, the 56-year-old only had a week of rest after Run Round Singapore before resuming his running. As he put it, it was “business as usual”; he just couldn't stay away.

Triumph over adversity

“The greatest distance to cover in any race is the distance between your ears. Strength does not come from physical capability, but from an indomitable will,” says Yuen Cheng of his record-setting feat.

The fastest finisher professes that he is neither a fast nor talented runner. He was also sickly as a child.

When the 38-year-old Physics teacher ran with Nghee Huat at the 217km Death Valley Challenge in 2007, the former clocked a better timing.

The day before Run Round Singapore, Yuen Cheng was having stomach problems, which worsened during the third marathon from Sengkang onwards. Though well prepared for the run – he built up his mileage gradually since last May and ran five different marathons in five days to prep his body for the 218km distance – he wasn't prepared for diarrhoea.

His support runners sought help to get him charcoal tablets to stop the runs only to find out that the tablets had been temporarily taken off the shelves at pharmacies islandwide. Some were eventually found not without the ingenuity of his support team.

To make up for lost time, Yuen Cheng went without a single shut-eye and treated himself to only one massage throughout the run. He also gave himself a mere five minutes food break every hour.

Yuen Cheng jogged, walked and limped his way through 68 stations around Singapore. Overwhelmed with emotion at the end point at NTU's Sports & Recreation Centre, he said: “I always thought the other runners were faster. I felt very touched to have this opportunity to give my students a lesson in effort and that you can achieve the extraordinary no matter how ordinary you are. There is no limit to the human spirit.”



Off they go!



Night falls: As the core runners enter the second day of running, Chua Kok Chiow and Adrian Mok (team in front) and Yong Yuen Cheng (team behind) are on level playing field. Each is trailed by his support car, stocked with provisions. For safety, they are accompanied by AETOS traffic police and medical personnel.



1st finisher, Yong Yuen Cheng: He crosses the finish line ahead of schedule, setting a national record.



Welcoming return: Yong Yuen Cheng is welcome back by NTU President Dr Su Guanng (arms open), Chief University Advancement Officer Mr Chew Kheng Chuan (with a garland) and Chairman of Run Round Singapore Organising Committee & Director of Alumni Affairs Mr Soon Min Yam (on Mr Chew's left).



4th finisher, Lim Nghee Huat, the oldest among the nine.



5th and last finisher, Teng Teck Hou.



Sweet victory: Melvin Lee has the support of his girlfriend.





Cool off: Chua Kok Chiow, taking part in the run for the first time, takes a dip for instant heat relief.



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Men of the moment: Lim Ngee Huat (facing camera), giving encouraging smile to his younger counterpart Melvin Lee as they enjoy a dip in iced water.



2nd finisher, Chua Kok Chiow, doing the Lindy at the finishing line.



3rd finisher, Melvin Lee, who is taking part for the first time.



Victory hug: Teng Teck Hou (facing camera), gets a warm welcome back.



For a good cause: Run Round Singapore sets out to raise \$218,000 for NTU's bursaries base to help future generations of students. NTU's Chief University Advancement Officer, Mr Chew Kheng Chuan (4th from left) and Director of Development, Ms Marina Tan Harper (far right) present the cheque to NTU President Dr Su Guaning (2nd from left). Looking on are Mr Raymond Lim (centre), Minister for Transport & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Soon Min Yam (far left), Director of Alumni Affairs, NTU.

Living up to the Nanyang Spirit



The marvel of the Nanyang Spirit: Run Round Singapore is about endurance in the face of adversity and the bonding of a community united in will. Seen on the left is Yong Yuen Chen, the 1st to complete the 218km run, and on the right, Chua Kok Chiow (garlanded), who came in 2nd. Congratulating Kok Chiow is fellow runner and best friend since varsity days, Adrian Mok.

Second to the finish line an hour later, Physical-Education teacher Chua Kok Chiow, kicked up his heels in glee and did two 'Chaplin Hops' as a tribute to his friends from the Lindy Hop Ensemble, who had supported him. Some ran with him in the last 100km, while others trailed him in cars, as well as tended to his food cravings.

The 35-year-old Kok Chiow had had his fair share of 'torment' although his approach to the run was in his own words, "to simply enjoy it". He and fellow runner, Adrian Mok (NBS/Class of 1999), had also made a pact prior to the run to stay with each other and fight till the end.

So, when Adrian, 34, decided to discontinue the run at the 135km mark, Kok Chiow was torn. Adrian ran a fever and suffered a strained hamstring, tight calf muscles, dislodged toenail and a nagging plantar fasciitis problem which made even walking impossible.

Both have been running buddies since they met as undergraduates of NTU.

Fervently hoping that all nine could complete the 218km, NTU President Dr Su Guaning was following their progress on the website, thanks to a Web-based tracking device – <http://www.navfzone.com/nturun> – courtesy of sponsors Asia Tracks and StarHub.

"Run Round Singapore is the epitome of the Nanyang Spirit. The spirit of resilience and endurance in the face of adversity, and the bonding of a community united in will, exemplifies the can-do attitude of the Nanyang Spirit," asserts Dr Su.

To carry on the Nanyang Spirit, he shared that the University would channel the funds raised from the run towards student bursaries to help future generations of NTU students.

At least \$300,000 (with government matching) was raised, exceeding the target of \$218,000 set.

First-time sponsor, Tiger Balm, chose to associate with Run Round Singapore, for that same spirit of endurance. "Tiger Balm, being a century-old iconic brand rich in heritage and a symbol of power and endurance shares NTU's pride in promoting the height of the achievement of the human strength and resilience. We are indeed honoured to be the official healthcare sponsor for Run Round Singapore – a record-setting event that is an ultimate test of endurance and achievement of the human spirit," says Mr A K Han, Executive Director, Haw Par Corporation Limited.

In wrapping up the run at the finale, Dr Su concludes thus: "The success of Run Round Singapore sends a strong signal that NTU is well prepared for its role as host of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in August, when we welcome over 5,000 young athletes and officials from around the world to our beautiful Yunnan Garden campus."

The Run Round Singapore sporting event started and ended at NTU. It was held over the weekend from Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 March.

Community spirit thrives

Run Round Singapore is more than a feat of endurance. It is also a celebration of community spirit, demonstrated along the route's 68 stations that loop around the entire island.



Among the Members of Parliament (MP) who flag off the run at their respective stations is Ms Indraneel Rajah, MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.



More than a sporting event: Run Round Singapore also features a non-competitive mass relay run open to all, including public members.

More than 9,000 runners took part in the mass relay, non-competitive segment of Run Round Singapore. The relay runners ran or walked from one station to the next, or more, with the distance between the stations averaging 3km.

As many as 47 Constituency Sports Clubs (CSCs) came all out to support the run where they man 34 or half of the stations islandwide. The officials of CSCs, Eng Choon Hway Kuan and Hwa Chong Institution volunteered time and effort to rally participants, as well as plan and execute the flag-off at all 36 relay run stations.

Over at the first station flag-off point at NTU's Chinese Heritage Centre, there were more than 3,000 relay runners from the campus community of students, alumni, faculty and staff.

'Operation Run Round Singapore': Lesson in teamwork

Taking advantage of the relay run to encourage teamwork and a healthy lifestyle among servicemen, the 21st Battalion Singapore Artillery planted 290 servicemen across all 68 stations.

Major Karen Wong, the Commanding Officer, saw Run Round Singapore as an opportunity and roped in Fire Direction Officer, 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Song, 22, to plan the logistic. His assignment was akin to 'Operation Run Round Singapore'.

The only such participation where runners undertook relay run from every one of the 68 stations, the run was like a shot of fresh air for the servicemen.

2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Song explained: "Taking part in the run meant that we could bring our regular runs out of the camp. We conduct runs of up to 5km every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, to build physical fitness."

Needless to say 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Song also ran. He ran

with 2nd Lieutenant Soon Ning across six stations or the equivalent of half a marathon.

Was there a lesson in teamwork under 'Operation Run Round Singapore'? 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Song gave an affirmative. His servicemen were instructed to "leave no men behind". As fitness level differs between servicemen, help was offered to those who were lagging behind.

The servicemen relay participants got more than they bargained for from Run Round Singapore.

FOR THE RECORD

Three Singapore records set

- Longest Ultra-Marathon: 218km, 68 relay stations, 9,033 participants
- Fastest 218km Ultra-Marathon Runner (Male): Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE/1997)
- Longest Ultra-Marathon Runner (Female): Adeline Yong (NIE/2000)

Five out of nine core runners finished the run

Yong Yuen Cheng (NIE/1997): 31hr 28min 51sec
 Chua Kok Chiow (CSE/1999): 32:32:05
 Melvin Lee (SCE/2006): 33:10:35
 Lim Nghee Huat (Commerce/1975): 34:35:39
 Teng Teck Hou (SCE/2003): 34:36:32
 The four who didn't finish were: Adeline Yong (NIE/2000), Adrian Mok (NBS/1999), Chin Kok Kai (EEE/1995) and Ng Junwei (SCE/Student)

Facts and figures

\$300,000 (with government matching) raised for student bursaries
 More than 10,000 goodie bags given out
 More than 1,600 volunteers
 47 Constituency Sports Clubs (CSCs) manned 34 stations
 16 MPs and Grassroots Advisors flagged off at various stations

Supporting Organisations:



Official Sponsors:



Other Sponsors:



创造纪录的环绕新加坡跑



环绕新加坡跑启程：盛会以高举象征性火炬的接力棒开始。接力棒将从在南大的第一站不断地传递到第68站（最后一个站），即南大体育与康乐中心。



不仅仅是一场体育盛会：环绕新加坡跑也是一个非竞赛性的群众性接力跑，开放给所有的人，包括公众人士。

为纪念南洋理工大学建校55周年，有九名南大校友和学生在环绕新加坡跑活动中挑战相当于5个马拉松距离的长跑。其中有五名选手不间断地跑完全程218公里，他们创造了三项新加坡全国纪录。

率先抵达终点的南大国立教育学院1997年校友杨渊菁成为新加坡男子组218公里超级马拉松跑得最快的长跑选手，由于过度消耗体力，他在跑完全程后坐轮椅上台接受颁奖。

他和其他8名主跑选手在长跑中挑战极限，经受了体力和精神上的双重考验，像出水疱、腿部抽筋、脚趾发肿或脱位，以及酷热天气所导致的极度疲劳和缺乏睡眠等等。

杨渊菁甚至还出现腹泻，中途不得不20多次进入灌木丛方便。他在开始长跑之前，肚子就感到很不舒服，而在跑第三段马拉松时更加恶化。

第四名抵达终点站的林义发（南洋大学商学院1975年校友）也是同样与身体遭受的疼痛抗争着跑完全程。他将在5月飞到中国获取当局批准以进行他的1000公里跨越中国12个城市长跑。这位56岁的校友在9名选手中是年纪最大者，他在参加“环绕新加坡跑”休息一个星期之后，还要进行下一个长跑锻炼。用他的话来说，“一切照旧进行”，他的生活不能没有长跑锻炼。

战胜逆境

渊菁对他创造纪录的壮举感慨地说：“长跑中最大的距离是你两个耳朵间的距离。耐力不是来自体能，而是来自不屈不挠的坚强意志。”这位最快抵达终点的长跑选手承认，他既不是跑得快的人，也不是聪明的跑步者。他还像

孩子一样爱生病。

这位38岁的物理老师队友林义发一起参加过2007年在“死亡峡谷”举行的217公里挑战赛，他的时间比义发掌握得好一些。

在参加“环绕新加坡跑”的前一天，渊菁发觉胃不舒服，而在长跑中经过盛港之后，情况更加不妙。虽然他事先已经做足准备，从去年5月份练习跑马拉松，并逐步增加公里数，最后用5天时间练习跑5个马拉松的距离，为这次的218公里长跑做好体力上的准备，可是他万万没有料到会发生腹泻——这是他无法预测和准备的。

他的陪跑者们设法为他寻找活性炭药片（charcoal tablets），可是当时这种药片在全岛的药店里偏偏暂时无售。在陪跑组的努力下，终于为他找到了一些药片。

为了弥补失去的时间，渊菁发力继续跑步，一次也没有休息，而且在整个长跑过程中他只接受了一次按摩。此外，他每个小时只给自己5分钟时间休息吃东西补充体力。

在整个68站的长跑途中，渊菁克服了体能的挑战，从跑到走，甚至一瘸一拐地也要坚持。他在抵达终点站南大体育与康乐中心时，情绪十分激动。他说：“我一直以为其他选手比我快。我很激动，因为这给了我机会来教导我的学生们如何坚持不懈；不管你如何平凡，你都可以取得不凡的成绩。人的精神没有极限。”

不辜负南大精神

一个小时之后，第二位选手体育教师蔡国昭抵达终点站，抵达终点时他以一个“卓别林式的跳跃”表达了他的喜悦

载入纪录大全

创造了三项新加坡纪录

- 最长的超级马拉松纪录：218公里，68个接力站，有9033人参加
- 男子组218公里超级马拉松最快长跑者：杨渊菁（国立教育学院1997年校友）
- 女子组超级马拉松跑路程最长的女选手：熊燕萍（国立教育学院2000年校友）

九名核心长跑选手中有五名跑完全程

杨渊菁（国立教育学院1997年校友）：31小时 28分 51秒
蔡国昭（土木与环境工程学院1999年校友）：32小时32分05秒
李华群（计算机工程学院2006年校友）：33小时10分35秒
林义发（南洋大学商学院1975年校友）：34小时35分39秒
邓德豪（计算机工程学院2003年校友）：34小时36分32秒

其他4名没有跑完全程的核心长跑选手是：熊燕萍（国立教育学院2000年校友）、莫岳麟（南洋商学院1999年校友）、曾国凯（电机与电子工程学院1995年校友）和吴君伟（计算机工程学院在籍学生）。

其他重要数据：

为学生助学金筹集到30万新元（包括政府一元兑一元的拨款）
送出一万多个礼品袋
有超过1600名人士自愿服务
有47个选区的体育中心负责34个站的接力跑活动
有16名国会议员和基层组织顾问在各个站主持挥旗仪式
有8个支持机构
有9个正式的赞助商
有11个其他的赞助单位



向终点站冲刺：杨渊菁正在向设在南大的终点站冲刺。他是环绕新加坡218公里长跑中第一个抵达终点者。

心情，并向一直支持他的 Lindy Hop 合唱团的朋友们致谢。有些朋友在最后的100公里一直陪他跑，而其他朋友则乘汽车尾随着他并给他买食品。

蔡国昭（35岁）对“艰辛”有他合理的见解，虽然他对这次长跑活动的看法，用他的话来说，是“只是一个快乐的体验”。他和队友莫岳麟（南洋商学院1999年校友）也在起跑之前约定，一起勇往直前，坚持到底。

因此，当莫岳麟在跑了135公里并且决定不再跑时，蔡国昭心碎了。莫岳麟身体发烧、腿腱抽搐、小腿肌肉僵硬、脚趾甲脱位等等，还患有令人心烦的足底筋膜炎，使他没法再坚持下去。

蔡国昭说：“他（莫岳麟）作出这个困难的决定，我很钦佩。虽然我很想与他一起跑完全程，但我也觉得我有责任继续跑下去，只要我还能跑。我们两人都非常喜欢跑步活动，正是因为如此我们才参加。”他们两人自从到南大修读本科课程认识起，就一直是跑步锻炼的同伴。

南大校长徐冠林博士肯定地说：“环绕新加坡跑是发扬南大精神的典范。在逆境中自强不息和坚持不懈，以及团结一致和加强团队凝聚力，体现了南大精神中‘乐观进取’的苦干精神。”

团体精神发扬光大

环绕新加坡跑不仅挑战耐力，也是对团体精神的颂歌，这体现在全岛68个接力站的整个路程。

作为环绕新加坡跑的非竞赛性质的组成部分，超过9000人参加了接力跑。接力跑参加者从一个站跑步或徒步到下一站或更多站，两个站之间的距离平均是3公里。

多达47个选区体育中心对这项大型活动给予了大力支持，他们负责全岛总共68个接力站中的34个站。这些体育中心自愿贡献时间和精力动员当地居民参加，并且为34个站（包括永春会馆站和华中站）策划和负责安排挥旗和接力跑活动。

在第一个站南大华裔馆前，有3000多名南大校友、学生、教职员参加了接力跑。

环绕新加坡跑大型体育活动于3月27日（星期六）从南大出发，到3月28日（星期日）在南大结束。

南大校长徐冠林博士在终点站发表讲话时指出：“环绕新加坡跑活动取得圆满成功，传达了一个强烈的信息，南大已为将在今年8月举行的青奥运做好准备，届时南大将负责接待5000名来自世界各地年轻的运动员和官员来到我们美丽的云南园校园。”

NTU: Her history and journey



Evergreen icon: Gazetted as a national monument in 1998 and now housing the Chinese Heritage Centre, the beautifully restored former Nanyang University Administration Building, with a distinct oriental character, overlooks the historical Yunnan Garden.

Enter NTU's Yunnan Garden campus and dense green foliage greets your eyes. Once you pass the entrance, tall buildings appear in sight. Modern academic complexes intersperse with residential halls.

The Yunnan Garden campus is now a cosmopolitan hub with 23,000 undergraduates and 10,000 graduate students from across the globe.

It was 55 years ago when it all began as Nanyang University where students used to spend time in the campus' gardens, in between lessons, with friends.

This year, the University is celebrating her 55th anniversary and to mark the occasion, we trace her Nanyang roots and academic growth.

Humble beginnings

Nanyang University or Nantah became the first Chinese-language University in Southeast Asia set up in 1955 with donations from people of all walks of life, including trishaw riders.

The idea of establishing such a university was first mooted by Mr Tan Lark Sye and he himself donated \$5million to its building fund. The philanthropist served as Chairman of Nanyang University Council, and contributed much effort in overseeing the various aspects of the University such as staffing, facilities, infrastructure and student welfare.

The University was built on land donated by Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan.



Games Village, once more: In 1983, our campus ground was the Games Village for the 12th SEA Games. Come August, more than 5,000 young athletes and officials from around the world will be calling NTU 'home'. Our campus is being spruced up once more, this time as the Youth Olympic Village for the inaugural Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games.



Making history in Singapore: The inauguration ceremony, marking the establishment of NTU, was held on 30 June 1991. Seen here is then Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong (right), receiving a memento from then Council Chairman, Mr Michael Fam.



Of NTU, NTI and NIE

From 1979 onwards, economic restructuring began in earnest; the Singapore government sensed a need to expand the training of engineers.

To educate practice-oriented engineers, the Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI) was established on the same campus with government funding in 1981.

In 1991, NTI became the Nanyang Technological University, or NTU, with the absorption of the National Institute of Education (NIE). There was much pomp and pageantry at the inauguration ceremony with then Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong, gracing the occasion.

The power of autonomy

NTU was corporatised in April 2006. With greater autonomy, NTU was able to draw on her strengths to enhance global education and research.

Backed by four Colleges, it comprises 12 Schools (shown overleaf) which facilitate cross-disciplinary learning to turn NTU into a university of choice for students. The College of Science and the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences were the University's latest additions. Even a medical school is in the offing.

Colleges	Schools
College of Business	Nanyang Business School
College of Engineering	School of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering School of Civil & Environmental Engineering School of Computer Engineering School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering School of Materials Science & Engineering School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	School of Art, Design & Media School of Humanities & Social Sciences Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information
College of Science	School of Biological Sciences School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences

Journey to excellence

In recent years, NTU has set up two other autonomous institutes, in addition to NIE, Singapore's only teacher training institute. The two are: Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS).

EOS was officially launched last February for the study and forecast of natural phenomena threatening Southeast Asia.

RSIS, established in 2007, has since earned a reputation for being a leading research and graduate teaching institution in strategic and international affairs in the Asia-Pacific region.

NTU is also a founding member of Global Alliance of Technological Universities. The Alliance adopts an interdisciplinary and cross-boundary approach to address the issues of global concern such as global climate change, water supplies and urbanisation by developing avenues for solutions through research collaboration and exchange.¹

Today, NTU is ranked 14th in Asia and our Business School is ranked 24th in the World by the Financial Times with respect to our MBA programme.²

Fifty five years on, NTU has come far, but the journey to excellence is never ending...



The new Nanyang Auditorium was officially opened on 1 January 2000 and is used today for university events such as the annual Convocation ceremonies.



NTU, 55 and Advancing: The University's 55th anniversary logo and theme symbolise 55 years of history and achievements and the advancement NTU can look forward to for the future. It was inspired from a referent entry sent in by Mr Chan Chon U from the School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences.

¹ Source: NTU website

² Source: NTU website

南大历史与成长历程

南洋理工大学今年庆祝创校55周年，为了纪念这个重要的里程碑，让我们一同沿着历史轨迹，追溯南大的建校起源及发展历程。



南洋大学牌坊：1955年至1980年为南洋大学正门，至今屹立于裕廊西一隅，是南大校友不时驻足留影的重要地标之一。

进入南大云南园校区，首先映入眼帘的是郁郁葱葱、苍劲翠绿的迷人景色；进入校门，漫步于蜿蜒曲折的林间小道，环顾四周，校园内中西式建筑物交相辉映，古韵今风相得益彰。

我们把时间回溯到55年前——当时的云南园，见证了风起云涌的历史，先贤热心教育事业的崇高精神，促成了南洋大学的诞生，云南园是南洋大学的校址所在地，也是莘莘学子与同窗好友度过求学时光的校园宝地。

艰苦创校

南洋大学是东南亚第一所中文大学，由新加坡及本区域各阶层人民共同捐资设立，捐款者包括三轮车夫及富商巨贾。

南洋大学的倡办人是新马胶业钜子陈六使先生，他本人率先捐出500万新元作为创办这所大学的经费。陈六使先生曾出任南洋大学理事会主席，执掌大学校舍设施、师资聘任、基础建设及学生福利等事务，对南大贡献良多。

南洋大学的校址“云南园”由新加坡福建会馆捐赠。

关于NTU, NTI 和 NIE

1979年，经济重组如火如荼，新加坡政府意识到有必要培养更多的工程师。

1981年，新加坡政府在南洋大学校址成立南洋理工学院（NTI），为急速腾飞的新加坡培育工程专才。

1991年，南洋理工学院进行重组，更名为南洋理工大学（NTU），并将国立教育学院纳入旗下。当时的新加坡总理吴作栋先生莅临观礼，成立仪式盛况空前。

走向自主

2006年4月，南洋理工大学正式企业化，从法定机构转为非

盈利企业。获得自主权之后，大学的管理更具灵活性，这让南大得以充分发挥本身的优势，在全球教育方面取得佳绩，同时将学术研究推向新的高峰。

与此同时，南大全力以赴，积极筹划重组方案，将12所学院（见下表）重组为文、理、工、商四大学院，以加强各学院之间的协调与合作，通过集合资源提升教学素质，进一步丰富学生的求学体验，把南大发展成一所具备多种学科选择的大学。此外，南大拟议建立的医学院，也正在酝酿成型。

学院	院校
商学院	商学院
工学院	化学与生物医学工程学院 土木与环境工程学院 计算机工程学院 电机与电子工程学院 材料科学与工程学院 机械与宇航工程学院
文学院	艺术、设计与媒体学院 人文与社会科学学院 黄金辉传播与信息学院
理学院	生物科学学院 数理科学学院

迈向卓越大学的征途

近年来，南大旗下加添了两所自主机构——新加坡地球观测研究所及拉惹勒南国际关系学院（连同国立教育学院在内，南大旗下共有三所自主机构）。

新加坡地球观测研究所于去年2月正式成立，集中研究和预测威胁东南亚的自然灾害。

拉惹勒南国际关系学院创建于2007年，集中培养外交与安全事务，以及从事政策相关研究的领袖人才，其属下的国防与策略研究院是世界权威的研究机构。

南大也是全球科技大学联盟的创始成员之一。这个联盟由七所全球一流的科技大学共同发起，致力开展教学、研究、师生交流等，普及和发扬工程科技教育，并以跨领域的工程科技研究来共同解决人类目前面对的气候变化、水源短缺、能源不足、城市化等问题。¹

时至今日，南大在亚洲顶尖大学排名榜上，名列第14位；南大商学院在英国《金融时报》全球工商管理硕士课程（MBA）排行榜上，名列第24位。²

过去55年，南大经历多次变革，取得了长足的发展。然而，追求卓越的征程永无止境，我们将在征程中奋勇向前，永不言弃……

¹ 资料来源：南大网页

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Mr Inderjit Singh (EEE/Class of 1985), sets up Solstar to add to his list of entrepreneurial achievements.

What makes him tick?

Member of Parliament and alumnus Inderjit Singh attributes his achievements as an entrepreneur to the pioneering spirit of his alma mater, the former Nanyang Technological Institute.

Singaporeans from the Ang Mo Kio Group Representation Constituency (GRC) know Mr Inderjit Singh (EEE/Class of 1985) as their Member of Parliament (MP). But, did you know that he is also an icon in Singapore's entrepreneurship?

Mr Inderjit has set up a number of companies from scratch and one has even turned into one of the world's top semiconductor and test outsourcing set-ups.

Not only has he been successful in his own ventures, he has also been the most passionate champion for small and medium companies, and for entrepreneurship. He is currently the Deputy Chairman of the Action Community for Entrepreneurs (ACE).

"I think we have made a lot of progress in entrepreneurship in Singapore especially in the past six years since we formed ACE. Through ACE, we have made many changes in the landscape and eco-system for entrepreneurship support. ACE has been instrumental in Singapore becoming the pulse in entrepreneurship," he said.



His plant, his business: : Mr Inderjit, at one of the clean rooms of Infiniti Solutions, a company he set up.

The importance of being a pioneer

Mr Inderjit, who hailed from the pioneer batch of Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI) students, strongly believes that his NTI background was what moulded him to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in Singapore.

He explained: "I found myself spending 13 years in Texas Instruments after receiving a job offer immediately after my graduation. Then, I decided that I ought to be influenced by the pioneering spirit of NTI. I practised being a pioneer and my companies began to form one after another."



Graduating pioneer batch: Mr Inderjit (far right), among his NTI mates during their graduation in 1985.

"I remember when we were in NTI, we often get thrown into situations where we couldn't leave anything to chance. We felt we had to take the initiative to step forward; we had to make a difference," he stressed.

It prompted him to start the Students Union, the Electrical & Electronic Engineering Club, as well as the Indian and Cultural Society in NTI.

"While there were uncertainties, I was willing and determined to do something for the pioneer batch, and play a role in creating history for Singapore," he said.

United Test Assembly Centre (UTAC) was his most successful venture and at one time was listed in the Stock Exchange until it was bought out.

After spending four years at UTAC, he set up his present company, Infiniti Solutions. He recently added Solstar to his long list of companies and is spending most of his time there.

Solstar manufactures consumer electronics for the developing market, mainly Africa.

Speaking out in Parliament

Elected as an MP for the Ang Mo Kio GRC in 1996, Mr Inderjit has provided constructive criticism to government policies.

"I think many of my peers in Parliament fear for me more than I fear for myself whenever I speak out," he professed, chuckling.

"My task in Parliament has been one on championing businesses and entrepreneurship. The good news is things are changing...the government does listen, as long as you give good suggestions as well," said Mr Inderjit.

He also contributes to revving up national-level changes for promoting entrepreneurship by working on the government mindset, regulatory environment, the improvement of financing and above all, making Singapore more conducive to entrepreneurs.

Besides his role as a champion of entrepreneurship in Parliament, Mr Inderjit spends a lot of his time in his constituency at the weekly Meet-the-MP sessions and numerous grassroots events.

Entrepreneurship and NTU

As a member of NTU's Board of Trustees, Mr Inderjit hopes to inculcate in students the pioneering spirit.

Through the Board's enterprise committee which he chairs, he hopes to achieve his aim of having every NTU graduate instilled with an entrepreneurial mindset.

"We hope to produce more entrepreneurs out of NTU," he vouched.

"We need to be able to expose everyone about what entrepreneurship is about. This also includes training the professors so that they are able to impart knowledge to the students," he pointed out.



From business to writing children's books? There is no stopping Mr Inderjit.

Although NTU is well known for its research, Mr Inderjit felt that more can be done to create companies from the research spin-offs. In particular, the University can create a support system for professors and researchers.

He said: "With the Nanyang Technopreneurship Center (NTC) in place, NTU has a good head start. We now have to develop it further."

Giving up is not an option

With so much on his plate, one wonders what keeps Mr Inderjit's trailblazing spirit going.

Simply, he replied: "Never say die!"

He went on to add: "I strongly believe that every problem can be solved. There is no point in giving up."

An entrepreneur is a risk-taker. Mr Inderjit has had his fair share of obstacles and lessons learnt.

To pass on his experience and knowledge, he authored a book entitled '*The Art and Science of Entrepreneurship*'. The book was sold out almost as it hit the bookstores.

On writing children's books

"When my kids were young, I used to read them books. When I noticed them getting bored with the usual books, I decided that it might be a better idea to tell them stories I

create myself," said the father of three – two girls aged 18 and 16, and a son aged 11.

"In fact, there is one story which will be published pretty soon, as part of a collection of other stories by other authors," he adds.

He lets on another secret. Mr Inderjit has written a children's book which is 15 chapters long, all saved in his PC. "When I am ready and the time is right, I might just decide to publish it. I guess that is just the entrepreneurial itch in me," he enthused.

After all, entrepreneurship is still the greatest love of his life.

Social media: Boon or bane?

The question is addressed by a stellar cast of speakers at the Alumni Breakfast Talk offered for the first time to the Nanyang Business School alumni.



New versus traditional media: Mr Peter Lim, former Editor-in-Chief of Singapore Press Holdings, addresses the need for traditional media to play catching up in order to stay relevant.

Social media can be a double-edged sword.

While it may offer businesses an efficient marketing tool, it can just as easily deliver a blow to business or individual if the marketing campaigns were not well managed.

This and more were addressed at the Alumni Breakfast Talk held for the first time by the Nanyang Business School Alumni Association (NBSAA) in partnership with Nanyang MBA Alumni Association (MBAAA). It was sponsored by SAS.

A sell-out, bookings came in minutes after the event was launched on the website and through email.

Field experts

Although held from 8am, many didn't mind the early hours. The stellar cast of speakers from the fields of media and marketing was the crowd-puller.

Among the speakers was veteran media man, the former Editor-in-Chief of Singapore Press Holdings, Mr Peter Lim, who is also the helmsman of the book *Chronicle of Singapore*. Mr Lim is now Writer and Media Consultant of Plim HL, Singapore.

He was accompanied by the technology guru of SAS, Mr Luke Soon; Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide Associate Director (Ogilvy 360° Digital Influence) Mr Shalu Wasu; and Google AdWords Singapore Account Manager Ms Nagalakshmi V.

Of campaigns, connection and integration

Backed by his 33 years of experience, Mr Lim, formerly from the Straits Times Press group, shed light on how feelings and connections must be established between the marketer and the target audience. That in essence was why some campaigns worked and some didn't, he added.

He further shared how traditional media can catch up with technology by being complementary.

Mr Soon, the second speaker and Principal (Customer Intelligence) of SAS Asia Pacific, shared how marketers can be empowered with data and analytics to deliver the right campaign at the right time to the right group of audience and markets.



A little networking warms participants up for the Alumni Breakfast Talk that addresses the 'Advent of Social Media: What it Means to Marketing Practitioners'.

He pointed out that even the choice of key words used could make or break a marketing campaign; words have different meanings and will therefore yield different reactions.

Third speaker, Mr Shalu Wasu, cautioned that the advent of technology had made it impossible to develop a static strategy when addressing tactical yet targeted messages aimed at influencing customers' buying decisions.

Mr Shalu suggested instead a nimble approach, incorporating social media across the strategic mission and vision of one's company and integrating it into daily action plans and operational strategies.

Touching on blogs, website and Facebook accounts, Ms Nagalakshmi V stressed that these can be tapped to reach out to audiences

from around the globe. She went on to relate the development of her own blog, contents and how with only a few clicks of the tools from Google, she was able to track useful information like the number of views in a day, origins of visitors to her blog, and even how they found out about her site.

Widespread applications

Following the presentations, a Questions & Answer session ensued. Moderated by Mr Jon Chin, Managing Director & Head (Digital Strategy) of ClickMedia, the questions came fast and furious.

Some alumni participants wanted to know how the ruling party and the opposition would tap social media so as to reach out to the voters in Singapore's coming general elections. There were also those who wanted

to learn how social media can be utilised in healthcare, what with the need to account for legal obligations.

Held at Lawry's The Prime Ribs Singapore, Mandarin Gallery, the inaugural Alumni Breakfast Talk was hosted by NBSAA's 2nd Vice-President, Mr Andrew Tan (NBS/Class of 2001).

NBSAA President, Mr Sarjit Singh, also graced the event along with SAS' Managing Director, Mr Bill Lee.

Both provided a prelude to the Alumni Breakfast Talk, tackling 'social media statistics' and 'consumers' daily spending patterns & behaviour', respectively.

EVENT • CALENDAR 活动预告

COMING ATTRACTIONS for alumni!



Jun 12-13
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Launch of NTU Alumni
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暨学术讲座



July 3
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-cum-Ice-cream Buffet
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July 10
Class Anniversary Reunion
Celebration: Class of
1975 & 1980
南大第16届暨21届
校友周年聚会



July 17
Basic Skincare and Make-up Workshop
基本护肤与化妆课程



July 23
15th Distinguished Alumni Forum
第15期南大杰出校友论坛



Aug 7
Welcome Class 2010
Alumni Party@Zouk
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Aug 21-22
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If you have any queries, please contact Ms Low Bee Wah at lowbw@ntu.edu.sg or 6790 6558.



More than just a movie

Alumni reconnect at a special screening of 'Shutter Island'.



The family that catches a movie together, stays together!

For many attending the NTU Alumni Movie Screening of 'Shutter Island', it was a chance to catch a movie and have a good time reconnecting with fellow alumni.

Ms Yee Ailing, 30, a senior finance associate (NBS/Class of 2003) said: "The movies screened are always the more popular ones, so I think coming here is quite worth it." She enjoyed it so much she had already booked tickets for upcoming movie screenings as well.

Organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office, the 'Shutter Island' Movie Screening was held at VivoCity on Sunday 18 April.

'Shutter Island' is a thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio, a US Marshall who visits the eponymous island, to investigate the disappearance of a female patient at a mental hospital.

Some alumni who were former schoolmates also met up that Sunday afternoon at the movie.

Engineer Mr Toh Tser Siong (EEE/Class of 2004) said he attends as many alumni events as he can to catch up with old friends and relive the days he had in NTU.

The 34-year-old calls himself a 'loyal supporter' who invites friends to attend events with him.

"It is important to network. The opportunity to do so is very rare when you join the workforce because you become too busy to meet your friends," he said. Also, the fact that the movie was at a central shopping centre was a plus point, he noted.

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Gems in our midst

Student Alumni Associates receive kudos for contributing to NTU, in particular to key university events such as Run Round Singapore.



One for the Student Alumni Associates album.

Just who are these Student Alumni Associates (SAAs) gems?

Appointed by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office (AAO) from the pool of student leaders of the clubs, associations, schools and halls of residences at NTU, SAAs contribute time and effort to NTU alumni activities and key university events. Run Round Singapore, for instance, would not have been a success without their contributions.

The other university events include NTU Alumni Homecoming, NTU Alumni Family Day, sports networking sessions and forums.

For the unstinting support rendered by SAAs during the year, as many as 97 SAAs were presented certificates at the appreciation lunch held on Saturday 10 April at Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard Centre.

Run Round Singapore contributions

Among them, Liang Weili who hailed from the Motoring Club and year 3 student of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, earned the nickname of 'nine-bus legend'.

Weili had single-handedly managed nine buses over the two days the run was held, ferrying participants back to the stations from where they took off.

The run featured 68 relay stations across the island, starting from NTU Chinese Heritage Centre and ending at NTU's Sports & Recreation Centre.

Another fellow SAAs and President of the Motoring Club, Nigel Ong, sought the guidance of his club's former presidents, alumni Walter Ong and Jackson Tan. Both were involved in the run first held in 2005.

Nigel oversaw the entire logistics planning, namely, bus schedules and the smooth transportation of run participants, goodie bags, breads, and mineral water.

SAA Huang Junwei, presently a final-year student from the School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, put in 36 hours to ensure 11,000 goodie bags were delivered timely to the stations islandwide. Junwei said: "I barely slept over the two days of the run and had fever!"

Sterling efforts

"It touches my heart to see how the students supported wholeheartedly the Run Round Singapore event," said NTU's Chief University Advancement Officer Mr Chew Kheng Chuan.

Mr Chew went on to give his heartfelt thanks to NTU Students' Union, NTU Cultural



Student Alumni Associate and President of NTU Students' Union Dimas Harry Priawan is being recognised for his contributions in alumni cultivation. He is flanked by Mr Chew Kheng Chuan (right), Chief University Advancement Officer, NTU, and Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs, NTU.

Activities Club, NTU Chinese Society, NTU Sports Club, Motoring Club and Alumni, Red Cross Humanitarian Network (NTU Chapter) as well as JCRCs (Junior Common Room Committees), for their great assistance and support.

Mr Chew said: "The success of the event would not have been possible without the tremendous effort put in by the students and the rest of the NTU community."

NTU Students' Union certainly went out of their way in the spirit of volunteering. Dimas Harry Priawan, President, NTU Students' Union, rounded up student volunteers for the run.

The NTU Cultural Activities Club also got in on the act with President Joel Ng, seeing to the stage programmes and student performers.

Augustine Lee, President, NTU Sports Club, provided coordination at the various stations of the run to make sure batons were properly transited between stations; Members of Parliament who were flagging off at the stations were presented tokens of appreciation; rental of cars and lorries for transportation; as well as contingencies.

The other student bodies that contributed to the run were: Welfare Services Club, Chinese Society, and Red Cross Humanitarian Network (NTU Chapter).

The SAAs Programme was initiated by AAO three years ago for the development and cultivation of alumni relations among the student and alumni networks.

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My heartfelt thanks to NTU Students' Union, NTU Cultural Activities Club, NTU Chinese Society, NTU Sports Club, Motoring Club and Alumni, Red Cross Humanitarian Network (NTU Chapter) as well as JCRCs (Junior Common Room Committees), for their great assistance and support. "

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My wife and I (right) at the Great Wall of China.

▶ **Tan Cheng Hok 陈清福**
(Physics/1975)

My friends and I used to get together to join the alumni events organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

We seem not to have the time to get together nor take part in those events anymore. Still, I try to go for movie screenings because I find the timing is good – it is held on a Sunday.

I run an organic food business and going for movie screening gives me a chance to relax.



上面的照片是1970年我南大毕业典礼的部分照片

▶ **符策群 Foo Seck Voon**
(南洋大学生物系/1970)

一晃四十年。。。心仍系南洋

三月二十一日，刚出席了在南洋理工大学主办的：前南洋大学第一，第六和第十一届毕业校友的聚会。这是因为毕业生人数太多，因此主办当局把毕业生分批聚会。

一晃眼间，四十年飞逝。我和同学们都垂垂老矣！第一届毕业生个个年过七十，而我们这些十一届毕业生也都已临花甲之年咯！有好多同学，在毕业后的四十年从未碰面，有些个还要在看了有点眼熟后，彼此自我介绍，才认得出来。呵呵呵！



大部分的女同学都“长肉了！哈！如果没有染发，相信我们也都已双鬓翻白！男同学也牛山濯濯矣 - 符策群校友（最左）与同班同学-

南洋理工大学一直很努力地想把旧时的南洋大学毕业生纳为一体，但似乎遭到一些无形的阻力。我想，那是很复杂的南大历史所致成的“心理障碍”，不足为外人道也！

不过，从采用“心系南洋”这标语来看，主办者的心思和诚意算是下足了。至少它已触动我的心弦。

席间，我们刚好和一些在念大一至大三的同学同桌。我问他们，看到我们这些前毕业生有何特别印象或感想。他们的回答是：

- 看到白发苍苍的老校友拿着拐杖来参加这聚会，他们十分感动和佩服那种想见旧同学的热诚
- “老”校友们，似乎都人老心不老，活泼，友善，健谈。

当我在新的南大校园兜转时，还是让我唤起许多过往的记忆。心里，依然有些暖。其实，南大的变迁，不该由现在的管理层，教职员或学生承担任何感情包袱。毕竟现在的南大学子和数十年前的“老”同学，都在同块土地上学习，虽然后辈们的校舍，配备，条件都比当年好得多。时代，必然是向前进而不该往后退的。

祝愿南洋理工大学能承续旧南洋大学的精神，自强不息。



▶ **林文杰 Lim Boon Kiat**
(南洋大学文学院/1978)

我已故的父亲与目前八十五岁高龄的母亲和我，都喜爱戏剧，尤其是潮剧。父亲在世时，几乎每个下午（星期日除外），在他所住的组屋楼下，为一群老人播放潮剧录音带。可惜，他老人家作古后，没人继承他这种与人分享的热忱，那已是十多年前的事了。

我感谢父母亲赋予我表演细胞。上小学时，我表演过儿童剧“兔妈妈种萝卜”，我演的就是那个偷吃兔妈妈萝卜的坏田鼠，如今记忆犹新。

在中学时，我与一群爱好舞蹈的同学，代表学校在同一年表演了一支华族红绸舞，及一支印度祭神舞。最使我难以忘怀的是，这两支舞蹈都是在当时座落在里峇峇利路的国家剧场演出。如今剧场没了，留在心头的却是那一群蹦蹦跳跳，穿

着五颜六色舞衣的孩子们纯真的倩影。

这次能为中国留学生在春节晚会上演出“贵妃醉酒”，在我人生旅途中，又是另一个新的尝试。我用了一整年的时间，参考了数个中国著名京剧演员的录像带，加以学习模仿。虽然我只是扮演对嘴演出，但对于一个完全没有受过戏曲训练的我来说，已非易事。

我听说同学们都很期待我的下一个演出。我自己也很期待，因为一直以来，我以“学生的热忱，是我工作的动力”为座右铭，爱护他们，为他们服务。希望在他们的心目中，南洋理工大学是他们的母校，他们的家，直到永远。



▶ **Lim Sui Soon**
(MAE/1987)

I attended the NTU Malaysian Alumni Dinner held on 21 March at Nanyang Auditorium, NTU.

I have been travelling quite a bit for work and attending the get-together at NTU was a good opportunity for me to catch up not only with fellow alumni, but also NTU representatives.

I met for the first time Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, the Chief University Advancement Officer whom I understand, joined NTU last May. I also got a chance to catch up with Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs. I have known the latter for quite a number of years.

Overall, I enjoyed myself and hope that such get-together will be continued to become a yearly affair.

▶ **Tang Hon Cheong**
(NBS/2003)

I have just started work in NSN and it has been good.

My work takes me to the Asia Pacific region and beyond, as well. Owing to my work commitment, I have to travel frequently.

Though busy with work, I try to keep up with the happenings in the world by reading newspapers and watching news on TV. I also enjoy reading selective materials.



▶ **Yee Ailing**
(NBS/2003)

I am a senior finance associate and am probably one of the many alumni who enjoy the movie screenings organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

I liked that the movies screened are always the more popular ones. I think going for a movie screening is rather worthwhile.

Besides catching a good movie, I also hope to meet some old schoolmates whom I had lost contact with. Given the popularity of these movie screenings, I am sure my chances of meeting them are good.

I caught 'Shutter Island' screened on 18 April. I was planning to catch 'Iron Man 2', which was screened on 2 May, but the tickets were going so fast, I missed out.



▶▶ **Toh Tser Siong**
(EEE/2004)

You can call me a loyal supporter. I frequently attend the movie screenings organised by the NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

To me, I see it as a good way to meet former classmates and have some kind of a networking session.

I believe that it's very important to network. The opportunities to do so are very rare after you join the workforce because you become too busy to meet up with friends.



▶▶ **Lorraine Wang Zhi Ren**
(EEE/2004)

I graduated from NTU five years ago. Recently, I found myself back at the campus again.

As I walked along Nanyang Crescent, I recalled memories of those varsity days. I started to miss the four years I spent in NTU. After all, the campus was the place where I accumulated knowledge. It was also the place where I broadened my views.

I am now working as a senior engineer in the field of semiconductor. Day-to-day work keeps me busy and I must confess it sometimes takes me away from my old friends.

If you are reading this magazine, how are all of you? To all my dear friends, let us meet again in NTU. Let us come together and share all our stories and joy.

▶▶ **Wong Teck Tian**
(WKWSCI/2004)

I graduated with a Master's degree in Mass Communication from NTU's Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information in 2004.

Although I have a postgraduate qualification, I have decided to join my wife to market real estate property. It has been an interesting ride so far.

▶▶ **程杰 Cheng Jie**
(南大机械与宇航工程学院/2005)

大学毕业后，工作了七年，我又有机会再次步入校园——南洋理工大学的生物医学系，就读全职的研究生课程。

在短短的一年时间里，我从一开始时几乎听不懂教授的讲课内容，到后来独立完成了毕业论文，这一年的时间里，我的英文水平有了显著提高，掌握了新的本领。毕业后，顺利地找到了理想的工作。

我感谢南洋理工大学给了我这次宝贵的机会，也非常感谢我的系主任周绍明教授的耐心帮助。



One can find traditional Asian architecture such as this building in Hanoi, where I live.

▶▶ **Ho Anh Tuan**
(IEA 6/2005)

I am now based in the city of Hanoi in Vietnam.

Hanoi is the capital and the second largest city in the country.

I am glad that Hanoi has retained much of its old world. You can still find charming French colonial mansions and boulevards there. It is a city of tranquil lakes, ancient pagodas and temples.

Hanoi is less hectic than Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon).

I work as a clinician at the National Hospital of Paediatrics.

I enjoy travelling to various parts of the world and I have been to Singapore, Bangkok, Bali, USA and Australia.

During my free time, I enjoy playing Chinese chess with my friends. Listening to music and reading are also my hobbies.

I even play football; it helps me to stay fit.



I enjoy Hanoi's tranquil beauty like The Hue Bridge (in photo).

▶▶ **Pham Duc Tho**
(IEA 8/2006)

I am currently working as a pharmacist in Hanoi.

I am pleased to learn that the NTU Alumni Association was set up recently in Hanoi in January. This will give me a chance to meet and network with other alumni living and working in Hanoi.

During my free time, I enjoy watching movies, especially the romantic ones. I also enjoy visiting beautiful and tranquil places with my family.



▶▶ **Pham Thi Bich Duoc**
(IEA 8/2006)

I am currently working in the MOLISA Department of Employment in Hanoi.

I came to NTU, Singapore, to study the International English for Administrators programme. This was four years ago in 2006.

How time flies. I enjoyed myself during the brief time that I spent in NTU and Singapore. The University reminds me of a campus in the garden in much the same way Singapore is the Garden City.

I hope to continue to improve my English. It is a continual journey. I try to read more.

I also enjoy travelling and shopping.



▶▶ **Tran Duc Truong**
(EEE/2006)

I graduated from NTU's School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering back in 2006. It had been four years since.

I am now based in Hanoi, Vietnam, where I landed a job in IBM. I am now pursuing an IT career.

I have always enjoyed travelling. I love going around the Asia Pacific region with my friends and colleagues.

Besides travelling, I also like swimming and *wushu*. It is very important to always keep a healthy lifestyle! It doesn't matter what exercise you choose, so long as you keep at it, that is what matters.



▶▶ **Vo The Uy Tran**
(IEA 6/2006)

I have a career in journalism here in Ho Chi Minh City. I find that being a journalist is very interesting.

I am currently the Chief Representative of Ho Chi Minh City Television, at the Hanoi Representative Office.

My job requires that I travel frequently all over Vietnam. I usually travel to at least 64 provinces in the country. It has been challenging to go to different places for news.

Outside of Vietnam, I travel to places such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, India, China, USA, UK and many more.

I truly enjoy travelling around my beloved country as well as exploring other parts of the world.

To stay healthy and to keep fit, I jog regularly. I also play some sports.



▶▶ **Duong Minh Chau**
(SCE/2007)

After graduating from NTU, I joined the banking and finance industry. I applied for the Management Trainee Program at OCBC Bank, Vietnam. I am now working there as an Assistant Relationship Manager.

The four years of my undergraduate days spent at NTU, Singapore, was a great experience. I will always remember the University and treasure the sweet memories.

I like making new friends and widening my corporate network. I also enjoy going on Facebook and exploring Saigon with friends.

Saigon is now called Ho Chi Minh City, which is the largest city in Vietnam.



▶▶ **Desmond Lim Ming De**
(WKWSC/ 2007)

I have been a photojournalist with *The Straits Times* since I graduated from WKWSC. I enjoy what I do tremendously and derive a lot of job satisfaction from telling stories through my pictures.

My efforts were recognised recently when I won two excellence awards at the prestigious Best of News Design Competition 2010. In addition, I also bagged the annual, SPH English Malay News Division, News Picture of the Year Award.

The annual international print design competition, into its 31st year, is organised by the Society of News Design – an American non-profit organisation that encourages high standards of journalism through design.

The society has over 1,500 members in more than 50 countries.



▶▶ **Dennis Toh Kheng Huat**
(WKWSC/2007)

NTU rocks!

I think the best decision I had made in my career was to enroll in the Master in Mass Communication Programme in NTU. I graduated in 2007.

Throughout the two years of my part-time studies, I was exposed to a higher and deeper level of learning in communication studies.

The course encompassed a broad spectrum of subjects such as media studies, advertising and promotions, media research, international public relations, media conflict, just to name a few.

The master's programme, focusing more on communications, allowed me to undertake a broader perspective towards my profession, and more importantly trained me to be a more analytical and academic individual.

I find the lecturers of WKWSC passionate and well trained in the communications field. One particular lecturer who inspired students was Professor Alfred Choi. He is an exemplary figure who shows interest in our personal well-being, studies and projects.

The WKWSC master's programme of NTU is definitely well balanced and enriching. I believe it will benefit all communications specialists who have an interest in upgrading their knowhow in this field.

Having worked in the corporate world for more than eight years

and travelled extensively to places like India, Vietnam, Cambodia, USA, Sri Lanka, etc., I have gained considerable amount of working experience in the marketing and public relations field.

After eight years of working as a Group Marketing Manager, I have recently made a strategic move in my career.

I joined Temasek Polytechnic as a lecturer teaching students from the Diploma in Marketing course. I believe it will be a fruitful and noble switch as the rewards of seeing young minds being transformed far outweighs the material tangibles you find in the corporate world.

I hope to inculcate the right values and principles among future marketers and also uplift the status of this profession.

That is not to say I will lose touch with the corporate world.

I set up my own PR company, Flaunt PR & Communications, because I am still very passionate about networking, entrepreneurship and the field of PR.

In addition, I have aligned myself with an up and coming lifestyle magazine that has a circulation of 20,000 and is distributed to all landed properties in Singapore. I am also sitting in as the marketing and PR consultant for the magazine. I intend to reposition it as a highly exclusive socialite magazine.

The future seems bright and rosy. I am where I am, thanks to NTU. Thank you for making my dreams possible.

▶ **Guo Min**
(EEE/2008)

It was fun attending my first ever reunion after I graduated from NTU.

I met so many friends whom I have lost touch with. It was great to be able to catch up with so many of them. Chatting with each other reminded me of the carefree university days.



We are newlyweds and alumni of NTU, Khun La Win Myint (left) and Myint Zu Myaing.

▶ **Khun La Win Myint & Myint Zu Myaing**
(MAE/2009)

We met whilst pursuing our Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering at NTU's School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering. Throughout the course, we were able to get to know one another.

As time went by, friendship turned into love. By the time we completed our masters, we also pledged to one another our promise to be together.

We have also been working together at NTU's School of Biological Sciences since 2009 after our graduation. This year, we decided to tie the knot.

Since NTU is where we found each other, we decided to have our marriage solemnised on campus, as well as hold our wedding reception there.

On 18 April 2010, we had our marriage solemnised by Mr Soon Min Yam, the University's very own solemniser and Director of Alumni Affairs. The solemnisation was held at the Dendrobium Nanyang room located within the campus' Nanyang Executive Centre (NEC).

Indeed, we were honoured to have Mr Soon solemnised our marriage. We were glad, too, that we were able to share our special day with him.

We also celebrated with pride our wedding reception at NEC. Thanks to the staff there, everything went smoothly. Our wedding day was better than what we imagined.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those colleagues who had made our wonderful day a great one. We felt very blessed. Of all the blessings, the love we have received from friends, colleagues, as well as family, is our greatest gift.



▶ **Pham Hai Bang**
(IEA 10/2009)

I am currently working in the Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vietnam.

I visited Singapore for the first time in 2009 when I pursued the International English for Administrators programme offered by NTU's Centre for Continuing Education.

I find Singapore a nice place and I hope to visit again sometime in the future with my family.

Reading is a favourite pastime of mine. I get so much out of it.



▶ **Win Cho Aye**
(SCE/2009)

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my professors who taught me during my study in Nanyang Technological University (NTU). I took the course, MSc in Digital Media Technology in 2008 and completed my course in 2009.

During the course, I need to explore various disciplines that I had not learnt before.

The resources provided to students in the University are superb. Transportation to the University is also comfortable.

The course I took up at NTU has helped me to switch career to one that is related to what I studied.

I was employed as a Project Officer in NTU after my graduation.

The dissertation I chose really drove me to apply the knowledge that I learnt in the course. It brought about experiences that I can apply in the real world.

I will try to continue to enhance my knowledge and education if there is still a chance. Lastly, I am glad to be part of the Nanyang Community and hope to contribute more to it.

▶ 杨磊感言 **Yang Lei**
(国立教育学院/2009)

此次南大校友事务处给我们身在异乡的学子提供一个相互认识、相互了解的平台。我自己曾经很孤单，今天我才发现我并不孤单。这边有这么多的中国学子陪在我的身边，我很开心。

希望今后我们能有更多的校友聚会，把我们这一颗颗的孤星汇成一条永恒的星河，闪闪发亮，永远照耀我们的祖国。



▶ **Guna Raj Luitel**
(AJF 2/2010)

I came to NTU for the Asia Journalism Fellowship 2010 (AJF). It was a three-month fellowship, backed by Temasek Foundation and NTU's Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information (WKWSCI). I represented my country Nepal and my newspaper, the *Nagarik Daily*.

I was one of 17 journalists from Asia's 17 cities (15 countries, with India and China having two participants each). We participated in various programmes, including training sessions and talks that pertain to media, multimedia and the use of social media.

I found the entire AJF programme well designed and useful in preparing the future leaders of journalism. It also made for a great group-learning experience.

Assoc Prof (Adj) P N Balji, AJF programme director, organised several talks and visits for us. These, by and large, gave us a bigger picture of journalism, the society and the responsibilities of journalists.

My advisor, Assoc Prof Cherian George, Head of AJF Programme and Head of Journalism & Publishing, WKWSCI, was very helpful. The advice he offered help in shaping my ideas.

The WKWSCI also has vast resources, which are a boon to students and journalism fellows. Since we all had our own research projects to take care of, the library came in handy. I enjoyed reading the media-related books I found in the NTU Library.

I am grateful for the AJF experience subject as I was to the constraints of time and resources. While in Kathmandu, I would always be

under the pressure of deadlines, working as an Associate Editor for *Nagarik Daily*, and writing for its English-language sister newspaper, *Republica*. There was also barely time to read books.

In a way, the AJF programme kept us away from deadlines and provided the impetus for us to invest in ourselves for the future.

So I am really thankful to NTU and Temasek Foundation for jointly organising such a wonderful programme.

Our AJF commenced from 8 February. From then till April, we stayed in an apartment at the West Coast Plaza. I am glad we got to experience Singapore during the time.

I found the society most disciplined and law and order was in place.

Notable of the services in this country can be found in its public transportation, solid waste management and the incessant power supply.

People here are conscious about health. Even the press gives priority to health issues and the well-being of the general public.

I have travelled to many parts of the world, but Singapore is indeed a different experience altogether.

At the end of the day, what I am most happy about is to become a part of the big NTU alumni family. I hope to make it a lifelong relationship with the University.



▶ **Shwe Ni @ Esther Yang 杨淑娟**
(NBS/2010)

I feel very privileged to be accepted into NTU's MSc (Finance) Chinese Program. Apparently, I am the only one from Myanmar in the class.

I enjoyed the one-year course and the time spent at NTU.

It has always been my dream to come to Singapore for further education. I had obtained a Bachelor Degree BE (con) from Myanmar.

The other reason for choosing Singapore is for the sake of my son's education. I find Singapore has a reputable education system.

In a way, I see coming to Singapore as a very rare and unique journey in education for both mother and child.

Whilst at NTU, I discovered that the University provided a comprehensive curriculum in finance. Not only that, I also encountered dedicated professors, many of whom I am grateful to.

I have also met very kind, understanding and intelligent classmates. I think there were times they felt uneasy because I brought along my 7-year-old son when I went for lessons. I left him in the graduate lounge when lecture was in progress.

Not having any family members in Singapore meant that I had to take care of him.

Looking back, now that I have completed the course, I must say it is worth the while. I have gained much knowledge and wider perspective.

What's more, I had made friends with a lot of classmates from different parts of China and Taiwan. This will, I am sure, provide a good foundation for future networking.

I believe our relationship will develop into fruitful friendship. I look forward to remaining united in our hearts and hope that we are able to always keep in touch.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of my professors and classmates who had made the times I spent in NTU memorable.

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