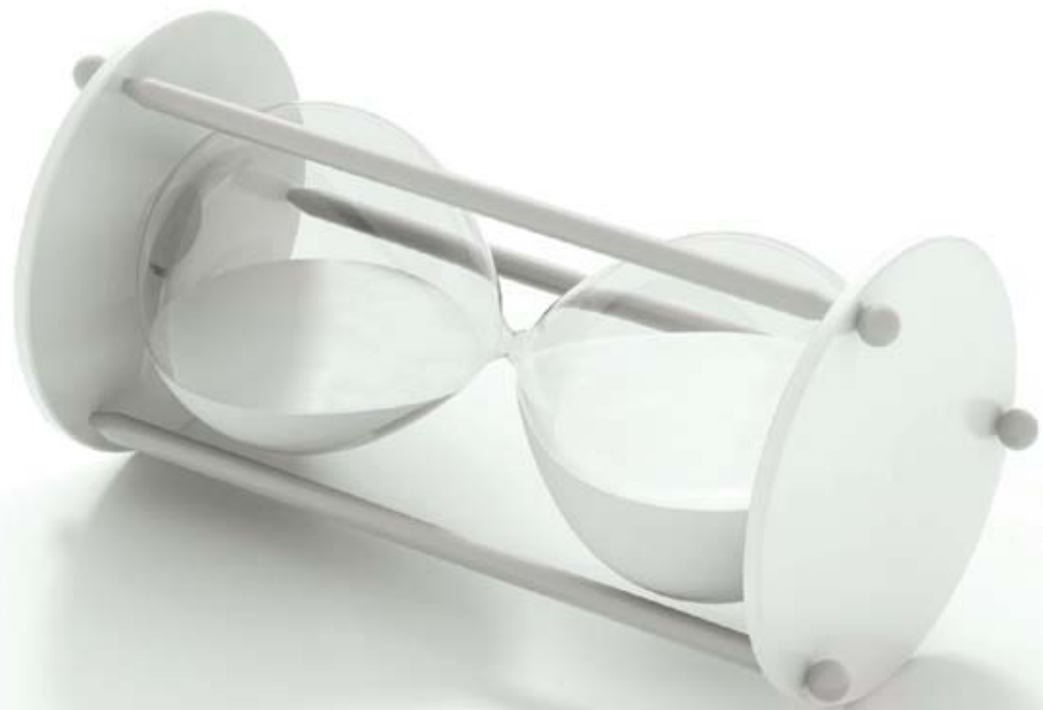


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ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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– NUS PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR TAN CHORH CHUAN (Medicine '83)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow alumni and friends,

As an NUS medical undergraduate, what I valued most was Hall life and the opportunity to be interested and involved in a wide range of diverse activities. It is likely that fellow alumni would have found different experiences and aspects of university life particularly enriching.

But while our pathways and areas of interest in university vary, what unites us all is the educational institution that has successfully prepared us for life. With a shared heritage and collective memories, there is powerful affinity between alumni and alma mater. It is a special kinship that crosses the boundaries of campuses, cohorts, countries and cultures; that links the past with the present and bridges the future.

In collaboration with dedicated alumni volunteers and University partners, the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) helps NUS to remain connected with our 231,000 alumni



from over 100 countries, enhancing this timeless affinity through a diversity of events, initiatives and services. This Annual Report celebrates this strong sense of community and the vital roles which our alumni play.

I am very appreciative of the efforts and contributions of our many alumni who have been most supportive in collaborating with our University in worthy causes. The 'NUS Alumni Leaders Forum (ALF) 2013' is one such initiative and this year's event saw wide representation across alumni groups including our 11 NUS Overseas Alumni Chapters. I am also very grateful to the NUS Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) which comprises a remarkable group of passionate alumni leaders. Their active involvement on campus has resulted in successful runs of the 'U@live' series and the 'NUS ALF'.

The AAB also endorsed a proposal to set up the 'NUS Alumni Bursary Fund' (ABF). This Fund facilitates the efforts of alumni groups as well as individuals in their giving to help needy students in NUS. The ABF reflects our alumni's strong belief in our University's commitment that no deserving student should be deprived of a comprehensive NUS education because of financial difficulties.

Philanthropic support is critical to NUS' vision and goals. It provides the additional resources essential to enhancing our educational quality as well as driving up the impact of our research, enabling our University to contribute more significantly to Singapore and to society. I would like to thank the 11,634 donors who gave to

NUS in the Financial Year 2012/2013, of whom 8,801 were our alumni.

I am heartened that our alumni are so generous in giving back to society and to NUS. The greatest impact that our University can make is through their achievements and work. In 2013, we were delighted to recognise 15 inspiring alumni, each of whom has made a big difference in diverse fields of endeavour. Our award recipients and many more of our alumni like them, continue to do NUS proud and serve as inspiring role models.

The year also saw NUS extending its global outreach to connect with our alumni outside of Singapore. The Toronto Chapter was inaugurated in May and the Xiamen Chapter was opened in September, bringing the total number of NUS Overseas Alumni Chapters to 18.

The emergence of NUS as a leading global university centred in Asia is a key step in our quest towards ever higher levels of excellence. A flourishing alumni community is a critical part of our University's identity and success. I truly appreciate our alumni's invaluable contributions to NUS. I look forward to your continued support; confident that it will always be as abiding as your affinity to NUS is timeless.

PROFESSOR TAN CHORH CHUAN
(Medicine '83)
NUS President

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Regardless of genders, generations and geographies, my staff and I in OAR are here to serve our diverse alumni community in Singapore and across the globe. In 2013, we launched two new NUS Overseas Alumni Chapters: Toronto (Canada) in May by NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye, and Xiamen (China) in November by NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan. We continued this overseas alumni relationship through our International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) connections with a tea in Singapore for alumni representing all 10 universities, as well as the IARU meeting in Tokyo in October where I met our Tokyo Overseas Chapter alumni.

On the home front, OAR had five new NUS Local Alumni Groups (LAG) who joined us and brought our LAG total to 57 – they are the NUS Entrepreneurship Society Alumni; the NUS French Double Degree Programme Alumni; the NUS Alumni Volleyball Club; the NUS Chemical Engineering Alumni; and the Duke-NUS Medical Alumni. To expand our alumni network, OAR spearheaded three new initiatives for younger alumni. We successfully launched our ‘NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue’ series on 30 August, with Deputy Prime Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the guest speaker. The series continues under the Great Eastern Life co-sponsorship into 2014. We had the ‘Thirsty Thursdays’ evening event every few months in which we bring the campus to ‘town’, where many younger alumni are working. These informal ‘networking’ sessions over drinks and finger food have proven to be a great hit with them. In cooperation with the United States Embassy we launched the ‘Ben Franklin Dialogue’ (now called the Alumni Dialogue) series in October, to bring together young alumni from both NUS as well as those who have studied in American universities. We were also glad to feature the first Indonesian film, a moving movie based on the love story of former Indonesian President, Professor Dr Ing B J Habibie, which attracted a full house from our over 500 strong Indonesian alumni. Prof Habibie was in attendance and gave a wonderful introduction to the movie.

Warmest greetings to our fellow alumni, friends, benefactors and sponsors,

2013 will remain important for me as it marked my inaugural year as Director of the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR). As of 2013, 231,000 alumni make up the NUS alumni family. During this year, I interacted with many alumni and discussed the varied ways in which they stay connected with NUS. Each alumnus shared different experiences but all had vivid memories of their campus days.

In waxing nostalgia about NUS or its predecessor institutions, alumni have developed strong bonds of kinship with their alma mater through the knowledge gained, the friendships forged and the memories retained. Some might call this bond of kinship and connection with their alma mater, “a timeless affinity” through space and time. Space refers to the many campuses our University was sited since 1905 and “time” refers to the many generations of graduates that passed through the portals of our august institution.



Our NUS Alumni Advisory Board Committee members (past and present) have been active on various fronts in 2013 – Mr Viswa Sadasivan in anchoring ‘U@live’ over the last three years, Mr Peter Tay and Mr Navtej Singh in the NUS ‘Alumni Leaders Forum’, Mr Jeremy Ee in proposing a heritage corner for the Shaw Foundation Alumni House, Mr Harry Chan in initiating the Xiamen NUS Overseas Alumni Chapter, and Mr David Ho and Mr Johnny Tan in developing the NUS ‘Alumni Bursary Fund (ABF)’ project. The ABF provides a wonderful model of cooperation among the National University of Singapore Society, the NUS Development Office and OAR, in raising awareness and funds for bursaries for our financially challenged students.

We continued to excel in our traditional annual slate of alumni activities. These include our two big annual get-togethers – ‘Alumni Day at Bukit Timah Campus’ and ‘Alumni Day at Kent Ridge’ (University Town); the popular monthly ‘U@live’ series; our two Film Festivals with the Canadian High Commission and the Chinese Embassy; the one-day ‘Alumni Leaders Forum’; and our biennial ‘NUS Alumni Awards’ which celebrated the achievements of five Distinguished Alumni Service Award recipients and 10 Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipients this year.

Our alumni continue to volunteer to organise events, to give talks, and to serve in alumni committees. These are some of the varied ways in which you – our alumni – contribute to our immeasurable success. Your partnership is what drives the success of all our initiatives, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in 2014.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VICTOR R SAVAGE

(Arts and Social Sciences '72)
Director, Office of Alumni Relations

OUR PROMISE

NUS’ VISION

A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future.

THE NUS OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS’ MISSION

To nurture mutually beneficial and lifelong relationships with alumni and engage them along NUS’ aspirations.

THE NUS OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS’ CORE VALUES

EXCITE: **EX**cellence, **C**ommitment, **I**ntegrity and **TE**amwork.

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) makes engaging NUS alumni its number one priority. With over 231,000 alumni from more than 100 countries across the globe, OAR reaches out in varied ways across multiple channels to ensure alumni connection and engagement with their alma mater.

OUR PEOPLE *

DIRECTORATE

- Associate Professor Victor R Savage**, Director
- Mr Lo Tuck Leong**, Deputy Director
- Ms Florence Neo**, Deputy Director
- Ms Josephine Chng**, Manager (PA to Director and HR Administration)
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* Information as at April 2014.

OAR DIVISIONS

Directorate:
Provides strategic direction for the office in its global outreach initiatives.

Alumni Cultivation and Engagement:
Strengthens bonds with alumni and involves them through various programmes and activities.

Marketing and Communications:
Develops branding, marketing and communication strategies to better reach out to alumni.

Information Management:
Provides strategic roadmap and implementation of information technologies.

Shaw Foundation Alumni House (SFAH) Operations:
Manages operations for SFAH.

A NATURAL AFFINITY

AN ENRICHING UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY TO SHAPING GOOD STUDENT-UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCK TO ESTABLISHING A STRONG ALUMNI-ALMA MATER BOND.

AT THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, WE CULTIVATE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES BEFORE GRADUATION, THROUGH VARIOUS STUDENT-FOCUSSED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMMES. OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A TIMELESS AFFINITY BETWEEN EACH STUDENT AND HIS ALMA MATER – ONE THAT WOULD NATURALLY TRANSLATE INTO A COMMITTED ALUMNI-ALMA MATER RELATIONSHIP.



GIVING BACK Alumni-Students Career Networking Sessions

A joint collaboration between our faculty partners and the NUS Career Centre, networking sessions not only provide an invaluable source of real-world knowledge for students, they also serve as an excellent platform for alumni to contribute and show their appreciation towards their alma mater.

In 2013, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted four networking sessions. Students appreciated the career advice and candour on professional challenges, while alumni were glad to share their experiences that would help make a difference in the lives of these students.

“This passion for giving back to our alma mater must be passed on from generation to generation.”

– MR DAVID HO (Arts and Social Sciences '72)

A PEACE OF MIND
Bursary Awards

The Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) offers qualified students three bursary awards: The ‘NUS Alumni Bursary Award’, the ‘NUS Alumni Student Exchange Award’, and the ‘NUS Alumni Overseas Colleges Award’. Administered by the NUS Office of Financial Aid, the NUS International Relations Office, and the NUS Overseas Colleges respectively, these awards provide students with a peace of mind and also an opportunity to advance their academic studies. In 2013, OAR awarded a total of 53 bursaries to students – 25 ‘NUS Alumni Bursary Awards’ at S\$2,000 each, 18 ‘NUS Alumni Student Exchange Awards’ at S\$2,500 each, and 10 ‘NUS Alumni Overseas Colleges Awards’ at S\$1,000 each.

VALUABLE LESSONS
Student Service Ambassador Programme

At the Office of Alumni Relations, we believe a practical approach would provide students with valuable life lessons. The ‘Student Service Ambassador Programme’ enlists students to assist with administrative duties for various events hosted at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House all year round.

“Many young alumni are caught up in building their career and don’t see giving back as a priority. We have to be patient and continue to organise activities that allow them to be inspired by drawing some lessons from shared experiences.”

– MR KOE KHOON POH (Pharmacy '66)



A SPECIAL KINSHIP

AT THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS (OAR), WE VALUE THE SHARED HERITAGE AND THE SENSE OF KINSHIP AMONG ALUMNI AND THE UNIVERSITY. WE TAKE PRIDE IN FURTHER NURTURING THIS SPECIAL AFFINITY THAT CHARACTERISES THE NUS ALUMNI FAMILY. IN TURN, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND VOLUNTARY SPIRIT OF OUR ALUMNI WHO HELP KEEP THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY COHESIVE, ACTIVE AND ENGAGED, UNDER OAR'S VARIOUS INITIATIVES.

INSPIRING LEADERS NUS Alumni Advisory Board, 2013

The NUS Alumni Advisory Board provides critical advice and insight into all alumni-related matters at NUS. In 2013, the University welcomed two new members to the board:

MS MAVIS KUEK

(Arts and Social Sciences '81),
General Manager,
External Affairs & Communications,
Shell Eastern Petroleum (Pte) Ltd;

MR TAN BOON HUI

(Arts and Social Sciences '92),
Group Director, Programmes,
National Heritage Board.



Front row (from left): Mr Peter Tay, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, Mrs Tan Suan Imm, Mr Koe Khoon Poh, Mr Johnny Tan, Mr Jeremy Ee and Assoc Prof Victor R Savage. Back row (from left): Mr Viswa Sadasivan, Mr Navtej Singh, Mr David Ho and Ms Janet Ang.

Absent from photo above:



Dr Cheah Kim Fee



Ms Jocelyn Chng



Ms Mavis Kuek



Mr Tan Boon Hui



Dr Teo Ho Pin



Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed

BINDING ROLES

Associate Directors for Alumni Relations

25* Associate Directors for Alumni Relations who hail from different Faculties, Schools, Halls and Residential Colleges help connect the wide NUS alumni community back to the University. They also help to ensure each alumnus is aware of the latest NUS happenings, from events, education to research.

PILLARS OF SUPPORT

NUS Local Alumni Groups

With 57* NUS Local Alumni Groups (LAG) made up of Faculty-, Hall- and Interest-based groups, NUS alumni are spoilt for choice when it comes to which group to join. The following highlights featuring some of the LAGs' key events in 2013 show the multitude and selection of activities connecting alumni in and outside the campus.

* Figures as of December 2013.

NUS Business School Alumni Association

The NUS Business School Alumni Association (BSA) held their third BSA Charity Run in January, which attracted more than 1,000 participants and raised S\$175,000 for Students Bursaries and three charitable institutions. There were also two 'CEO Breakfast Talks' featuring guest speakers Group CEO of Alexandra Health Systems, Mr Liak Teng Lit and CEO of United Engineers Ltd, Mr Jackson Yap in January and August respectively. Both sessions attracted more than 100 participants each. BSA held their inaugural reunion dinner in August with about 300 alumni from various cohorts spanning 30 different years of graduation. In October, BSA held the 'Start-Up@Singapore', an initiative co-organised with the NUS Entrepreneurship Society and the NUS Entrepreneurship Centre, and into its 14th year running.



Participants at the 'CEO Breakfast Talks' featuring Group CEO of Alexandra Health Systems, Mr Liak Teng Lit.



DNMA President Dr Chia Ghim Song (left) conferred DNMA's First Honorary Membership on Mr Tony Chew.

Duke-NUS Medical Alumni

2013 was a momentous year for the new Duke-NUS Medical Alumni (DNMA). On 30 May, DNMA held its inaugural fundraising and graduation gala dinner graced by the President of Singapore, His Excellency Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Science '62) and attended by about 900 guests. On 21 August, DNMA held its first reunion gathering for graduates from the Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013 and its first Annual General Meeting and Elections on 15 November. The year ended on a meaningful note with some alumni helping out at a local community service project titled 'Chinese Development Assistance Council – Duke-NUS Mega Health Screening 2013' on 8 December.

Engineering Alumni Singapore

The Engineering Alumni Singapore (EAS) held two career advancement seminars with the Singapore Human Resource Institute on 3 July and 26 November respectively. On 16 April, EAS alumni gathered for an enjoyable networking session at Switch by Timbre. EAS held a career talk on 3 July, their Annual General Meeting on 16 August, and also co-organised an 'Alumni Student Networking' session with the NUS Career Centre and Faculty of Engineering on 6 September.

MBA Alumni

One of the key events jointly organised with NUS Business School Global Alumni Network Office was the annual 'MBA Student and Alumni Explore Singapore and Networking Dinner' held on 7 August. The event included a visit to the Parliament House, followed by a networking dinner with alumni at the Mochtar Riady Building Atrium. Other initiatives of the year included a social tennis evening for alumni and students, and a MBA programme lecture series with one of the MBA alumni engaged as a guest speaker.



Dr Feng Lun (left) receiving a token of appreciation from the Dean of the NUS Business School, Prof Bernard Yeung.



Winners of the 'District 80 Area Z1 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest' with other members of the NUS Alumni Toastmasters Club.

NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni

On 1 November, the NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni organised the 'Mandarin Management Forum 2013' which attracted 300 alumni, students and corporate guests. Chairman of the Board Vantone Holdings Co. Ltd and Chairman of World Future Foundation, Dr Feng Lun was the guest speaker, who shared his insight on 'Feng Lun on Leadership Styles in Singapore and China'. Other initiatives included the annual 'Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon', 'Lantern Festival Celebration', 'Golf Reunion' and overseas tours.

Master of Science (Environmental Management) Alumni

Together with the Nature Society, the Master of Science (Environmental Management) Alumni (MEM), held a seminar 'Our Heritage in Nature' on 11 May at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House. Two experts, Mr Leong Kwok Peng (Engineering '81) of Nature Society (Singapore) and Mr N Sivasothi (Science '90) of NUS, presented topics titled 'From Railway Track to Green Corridor' and 'Our Coastal Natural Heritage in Singapore - Diversity, Impacts and Challenges'. Another guest speaker, Mr Tay Kheng Soon, shared his idea on an eco-education project at Pulau Ketam, an islet by Pulau Ubin. Over 90 participants attended the event.

NUS Alumni Toastmasters Club

Alumni from the NUS Alumni Toastmasters Club swept the top three accolades at the 'District 80 Area Z1 Humorous Speech and Evaluation contest' held in September. The club also celebrated its 21st birthday in October.

NUS French Double Degree Programme Alumni

2013 marked the official launch of the NUS French Double Degree Programme Alumni group (FDDPA) which held its first soirée at Queens restaurant at Sentosa Broadwalk on 20 July. Invited guests included Mr Pascal Loubiere and Ms Valerie Rafat from l'Institut Francais, as well as 30 FDDPA alumni, FDDPA prospective students and French students. FDDPA also organised a 'Cheese and Wine Tasting Dinner' in April.

Raffles Hall Association

The Raffles Hall Association (RHA) hosted their first bowling tournament in January which enjoyed a strong turnout of alumni and current residents. They also held their inaugural general meeting and hosted a well-received 'Past & Present' game in September. In November, RHA alumni participated in the RHA-AEAC Photography Competition. Other event highlights include the launch of the RHA website and reconnecting alumni over annual musical production, events and celebrations.

NUS Alumni Photographic Society

On 23 February, the NUS Alumni Photographic Society (NUSAPS) hosted a Chinese New Year gathering graced by ex-patron, Mr Yip Hoi Kee. In June, NUSAPS supported the NUS Photographic Society (NUSPS) with their flagship event 'Montage' – a nationwide photography event comprising a photography competition, exhibition, seminar and workshops. On 2 September, NUSPS held their Annual General Meeting and on 22 September, NUSAPS conducted an induction and team building workshop for the new 45th NUSPS management committee. On 7 December, they also held their first NUSAPS overseas photography trip to Malacca.

Scholars Programme Alumni Network

The Scholars Programme Alumni Network (SPAN) celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2013 and organised a gathering for their alumni during the Lunar New Year season. A group of SPAN alumni also organised Singapore's first 'We Will Dance' initiative – a 10-hour fundraising dance marathon which raised more than S\$13,000 for various charities and S\$23,000 for the NUS University Scholars Programme (USP) Student Assistance Fund – USP Residence.



Participants had a rollicking good time at 'We Will Dance'.

National University of Singapore Society

The National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) held their 27th ‘NUSS Golf Annual’. NUSS President, Mr David Ho (Arts and Social Sciences ’72) and NUSS Golf Section Convenor and Golf Annual 2013 Organising Committee Chairperson, Mr Joseph Ng presented a S\$150,000 cheque, raised from the proceeds of the golf event, to the Chairperson of the ‘NUS Alumni Bursary Fund’, Mr Johnny Tan (Science ’82) and NUS Provost and Deputy President (Academic Affairs) Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science ’84). The NUS Alumni Bursary Fund is an initiative by NUS alumni that provides financial support to needy students.



Chat sessions were well-received by the NUS Senior Alumni community.

NUS Senior Alumni

2013 was another busy and successful year for the NUS Senior Alumni. The highlight of the year was ‘Our Singapore Conversation’ with Education Minister, Mr Heng Swee Keat, on 10 May at Eusoff Hall. The minister had an interactive session with the audience on topics such as healthcare, housing, ‘University of the Third Age’ and volunteerism. Another highlight was the 11 chat sessions with guest speakers including the former President of Singapore, Mr S R Nathan. Topics ranged from physical and emotional well-being, skin problems, patient rights, mindfulness, homosexuality, fitness and exercise, to culture and heritage. All the sessions were well-attended with lively participation from the audience.

The year also saw a tour to Central Vietnam in January, a Royal Caribbean cruise in March, as well as a visit to the National Museum, a Hanyu Pinyin course and a floral workshop.



The NUS Vancouver Alumni Chapter reunion on 5 May 2013.



The NUS Shanghai Alumni Chapter reunion on 14 December 2013.

ACROSS BOUNDARIES NUS Overseas Alumni Chapters

NUS Overseas Alumni Chapters are excellent gateways for NUS alumni living overseas to reconnect with the University. 2013 saw two new additions to the University’s global alumni family: the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter and the NUS Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter were launched in May and September respectively. These additions also brought along new faces: Dr Toh See Kiat (Law ’82), Chairperson of the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter and Associate Professor Wang Hui-Qiong (Science ’01), Chairperson of the NUS Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter. We would like to thank Mr Pery Irawan (Public Management, Master ’10), the previous NUS Jakarta Overseas Alumni Chapter Chairperson for his contributions and support and welcome Mr Robby Gunawan Tandra (Engineering ’08) as the new Chairperson for the Chapter.

FUTURE LEADERS Class Ambassadors

To further enhance their connection to the University and strengthen the foundation for future alumni networks, NUS’ faculties have appointed Class Ambassadors in each graduating cohort, since 2008. In 2013, 161 Class Ambassadors were appointed, bringing the total number to 868 since the launch of the initiative.

2013 MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

2013 WAS AN ACTION-PACKED YEAR FOR THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS (OAR). APART FROM TRADITIONAL ANNUAL EVENTS LIKE THE ALUMNI DAY AT BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS AND THE ALUMNI DAY AT KENT RIDGE, THE YEAR SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW INITIATIVES SUCH AS 'THIRSTY THURSDAYS', 'BREAKFAST DIALOGUE', AND 'ALUMNI DIALOGUE'. THESE NEW INITIATIVES ARE PART OF OAR'S CONTINUAL EFFORTS TO ENGAGE ALUMNI AND KEEP THEM CONNECTED TO NUS.

ALUMNI ALSO CAME HOME TO ATTEND THE POPULAR CANADIAN FILM FORUM WHICH RAN FOR ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, AND THE CHINA FILM FESTIVAL THAT WAS LAUNCHED A SECOND YEAR RUNNING. NOTABLY, THE YEAR SAW THE LAUNCH OF TWO NEW NUS OVERSEAS ALUMNI CHAPTERS IN TORONTO AND XIAMEN.

THE YEAR ROUNDED OFF IN CELEBRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, IN THE BIENNIAL NUS ALUMNI AWARDS. ORGANISED BY OAR, THE EVENT SAW 15 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RETURN TO THE UNIVERSITY TO BE HONOURED FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THEIR ALMA MATER AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.

WITH CELEBRATIONS, GATHERINGS, REUNIONS AND EVENTS HAPPENING ALL YEAR ROUND, OAR IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A TIMELESS PLATFORM FOR OUR ALUMNI TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN THEIR AFFINITY WITH NUS.

“We need a diverse community; a diversity of backgrounds and views so that we’ll have individuals who can share views that lead to the ‘A-Ha’ moment.”

– PROF TAN CHORH CHUAN

NURTURING CRITICAL MINDS

**Professor Tan Chorh Chuan
(Medicine '83), NUS President,
National University of Singapore**

Kicking off the year's first U@live session was NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, who shared his vision for the University. Prof Tan believes that critical thinking helps shape critical minds and encouraged students to practise community engagement as it exposes them to real world issues, teaching them moral values like honesty and integrity. He also believes in embracing diversity – an excellent way to nurture students.

Held at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House and moderated by Mr Viswa Sadasivan (Arts and Social Sciences '83) Chairman of the 'U@live' Organising Committee and a member of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board, the thought-provoking session attracted a 200-strong crowd and concluded with a lively Q&A dialogue between Prof Tan and the audience.



ALWAYS CONNECTED

President's Dialogue Lunches

One meaningful way to stay connected to the University is through dialogue lunches with the University's president. The year saw alumni from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the NUS Graduate School for Integrative Sciences and Engineering, the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, the Faculty of Dentistry, and the University Scholars Programme engage in meaningful interaction sessions with NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83), over the 'President's Dialogue Lunches' organised by the Office of Alumni Relations. Alumni learned more about the latest developments in education and research at NUS from Prof Tan.



Alumni from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy enjoying a chat with Prof Tan Chorh Chuan (in orange tie), before lunch.



Alumni from the Faculty of Dentistry.



Alumni from the University Scholars Programme.



A FAMILY THAT EATS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner

Every year, the University hosts an appreciation dinner during the Chinese New Year period, to thank its alumni and corporate partners for their unwavering support and contributions. Organised by the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR), this year's 'Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner' was attended by 180 guests. Held on 19 February at the National University of Singapore Society Kent Ridge Guild House, guests were treated

to performances by the NUS Chinese Orchestra and the NUS Jazz Band. NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83), highlighted the importance of strengthening deep and strong connections between alumni and NUS. He also welcomed Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72), as the new Director of OAR. Assoc Prof Savage took over from the late Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin on 1 February 2013.



STRATEGIC NETWORKS

International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Alumni Networking Night

Over 120 alumni had the rare opportunity on 8 April to mingle and network with more than 25 Presidents, Vice-Chancellors and senior officials from the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) and members of the IARU community at the 'IARU Alumni Networking Night' organised by the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR). Director of OAR, Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72) opened the session with a welcome message that led onto a meet-and-greet session.



INTELLECTUAL CONVERSATIONS

Collaboration with The China Society

As part of a joint collaboration between the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) and The China Society, Professor Michel Hockx from the Department of the Languages and Cultures of China and Inner Asia SOAS, University of London, was invited to give two lectures on 9 April. Prof Hockx talked about the expansion of the School of Oriental and African Studies China Institute, the 'Mo Yan debate' and the current state of literature in China. Director of OAR, Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72) and President of The China Society, Ms Aileen Lau Tan gave the opening addresses of Professor Michel Hockx's Lecture which was held at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House.



FEAST FOR THE EYES

Canadian Film Forum 2013

Alumni movie buffs were in for another visual feast at the annual 'Canadian Film Forum' held from 13 to 18 April. Held for the third year running, the opening night of the film forum attracted over 600 guests and was graced by Her Excellency, Ms Heather Grant, High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore who spoke about the diversity of Canadian films in her opening address.

More than 1,000 participants attended the five-day event which featured Academy Award nominated films such as 'Monsieur Lazhar' and 'The Sweet Hereafter' with a special appearance by Chef Stauch who replicated dishes from the comedy, 'Cooking with Stella'. The main sponsor of the event was Blackberry, the iconic Canadian phone maker, who generously sponsored S\$10,000 cash and five Blackberry Bold 9900 smart phones for one lucky winner per night.



NEW BEGINNING

NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter

NUS welcomed its 17th NUS Overseas Alumni Chapter with the launch of the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter on 4 May. Guest-of-honour NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '84), gave a presentation of NUS as a whole and Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72), shared an overview of developments at NUS. A lion dance performance marked the auspicious occasion and guests enjoyed musical performances by various alumni. Chairperson of the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter Dr Toh See Kiat (Law '82) ended the evening by thanking guests who attended the occasion and encouraged alumni to build a strong NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter.



Prof Tan Eng Chye (left), Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, presenting Dr Toh See Kiat, Chairperson of the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter with a token of appreciation.



HOBNOBBING Thirsty Thursdays

As part of the Office of Alumni Relations' latest initiative to engage younger NUS alumni, a new series of networking sessions titled 'Thirsty Thursdays' was launched this year. Designed for alumni to meet new friends and expand their networks, both the inaugural session on 16 May and second session on 10 October, held at Switch by Timbre were warmly received by the young alumni.

“You need to have an entrepreneurial spirit because people are looking for creative leadership.”

– PROF CHAN HENG CHEE



ENGAGING THE WORLD BOLDLY

**Professor Chan Heng Chee (Arts and Social Sciences '64),
Former Singapore's Ambassador to the United States,
1996 to 2012**

Professor Chan shared her beliefs with an attentive crowd on the importance of possessing an entrepreneurial spirit, more creative leadership and the courage to speak up. The audience also got a glimpse of Prof Chan's characteristic boldness which served her well as Singapore's Ambassador to the United States from 1996 to 2012. Prof Chan continues to advocate for what she believes in.



COMMON INTEREST

UM-NUS Inter-University Tunku-Chancellor Golf Tournament

For four decades, the University of Malaya (UM) and NUS have been jointly organising this annual golf tournament to celebrate the strong ties between both universities. The 2013 'UM-NUS Inter-University Tunku-Chancellor Golf Tournament' was hosted by UM at Ipoh, Perak, from 11 to 13 June at Meru Valley Golf Resort and Royal Perak Golf Club.

The occasion was graced by the President of Singapore and NUS Chancellor, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Science '62); His Royal Highness, Dr Raja Nazrin Shah, the Raja Muda (Crown Prince) of the state of Perak Darul Ridzuan, Malaysia, also the UM Pro-Chancellor. Also present were NUS Pro-Chancellor, Mr Po'ad Mattar (Accountancy '71); NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83); UM Vice-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dr Ghauth Jasmon;

member of the NUS Board of Trustees, Mr Phillip Tan; Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (Engineering '80); Singapore's High Commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency Mr Ong Keng Yong (Law '79); Singapore's Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Mr Yatiman Yusof (Arts and Social Sciences '72) and Singapore's Ambassador to Kuwait, Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed (Arts and Social Sciences '71).

More than 100 golfers participated in the two-day event. The UM won the tournament but more importantly, the event was an excellent opportunity for UM-NUS to further extend friendships and deepen relationships.



SHOWING APPRECIATION

Local Alumni Groups Dinner with President

After graduation, many alumni continue to be actively involved in the Office of Alumni Relations' initiatives and as a show of appreciation, about 100 alumni from the Local Alumni Groups (LAGs) were invited to dine with NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83) on 2 July at the National University of Singapore Society Kent Ridge Guild House. During the dinner, the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Associate Professor T C Chang (Arts and Social Sciences '89), presented current FASS programmes. Other LAGs' representatives also presented, including Ms Valerie Chow (Arts and Social Sciences '97) from the NUS Economics Alumni, Mr Simon Phua (Business '75) from the NUS Business School Alumni Association, Mr David Ho (Arts and Social Sciences '72) from the NUS Society and Dr Chong Keen Wai (Medicine '97) from The Alumni Association.

GOOD OLE' DAYS

Alumni Day at Bukit Timah Campus

Every year, NUS alumni who studied at the Bukit Timah Campus came home to reminisce the good ole' days. 'Alumni Day at Bukit Timah Campus' took place on 6 July. Gracing the occasion was President of Singapore and NUS Chancellor, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Science '62) and his wife, Mrs Mary Tan (Arts and Social Sciences '62). They were joined by Chairman of the NUS Board of Trustees, Mr Wong Ngit Liong (Engineering '65); NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83); NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '84), members

from the NUS Board of Trustees, NUS Alumni Advisory Board members, Dean of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Professor Kishore Mahbubani (Arts and Social Sciences '71) and Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Simon Chesterman. The evening also saw the celebration of the 55th Anniversary of Eusoff College and the 50th Anniversary of the Class of '63. About 900 alumni turned up at 'Alumni Day at Bukit Timah Campus'; a joint collaboration between the Office of Alumni Relations, LKYSPP and the Faculty of Law.



From left: Assoc Prof Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72), Prof Tan Eng Chye (Science '84), Prof Simon Chesterman, Mr Wong Ngit Liong (Engineering '65), Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Science '62), Mrs Mary Tan (Arts and Social Sciences '62), Ms Chong Siak Ching (Design and Environment '81), Prof Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83), Prof Kishore Mahbubani (Arts and Social Sciences '71).

RECONNECTING ONE AND ALL

Alumni Day at Kent Ridge

More than 2,000 participants gathered for a day of fun-filled activities at NUS University Town for one of the Office of Alumni Relations' key events - 'Alumni Day at Kent Ridge' on 17 August. Special guests included Chairman of the NUS Board of Trustees, Mr Wong Ngit Liong (Engineering '65); NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83); NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '84); Vice Provost (Student Life), Professor Tan Tai Yong (Arts and Social Sciences '85) and distinguished guests. Organised by the Office of Alumni Relations, the event saw alumni and their family attending a concert, career workshops, movie screenings, taking part in kampung play, children's activities, visiting faculty booths and enjoying walking tours around the campus.



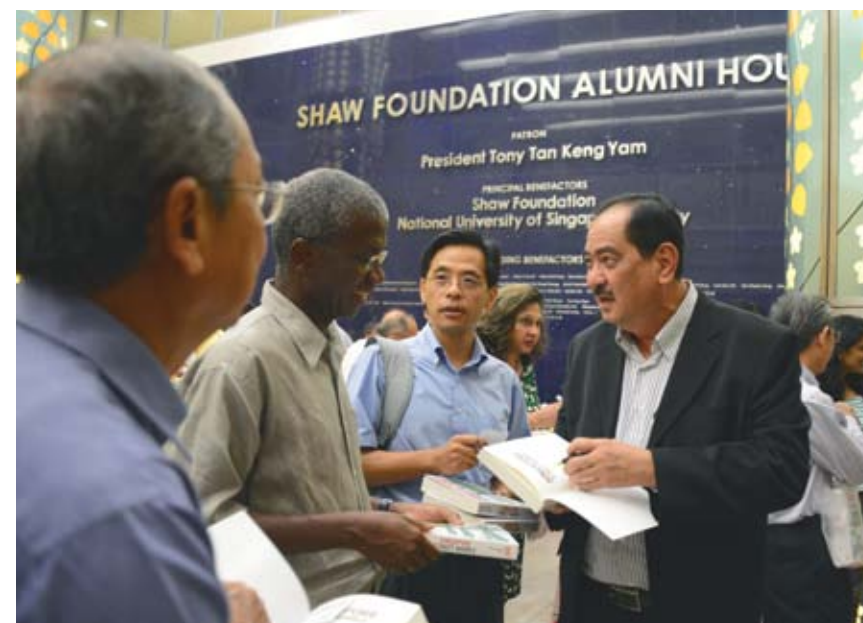


DIALOGUE IN THE MORNING

NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue

About 180 early risers signed up for the inaugural 'NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue' held on 30 August at the Conrad Centennial Singapore. Inaugurating the session was guest speaker Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who engaged the audience in a dialogue that included global issues such as the sudden outflow of funds from emerging markets and the crisis in the Middle East, and national issues from active citizenry to winning the hearts and minds of the middle-class.

Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Professor Kishore Mahbubani (Arts and Social Sciences '71) was the moderator for the session. Distinguished guests who attended included NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83); NUS Board of Trustees member, Mr Edward D'Silva (Architecture '75); President of Yale-NUS College, Professor Lewis Pericles; Shaw Foundation Alumni House Founding Benefactor, Mr Yeo Keng Joon (Business '85), members of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board, as well as post and undergraduates from LKYSPP, Faculty of Law and NUS Business School.



Assoc Prof Victor R Savage (right) signing a copy of his book.



Prof Brenda Yeoh sharing some insights about *Singapore Street Names*.

UNDERSTANDING OUR ROOTS

The Ben Franklin Club Talks

The Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) hosted the inaugural 'The Ben Franklin Club Talks' on 10 September at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House. The talk was partly based on the co-authored book titled *Singapore Street Names* by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Brenda Yeoh and the Director of OAR, Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72). About 50 guests gained some

insights into the shaping of Singapore's identity as a region and city-state. 'The Ben Franklin Club Talks' is a joint collaboration between the US Embassy and OAR to bring together young, professional adults who are NUS alumni and/or Singaporean alumni of American universities for intellectual discussions and engagement with guest speakers.

BRAND NEW
CHAPTER

Launch of NUS Xiamen
Overseas Alumni Chapter

The year saw another addition to the University's Overseas Alumni Chapters with the launch of the NUS Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter on 14 September. NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83), graced the occasion, together with Consul-General in Xiamen, Mr Loh Tuck Keat (Arts and Social Sciences '94); President of Xiamen University, Professor Zhu Chongshi; Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, Associate Professor Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72), Chinese officials of Xiamen City, Fujian Province, and more than 80 NUS Xiamen alumni. Chairperson for the NUS Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter, Associate Professor Wang Hui-Qiong (Science '01) thanked former NUS Alumni Advisory Board member Mr Harry Chan (Arts '49) for proposing the setup of the Chapter and encouraged fellow alumni to stay connected to NUS. The launch was lauded as an encouraging start to a good foundation for cooperation, mutual exchange and learning, as well as future collaborations in areas of new energy, life sciences, and sustainable development.



NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan (left) at the inauguration ceremony with Assoc Prof Wang (middle) and Assoc Prof Savage.



A COMMON GOAL

NUS Alumni Leaders Forum

As one of the significant events on the Office of Alumni Relations' calendar, the 'NUS Alumni Leaders Forum' held on 21 September this year, attracted more than 170 participants comprising students, alumni leaders and volunteers from various NUS faculties, halls, local and overseas alumni groups.

The forum focussed on the importance of leadership and explored topics on alumni renewals, commitment and relationship with alma mater. Associate Dean of Advancement and Alumni Relations at INSEAD Ms Joanne Shoveller, and the Chief Executive Officer

of Enactus Singapore Ms Mamie Cheong, were guest speakers who shared their experiences. Ms Shoveller spoke about creating a platform for effective alumni engagement while Ms Cheong shared the Enactus programme of harnessing entrepreneurial talents of students and corporate partners towards meaningful social causes. There were also lively discussions on topics such as Alumni Groups' priorities, best practices and challenges, Digital Technology and Social Media. At the end of the forum, an appreciation dinner was held at the National University of Singapore Society Kent Ridge Guild House.

A SECOND BREAKFAST DIALOGUE

NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue

Following the success of the first 'NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue', a second breakfast dialogue session titled 'NUS-Alumni Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue' was held on 25 September at the Fullerton Singapore. The session is the first of four to be sponsored by Great Eastern Life. Guest speaker Mr Lee Tzu Yang, Chairman of Shell Companies, spoke about new lands scenario in Singapore, and how Shell is finding new and creative solutions to tackle the world's energy challenges.

About 150 people attended the breakfast dialogue session including special guests like member of the NUS Board of Trustees (BOT), Mr Edward D'Silva (Architecture '75); the High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore, Her Excellency Ms Heather Grant and Chief Marketing Officer, Great Eastern Life, Mr Colin Chan. The session was moderated by former member of the NUS BOT and past President of the National University of Singapore Society, Mr Chandra Mohan K Nair (Law '76).



“We need a revolution to transform and to change how this society functions and how it is organised.”

– MR LAURENCE LIEN

LEADING CHANGE

Mr Laurence Lien (Business '00)

As a true believer of change and an advocate for social issues, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre and a Nominated Member of Parliament, Mr Laurence Lien (Business '00), hopes that more people would take ownership of social issues, be more socially conscious, and commit themselves to more cause-based volunteer work.

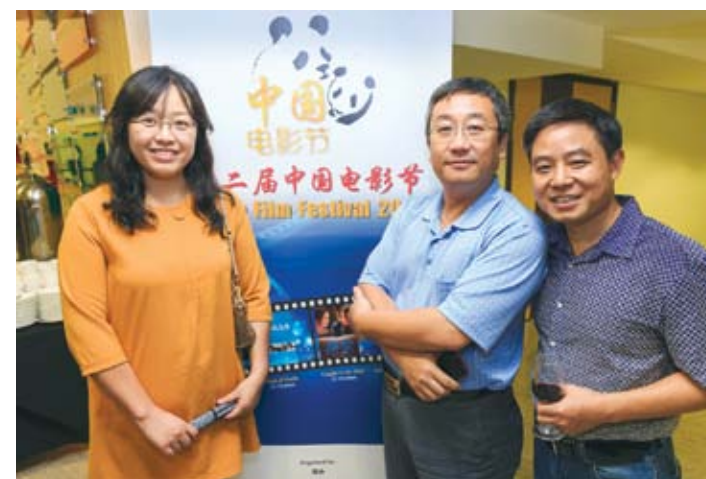
Speaking at the 'U@live' session on 25 September, Mr Lien urged the audience to pursue their passions, and to be aware of the power each person has that would help to lead change to transform the society they live in.





A ROMANTIC AFFINITY Indonesian Movie Night

Based on the 48-year marriage between former Indonesian President, Professor Dr Ing B J Habibie and his late wife, Ainun, the movie titled 'Habibie and Ainun' was featured at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House on 4 October. The guests-of-honour who attended were former Indonesian President, Professor Dr Ing B J Habibie, and NUS donor and alumnus of Nanyang University, Dato' Sri Professor Dr Tahir. The movie screening was a joint collaboration between the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR), the NUS Department of Malay Studies, Southeast Asian Studies and the NUS Development Office, as part of OAR's continual efforts to keep the NUS community engaged.



AND...ACTION! China Film Festival 2013

Alumni movie buffs were spoilt for choice during the 'China Film Festival' held from 19 to 24 October, at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House. The second of the China Film Festival series, this year's event led audience into the heart of China, with a selection of some of the Republic's most interesting films.

The Film Festival was a symbolic gesture to re-affirm the friendly ties among the Office of Alumni Relations, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, and the Singapore China Friendship

Association (SCFA). Over 200 guests attended the festival's opening night on 19 October, including distinguished guests like Minister Counsellor of the China Embassy, Mr Li Bao Guang; Cultural Counsellor of the China Embassy, Mr Xiao Jianghua; Vice President of SCFA, Mr Ung Gim Sei; Vice President of SCFA, Mr Ameer Ali Jumabhoy; NUS Board of Trustees member, Mr Edward D'Silva (Architecture '75), and NUS Deputy President (Administration), Mr Joseph Mullinix. Close to 1,400 guests turned up for the five-day movie screenings.

“They inspire us to pursue excellence with passion and unwavering commitment and to do our part for our community.”

– PROF TAN CHORH CHUAN, NUS President, on 2013’s award recipients

RECOGNISING
EXCELLENCE
NUS Alumni Awards
2013

Every two years, the University celebrates alumni excellence at the ‘NUS Alumni Awards’. This year, five alumni who have rendered excellent and sustained service to NUS and the alumni community were honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, and 10 alumni who have excelled in their chosen fields were honoured with the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Organised by the Office of Alumni Relations, the ‘NUS Alumni Awards 2013’ was held on 8 November at the National University of Singapore Society Kent Ridge Guild House. Distinguished guests included NUS Pro-Chancellor, Mr Po’ad Mattar (Accountancy ’71); NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine ’83); NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science ’84); NUS Vice-Provost (Student Life), Professor Tan Tai Yong (Arts and Social Sciences ’85) and Professor Wang Gungwu (Arts ’52). It was a memorable night for the award recipients, as well as for the 160 guests who attended the event.



NUS Alumni Awards 2013 recipients (back row, from left): Mr Choo Hon Min, Kelly (Computing ’08), Mr Lionel Lim Kay Hian (Arts and Social Sciences ’01), Dr Yeo Sze Ling (Science ’01, ’06), Mr Lai Han Seng (Computer Science ’01, ’03), Dr Kumaran Rasappan (Medicine ’10), Mr Mohamed Faizal Mohamed Abdul Kadir (Law ’05), Mr Ho Weiren, Travis (Computing ’11), Mr Huynh Quang Hai (Grad Dip ’99, MSc (MOT) ’00), (front row, second from left): Mr Koe Khoon Poh (Pharmacy ’66), Mr Wong Yuen Kuai, Lucien (Law ’78), Mr Edward Lee Kwong Foo (Arts ’70), Mr Ho Peng Cheong, David (Arts and Social Sciences ’72), Prof Leo Tan Wee Hin (Science ’69, ’74) with NUS President, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan (front row, extreme left), and Assoc Prof Victor R Savage (front row, extreme right). Absent from photo above: Ms Deborah Chew Sui Ping (Arts and Social Sciences ’97) and Dr Valerie Teo Hui Ying (Medicine ’09).



FAIRWAY FRIENDLIES
NUS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

The ‘NUS Alumni and Friends (A&F) Golf Tournament’ is an annual event for alumni to reconnect with friends and reaffirm the ties of friendships built over the years. This year’s A&F Golf Tournament was held on 24 October at Raffles Country Club. The day was filled with fun, laughter and friendly competition for 160 golf players who teed-off. The Guest-of-Honour,

NUS Pro-Chancellor, Mr Po’ad Mattar (Accountancy ’71), graced the occasion. One of the sponsors of the event was Bhutan K5 Whisky, who offered whisky tasting sessions. NUS Business School won the tournament and the evening ended with a celebratory dinner at the National University of Singapore Society Kent Ridge Guild House.

“Once you have an idea, it is not sufficient to pontificate, advocate and educate the people. You have to roll up your sleeves, get your hands dirty and be involved in the nitty-gritty. You have to be in the trenches.”

– MDM HALIMAH YACOB



WALK THE TALK

Mdm Halimah Jacob (Law '77), Speaker of Parliament

Despite juggling her duties as Speaker of Parliament, a trade unionist, an active advocate for the ‘voiceless’ and a mother of five, Mdm Halimah Jacob continues to contribute to society tirelessly and urges fellow alumni to make a difference in someone else’s life.

During the ‘U@live’ session on 27 November, moderator Mr Viswa Sadasivan (Arts and Social Sciences ’83),

described Mdm Halimah as “authentic” and “someone who does not mince her words”, drawing nods of approval from the audience. Other than championing her pet causes: women, elderly, migrant workers and the mentally ill, Mdm Halimah also addressed issues such as poverty, minimum wage and single mothers. The session saw lively interaction from both the audience at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House and online viewers.

PASSION, ACTION, INSPIRATION

U@live in Review

U@live is a monthly forum that showcases outstanding members of the NUS community who advocate various causes to make this world a better place. The Office of Alumni Relations extends its heartfelt thanks to all 2013 U@live speakers for sharing their unique experiences and for being an inspirational source to the NUS community.



PROF TAN CHORH CHUAN
(Medicine '83),
NUS President, National University of Singapore



MR TAN BEE THIAM
(Engineering '04),
Filmmaker, Asian Film Archive



MR RAVI MENON
(Arts and Social Sciences '87),
Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore



MS CHONG SIAK CHING
(Design and Environment '81),
Chief Executive Officer, National Art Gallery



PROF CHAN HENG CHEE
(Arts and Social Sciences '64),
Former Singapore’s Ambassador to the United States, 1996 to 2012



MS JANET ANG
(Business Administration '82),
Vice-President, Lenovo (Worldwide Desktop Business Unit)



MR K SHANMUGAM
(Law '84),
Minister, Law and Foreign Affairs



MR TAN MIN-LIANG
(Law '02),
Chief Gamer and CEO, Razer



MR LAURENCE LIEN
(Business '00),
Chief Executive Officer, National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre



DR VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN
(Medicine '85 and M.Med (Opthamology) '91),
Minister, Environment and Water Resources



MDM HALIMAH YACOB
(Law '77),
Speaker of Parliament

YEAR-ROUND CELEBRATIONS

Anniversary reunions and gatherings

2013 was a year characterised by a great variety of alumni reunions and celebrations within and outside of NUS. Below are some of these celebrations across faculties, schools and halls.

JANUARY

- Arts, Class of '72 40th Anniversary
- Accountancy, Class of '72 40th Anniversary
- Building and Estate Management Alumni Group Trip to Kukup, Johor
- Environmental Engineering Alumni Gathering
- Raffles Hall Association Annual Bowling Tournament
- Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter Lunar New Year Dinner

FEBRUARY

- Auckland Overseas Alumni Chapter Lunar New Year Dinner
- Economics Alumni Chinese New Year 'Lo-hei' Lunch
- Engineering, Class of '73 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner
- Kuching Overseas Alumni Chapter Lunar New Year Dinner
- London Overseas Alumni Chapter Lunar New Year Dinner
- Medicine, Class of '86 Reunion
- MSc (Environmental Management) Programme Alumni Group Chinese New Year Gathering
- NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch
- NUS Nursing Alumni Chinese New Year 'Lo-hei'
- School of Design and Environment Chinese New Year Lunch

MARCH

- Medicine, Class of '01 Gathering
- New Delhi Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner

APRIL

- Auckland Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Chengdu Overseas Alumni Chapter Third Anniversary Dinner
- Sydney Overseas Alumni Chapter Picnic
- Tokyo Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Medicine, Class of '93 20th Anniversary Gathering

MAY

- Department of Chemical Engineering Alumni Reunion
- Duke-NUS Medical Alumni Fundraising Gala Dinner
- NUS MBA Alumni Reunion
- Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter Launch and Reunion Dinner
- Vancouver Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner

JUNE

- Boston Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Lunch
- Engineering, Class of '73 40th Anniversary Reunion

JULY

- Beijing Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Building and Estate Management Alumni Fundraising Golf Event
- NUS Graduate School for Integrative Sciences and Engineering Alumni Dinner
- Medicine, Class of '83 Reunion

AUGUST

- Duke-NUS Medical Alumni Society First Reunion
- Kuching Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Law Class of '83 30th Reunion
- London Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- MBA, Class of '10 Reunion Dinner
- Medicine, Class of '88 Reunion
- Melbourne Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- NUS Business School Alumni Association Reunion Dinner

SEPTEMBER

- Dentistry 4th Alumni Reunion Dinner
- Law, Class of '92 20th Reunion
- NUS Business School Golf Reunion Challenge
- Tokyo Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter Launch and Reunion Dinner

OCTOBER

- Engineering Alumni Gathering in Shanghai
- Engineering Alumni Gathering in Beijing
- Faculty of Law Alumni Reunion in Hong Kong
- Faculty of Law Alumni Reunion in Shanghai
- Perth Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner

NOVEMBER

- Engineering Alumni Gala Event
- Faculty of Law Alumni Reunion in New Delhi
- Hong Kong Overseas Alumni Chapter Trekking
- Jakarta Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Science Club Alumni Reunion

DECEMBER

- Auckland Overseas Alumni Chapter 'Dance The Waltz'
- Boston Overseas Alumni Chapter Christmas Lunch
- Chengdu Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Eusoff Hall Classes of '89 to '94 Reunion
- Law, Class of '03 10th Reunion
- Melbourne Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- New Delhi Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Shanghai Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Sydney Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner
- Vancouver Overseas Alumni Chapter Reunion Dinner



TIS' THE SEASON

Alumni Complex Occupant Partners' Year-End Party

Tis' the season to be jolly so occupants of the Shaw Foundation Alumni House gathered for a memorable year-end party filled with interesting games, sing-along Christmas carols and lively performances.

2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

January

- 15 January** - Local Alumni Groups Meeting
- 21 January** - U@live with Professor Tan Chorh Chuan
- 29 January** - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- 29 & 30 January** - Our Singapore Conversation
- 31 January** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 31 January** - Feature Flick: Amazing Spiderman

February

- 6 February** - Electrical and Computer Engineering Movie Nite
- 19 February** - Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner
- 27 February** - U@live with Mr Tan Bee Thiam
- 28 February** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 28 February** - Feature Flick: Reign of Assassins

March

- 8 March** - Science Alumni-Students Networking Session
- 14 March** - School of Design and Environment Alumni-Students Networking Session
- 16 March** - GSS Postgraduate Movie Day
- 26 March** - U@live with Mr Ravi Menon
- 28 March** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 28 March** - Feature Flick: English Vinglish

April

- 8 April** - IARU Alumni Networking Night
- 9 April** - Professor Michel Hockx's Lecture
- 13 to 18 April** - Canadian Film Forum
- 24 April** - U@live with Ms Chong Siak Ching
- 25 April** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 25 April** - Feature Flick: The Help
- 26 April** - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the NUS Graduate School for Integrative Sciences and Engineering

May

- 4 May** - Launch of the NUS Toronto Overseas Alumni Chapter
- 15 May** - Local Alumni Groups Meeting
- 16 May** - Inaugural Thirsty Thursdays
- 29 May** - U@live with Professor Chan Heng Chee
- 30 May** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 30 May** - Feature Flick: The Dark Knight Rises

June

- 11 to 13 June** - UM-NUS Inter-University Tunku-Chancellor Golf Tournament
- 19 June** - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health
- 21 June** - U@live with Ms Janet Ang
- 27 June** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 27 June** - Feature Flick: Rise of the Guardians

July

- 2 July** - Inaugural Local Alumni Groups Dinner with NUS President
- 6 July** - Alumni Day at Bukit Timah Campus
- 9 July** - Book Launch of Singapore Street Names
- 12 July** - U@live with Mr K Shanmugam
- 23 July** - Welcome Fest Movie Event
- 25 July** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 25 July** - Feature Flick: Les Miserables

August

- 6 August** - Local Alumni Groups Meeting
- 14 August** - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry
- 17 August** - Alumni Day at Kent Ridge
- 17 August** - Inaugural Students-Alumni Games
- 17 August** - Class Ambassadors Tea
- 28 August** - U@live with Mr Tan Min-Liang

- 29 August** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 29 August** - Feature Flick: The Avengers
- 30 August** - Citi-NUS Campus Talk
- 30 August** - Inaugural NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue with DPM Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam

September

- 6 September** - Engineering Alumni-Students Networking Session
- 10 September** - The Ben Franklin Club Talks
- 14 September** - Launch of the NUS Xiamen Overseas Alumni Chapter
- 21 September** - NUS Alumni Leaders Forum 2013
- 25 September** - NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue with Mr Lee Tzu Yang
- 25 September** - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the University Scholars Programme
- 25 September** - U@live with Mr Laurence Lien
- 26 September** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 26 September** - Feature Flick: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

October

- 4 October** - Indonesian Movie Night
- 10 October** - Thirsty Thursdays
- 19 to 24 October** - China Film Festival
- 24 October** - NUS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
- 30 October** - U@live with Dr Vivian Balakrishnan
- 31 October** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 31 October** - Feature Flick: Frankenweenie

November

- 4 November** - NUSSU Dialogue Session
- 8 November** - NUS Alumni Awards 2013
- 14 November** - GSS Dialogue Session
- 20 November** - Local Alumni Groups Meeting
- 27 November** - U@live with Mdm Halimah Yacob
- 28 November** - Alumni Complex Occupant Partners' Year-End Party
- 28 November** - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 28 November** - Feature Flick: Wreck It Ralph



AN OARDYSSEY

ALUMNI AHOY! GET ON-BOARD THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE VARIOUS FACILITIES, PLATFORMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR BOTH THE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS ALUMNI COMMUNITY.



PORT OF CALL Shaw Foundation Alumni House

As the first port of call for our alumni community, the Shaw Foundation Alumni House (SFAH) plays an important role in providing an integrative environment for alumni to meet and connect with one another.

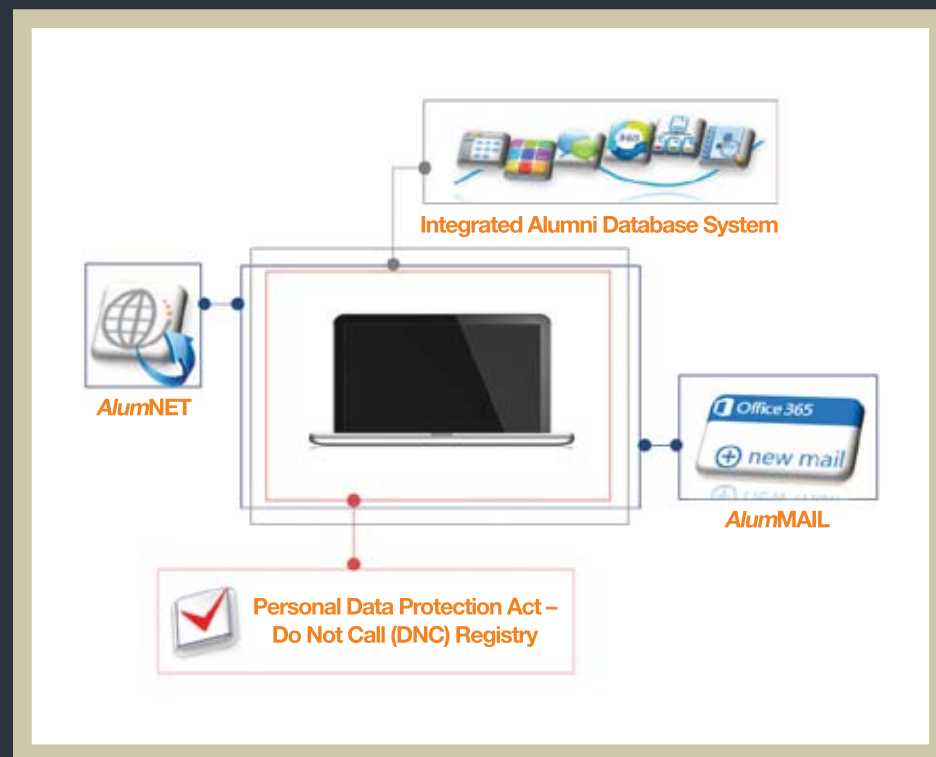
SFAH signs off 2013 as another successful year bustling with exciting events, activities and programmes.

EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

AlumNET, IADS and PDPA DNC

AlumNET was set up as the main online platform used to receive online nominations in support for one of the most important events – the ‘NUS Alumni Awards 2013’.

Integrated Alumni Database System (IADS) gained some good traction in 2013 since its launch in September 2012. Being a campus enterprise-wide system, despite the initial uphill challenges of system familiarisations, mass and targeted email blasts were configured and sent out to alumni subscribers through the system. Online event registrations for the Office of Alumni Relations’ and faculties’/schools’ events were configured and registrations tracked in the system. The alumni monthly e-Newsletter and periodic NUS President’s Letter were also sent through the system.



In line with Singapore’s **Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)** Do Not Call (DNC) Registry which comes into effect on 2 January 2014, the University has taken a centralised approach to register alumni’s preference for receiving

marketing messages through mobile phone, fixed-line or fax. Since the enforcement of the Act, the Office of Alumni Relations has been informing alumni through AlumNET and the monthly e-Newsletter.

READ IT IN PRINT!

The AlumNUS magazine

Published on a quarterly basis, The AlumNUS magazine profiles members of the alumni community and shares latest news on education, research and happenings in NUS. A useful platform to keep alumni readers updated on the rest of the alumni community.



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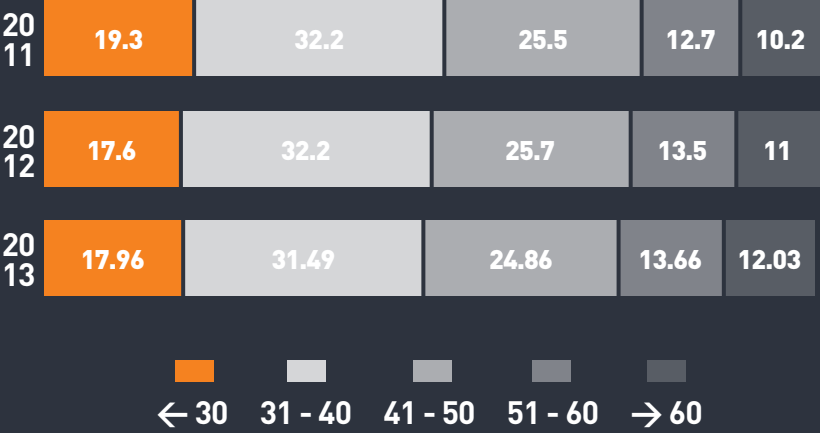
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2011 210,000

2012 219,370

2013 231,014

DEMOGRAPHICS (%)



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ALUMNUS MAGAZINE
AVERAGE PER CIRCULATION
140,000



ONLINE WEB VIEWS
AVERAGE PAGE VIEWS PER MONTH
32,451



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94,244

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49,931

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12,696

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12,205

LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
1,823

SCIENCE
38,712

LAW
9,888

ENGINEERING
49,696

YONG SIEW TOH CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC
292

BUSINESS
31,890

DENTISTRY
2,066

MEDICINE
13,904

OTHERS
18,396

TOTAL NO. OF EVENTS
105

TOTAL NO. OF ATTENDEES
16,360

SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE (SFAH)

NO. OF VENUE BOOKINGS AT SFAH
688

NO. OF VISITORS AT THE ALUMNI SERVICE CENTRE
16,593



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