

ALUMNI MATTERS

Annual Report 2014



Office of
Alumni Relations

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Alumni Matters

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- **NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan** (Medicine '83)

President's Message



Dear fellow alumni and friends,

2014 has been a busy but fulfilling year, which was notable for the further strengthening of the relations between our alumni and University. ***Alumni Matters***, our annual report, highlights and captures some of these extensive and expanding links and partnerships.

I am heartened, and appreciate very much, the growing participation of our alumni in NUS events. Last year, we witnessed record attendances at the Bukit Timah and Kent Ridge Homecomings, and very strong support for the many events organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR). In addition, several alumni leaders have initiated and run major programmes in partnership with NUS Offices, which have contributed to the advancement of our campus community.

I was particularly touched by our alumni's strong spirit of giving back to help NUS students grow to their full potential. Many made generous contributions or raised funds to support financially needy students. A large number volunteered their

knowledge and experience to their former Faculties and Halls in various capacities. Many others gave freely of their time and expertise to serve as mentors and make important connections for our students and faculty. As NUS develops an increasing number of programmes with real world impact, the active leadership and involvement of even more alumni would become ever more important.

In 2015, NUS will celebrate its 110th year of establishment and Singapore's 50th year of independence. Since its founding in 1905, our University has had a long and rich history of contribution and leadership in the service of country and society. Then and now, members of our University community have achieved many firsts across diverse fields, advancing health, technological innovation, and societal development. We are proud to continue our strong tradition of nurturing leaders in politics, the civil service, the professions, the arts, as well as business and industry.

It is my sincere hope that this dual celebratory milestone in 2015 will inspire new heights in alumni-NUS

interactions and partnerships. To our alumni and friends who have not visited NUS for some time, I warmly invite you to do so. You will find our campus changed, stimulating and abuzz with exciting activities. But the NUS community would be even richer, even stronger and even more vibrant if even more of our alumni are fully engaged with our University.

I look forward to your continuing support as *Alumni Matters* to NUS.

Professor Tan Chorh Chuan
(Medicine '83)
NUS President

Director's Message



2014 has been a successful year for the NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) because of the strong support from alumni, friends, benefactors and sponsors.

In line with this year's theme, ***Alumni Matters***, our Annual Report 2014 serves two purposes. Firstly, the publication is about “*The Way We Were*”, as Barbra Streisand would have sung; a conspectus of the variety of services and activities that alumni enjoyed in 2014. Secondly, the publication reflects the enthusiasm and dedication that OAR staff exuded throughout the year to ensure that the diverse expectations of our alumni are met because, **you, our alumni, matter.**

In the pre-internet era, connecting with alumni was primarily an exercise in snail mail communications. Today, thanks to the new tools of social media, NUS and its alumni have an ongoing and ever-strengthening relationship. OAR is looking at revamping its alumni website to make it more interactive and vibrant in order to reach out to more alumni. Apart from our alumni website, we

launched the Android version of our phone application, leveraging on the iOS version phone application in 2012. We also connect with alumni via our monthly e-news, which has a target audience of about 90,000 subscribers.

Nearly half of our alumni are aged 40 and below, hence the popularity of our varied activities to engage our younger alumni. In addition to *Thirsty Thursdays*, we initiated a new programme, called *Lifestyle Workshops* on 4 May 2014. The first of these workshops was an *Art Appreciation* session for alumni, in collaboration with Christie's, and the second was titled *Create your own Personal Style* – a personal grooming workshop with Shu Uemura, Robinsons and L'Oréal for our female alumni. We continued our popular *Breakfast Dialogues* under joint sponsorship from Great Eastern Life; a series that saw Ministers and corporate titans sharing their career and personal experiences with our young alumni. We also initiated the NUS Alumni-Standard Chartered Global Conversations luncheon talk series with guest speaker Professor Tommy Koh's distillation of foreign policy issues revolving round economic and political issues in Asia.

The Shaw Foundation Alumni House (SFAH) remained a popular venue for many regular alumni activities like our monthly tea and chat sessions for senior alumni, popular forum *U@live* – running for its fourth consecutive year – for alumni, students and faculty, the fourth *Canadian Film Forum* and the third *China Film Festival*, to mention a few. Every last Thursday of the month our auditorium is filled with alumni and families, students and staff watching some of the more popular movies. As with 2013, we rounded off the year with our Christmas staff concert and high tea involving all the tenants of the SFAH.

Financially challenged students should not be deprived of enjoying the full privileges of student life in NUS and towards this end, the NUS Alumni Students Advancement Committee (ASAC) raised nearly S\$1.8 million for student bursaries in 2014. ASAC, which comprises alumni volunteers under the leadership of Mr Johnny Tan (Science '82), is an initiative of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) and an exemplary case of alumni-alma mater cooperation to raise awareness and funds for bursaries.

In keeping with its vision to be a leading global university, NUS continues to forge close links with alumni around the world. In 2014, more than 20 events were organised by our Overseas Chapters and among the most active are the Auckland, Kuching, London, Toronto and Xiamen Chapters. To establish personal rapport, I also made visits to Chennai, London, Copenhagen and Xiamen to connect with alumni in these cities.

On the local front, we continued to engage our many Alumni Groups (AGs) across faculties, halls, schools, departments and shared interests. In 2014, we inaugurated seven new AGs. Of the established groups, OAR is particularly grateful to the NUS Society (NUSS), our largest alumni association and the Alumni Association comprising medical, dental and pharmacy graduates, for their staunch support and active collaboration in many of our activities. For the first time we formally held a Class Ambassador investiture and gave out certificates of appointment to about 150 Class Ambassadors with the active participation of Deanery and Hall of Residence personnel.

Director's Message

There was overwhelming support for our two signature annual events – the *Bukit Timah Homecoming* and the *Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day*. The former welcomed 1,100 alumni and friends and was graced by President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Science '62) and his wife, Mrs Mary Tan (Arts '62). More than 4,800 alumni, students, staff and their families gathered for a fun-filled day at the University Town at Kent Ridge Campus where they experienced a multi-faceted event including popular children's movie 'Frozen', alumni-student sports challenge games, children's activities and the *Student Life Fair*. For the first time, 84 student groups/associations joined the *Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day*.

Volunteers are the backbone of our alumni community and to strengthen relations between them and the University, the fourth consecutive *NUS Alumni Leaders Forum*, under Mr Peter Tay's (Arts '75) chairmanship, saw 150 alumni leaders, student leaders and alumni volunteers engaged in a lively dialogue and discussion. We had Professor Wang Gungwu (Arts '52) give a luncheon talk on alumni relations

and activities in the various Universities he had been associated with as a student and faculty member.

Throughout 2014, we enhanced or introduced initiatives which matched the interests and expectations of our diverse alumni community – to build upon the positive relationships we have with volunteers and active alumni; to increase the participation from younger alumni; and to continue serving as the primary link between alumni and alma mater. Achieving these objectives required tremendous team effort, and hence, we have garnered the support of alumni, achieved collaboration with varied levels of University administration, faculties, and halls, as well as received generous sponsorships from friends, embassies and corporate organisations. OAR is also grateful to all our distinguished alumni who form the AAB and who gave generously of their time, expertise, advice and leadership in our varied activities.

From feedback received as well as interactions with alumni, I believe that Pharrell Williams' 'Happy' is indeed an appropriate song to describe the

warm and jovial mood of the many participants at events throughout the year.

OAR looks forward to more opportunities to connect with alumni, especially in 2015 when we celebrate Singapore's 50th year of independence and NUS' 110th Anniversary – a year when we hope to see even more alumni across cohorts, campuses, and countries coming together to celebrate this dual and significant milestone.

Associate Professor Victor R Savage
(Arts and Social Sciences '72)
Director
Office of Alumni Relations

Who We Are

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

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations Office (OAR) makes engaging NUS alumni its number one priority. With 241,000 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.

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 the alumni.

Information Management:

Provides strategic roadmap and implementation of information technologies.

Shaw Foundation Alumni House (SFAH) Operations:

Manages operations for SFAH.

Who We Are

Directorate
Associate Professor Victor R Savage Director
Ms Florence Neo Deputy Director
Ms Evelyn Tan Deputy Director
Mr Lo Tuck Leong Deputy Director
Ms Josephine Chng Manager (PA to Director)
Ms Yeo Wei Wei Management Assistant Officer (Human Resources, Finance and Administration)
Ms Wendy Ng Yoke Lan Operations Associate (Administrative Support)
Alumni Cultivation and Engagement
Ms Nichole Yeo Senior Manager
Mr Chua Sin Chew Manager
Mr Samuel Tan Manager
Ms Valerie Preethi Vincent Senior Executive
Ms Idy Lim Senior Executive
Ms Gabriella Nyam Seow Wei Executive

Mr Kyaw Win Shwe Management Assistant Officer
Ms Susan Ng Sok Yian Operations Associate (Administrative Support)
Marketing and Communications
Ms Karin Yeo Senior Manager (Head)
Ms Amanda Ng Assistant Manager
Ms Noreen Kwan Management Assistant Officer
Information Management
Mr Fred Ang Chin Chuen Assistant Manager
Mr Lauren Goh Li Zhao Management Assistant Officer
Shaw Foundation Alumni House Operations
Ms Irene See Associate Director
Ms Carrie Chong Senior Executive
Ms Hamidah Binte Ithnin Management Assistant Officer
Ms Roshaliza Binte Ahmat Management Assistant Officer

NUS Alumni Advisory Board

NUS ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD, 2014

The NUS Alumni Advisory Board provides critical advice and insight into all alumni-related matters at NUS. In 2014, the University welcomed four new members to the board.

Mr Edward D'Silva
(Architecture '75)

Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng
(Arts and Social Sciences '83)

Dr Tan Peng Guan
(Dentistry '70)

Mr Zahidi Abdul Rahman
(Architecture '83)



Front row (from left): Mr Zahidi Abdul Rahman (Architecture '83), Assoc Prof Victor R Savage (Arts and Social Sciences '72), Mr Edward D'Silva (Architecture '75), Mr Viswa Sadasivan (Arts and Social Sciences '83) and Mr Jeremy Ee Jian Wen (Engineering '05). Back row (from left): Mr Johnny Tan Khoon Hui (Science '82), Mr Peter Tay Yew Beng (Business '75), Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83), Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng (Arts and Social Sciences '83), Mr Navtej Singh (Arts and Social Sciences '72), Mr Tan Boon Hui (Arts and Social Sciences '93) and Mr David Ho Peng Cheong (Arts and Social Sciences '72).

ABSENT FROM GROUP PHOTO:	 Ms Janet Ang Guat Har (Business '82)	 Ms Jocelyn Chng Yee Kwang (Arts and Social Sciences '89)	 Dr Tan Peng Guan (Dentistry '70)
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BUILDING A FOUNDATION

At the NUS Office of Alumni Relations, we cultivate positive experiences for students even before they graduate. Whether they stay connected with us from the time they graduate or find a way to reconnect later in their lives, every alumnus matters. Our goal is to create an enriching undergraduate experience, shape student-university relations and establish a lifelong alumni-alma mater bond.

Inspiring Others

Alumni-Students Career Networking Sessions

In 2014, the NUS Office of Alumni Relations organised four networking sessions for students and alumni in collaboration with the NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates. Not only were these sessions an invaluable source of real-world knowledge and career advice for students, they were also a platform for alumni to make a difference in the lives of the undergraduates and give back to their alma mater.



Here To Help

Bursary Awards

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) offers three bursary awards to provide qualified students with the opportunity to advance their academic studies with peace of mind. The 'NUS Alumni Bursary Award', the 'NUS Alumni Student Exchange Award', and the 'NUS Alumni Overseas Colleges Award' are administered by the NUS Office of Financial Aid, the NUS International Relations Office, and the NUS Overseas Colleges respectively.

In 2014, 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.

A Practical Approach

Student Service Ambassador Programme

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) believes that the learning of valuable life lessons comes together with hands-on experience. The 'Student Service Ambassador Programme' enlists students to assist with administrative duties for the many events hosted by OAR at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House all year round.

ALUMNI MATTERS

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations values the special kinship between the University and alumni and will continue to keep in touch with the ever-growing alumni community, even for those who are overseas. We are grateful for the support and voluntary spirit of our alumni who have been instrumental in keeping the community active and engaged under the following initiatives.

Reaching Out

Associate Directors for Alumni Relations

24* Associate Directors for Alumni Relations hailing from different Faculties, Schools, Halls and Residential Colleges help to connect the wide NUS alumni community and to ensure that each alumnus is aware of the latest University happenings and events.

*Figures as of December 2014

Alumni Connections

NUS Alumni Groups

There are 62* NUS Alumni Groups made up of Faculty-, Hall- and Interest-based groups for alumni to join. Here are some of the key events in 2014 showing the multitude of activities connecting alumni in and outside the campus.

*Figures as of December 2014

NUS Chinese Studies Alumni Association



2014 was a fruitful year for the NUS Chinese Studies Alumni Association. Besides monthly meetings and gatherings, the Association took part in the *FASS 85th Resilience Run*, held a Chinese Studies Department graduation tea and chat on 8 July, as well as monthly Saturday walks and trips to feast on durians in Johor Bahru.

NUS Economics Alumni

2014 was a memorable year for the NUS Economics Alumni. The highlight was the NUS Economics Department's 80th gala dinner. Themed '*NUS Economics 80 Years: A Distinguished Past, A Great Future*', the dinner drew strong attendance from 300 alumni including Guest-of-Honour Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong, Mr Ngiam Tong Dow, Mr Ngiam Tong Yuen and Mr Ho Kwon Ping; faculty members and students. The dinner also raised S\$48,000 for the NUS Economics Alumni Bursary.



NUS Economics 80th Anniversary Gala Dinner VIP Table (standing, from left to right): Ho Kwon Ping, Prof Andrew Wee, Jazreel Yeo, Mr & Mrs Ngiam Tong Yuen, Daniel Lo, Chang Rui Hua. (Sitting, from left to right): Prof Brenda Yeoh, Prof Julian Wright, ESM Goh Chok Tong, Mr & Mrs Ngiam Tong Dow.

Engineering Alumni Singapore

2014 saw the Engineering Alumni Singapore (EAS) shift its strategic focus from social to educational and career-centric talks and events to complement the activities organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations. Educational topics such as cavern construction and safe and efficient blasting were conducted. Career talks were also organised for engineers considering careers outside engineering.

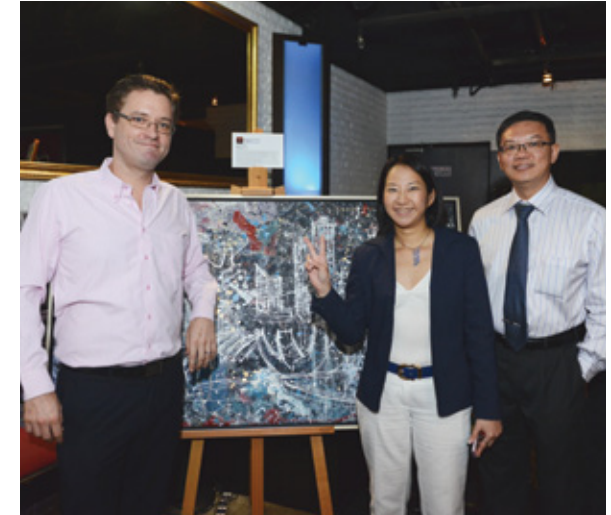
The year also saw EAS continue to build stronger ties with the Faculty of Engineering and students by partnering the NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates in organising *Alumni-Student Networking Sessions* and setting up a networking booth at *Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day*.



Tee off! Members face their annual golf challenge.

NUS Business School Alumni Association

The NUS Business School Alumni Association (NUSBSA) has had a busy year putting together opportunities for its alumni to get together. From the start of the new term in June 2014, with a fresh board of directors, NUSBSA has engaged its members over 11 varied activities that cater to the broad range of members' interests. The association also actively connects with current students at the yearly *Connexion* event that sees 200 youths and alumni coming together to contribute their ideas for a better world.



Art investment tips combined with networking on Members' Night.



Reminiscing the good old days at Reunion Dinner.

Global Alumni Network Office, NUS Business School



NUS Business School Eminent Business Alumni Awards 2014.

One of the highlights for the NUS Business School Global Alumni Network Office (GANO) in 2014 was the *NUS Business School Eminent Business Alumni Awards 2014*, a biennial event which recognises the achievements of Business School alumni who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the private and public sectors. A total of 10 outstanding alumni individuals from various industries across Asia received awards from the Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Lim Hng Kiang at the Awards Ceremony. Minister Lim also launched the NUS Business School's 50th anniversary celebrations with the unveiling of its 50th anniversary logo.

NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni

The official inauguration of the 12th NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni Management Committee was held on 28 June 2014. The ceremony was graced by Guest-of-Honour Ms Sim Ann, Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information. The President of the 11th Management Committee Ms Zhang Yiru highlighted the activities and achievements of the outgoing 11th Committee, which included the alumni's establishment of the S\$300,000 scholarship for NUS Business School students. The new President Mr Kwek Chok Ming (BBA 1978/APEX MBA Chinese 2009) expressed his appreciation to the 11th Committee.



12th NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni Management Committee.

MBA Alumni



In 2014, some of the impactful events organised by the MBA alumni were the 4th *Explore Singapore*, *MBA Tennis Clinics and Leagues*, and *MBA Alumni Speaker Series*. Jointly organised with GANO, the *Explore Singapore* event seeks to orientate new overseas MBA students. Two MBA Tennis Clinics and Leagues for alumni and students were held, with the objective to connect alumni and students while having fun. At the *MBA Alumni Speaker Series*, alumni with industrial expertise turned up as guest speakers to share their invaluable experiences with students.

MEM Alumni's Trip to Kota Kinabalu

The Master of Science in Environmental Management (MEM) Alumni Group organised a trip to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from 10 to 14 May. All five MEM alumni conquered Low's Peak, the summit point at 4,095 metres.



NUS Law

The NUS Faculty of Law has had a busy year putting together opportunities for its alumni. The Class of 1984 and 2004 celebrated their 30th anniversary and 10th anniversary reunions in 2014. A trip to Kuala Lumpur in April, an intimate dinner hosted by the Dean in October for alumni based in New York and the farewell dinner for the Class of 2014 were some of the key events for the year. The finale was a night out at the theatre with supporters and alumni to the Wild Rice production of 'Monkey Goes West' on 5 December 2014.



Faculty and alumni caught up at the NUS Law reunion in Kuala Lumpur in April.



National University of Singapore Society

The National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2014. The celebrations were marked by five key events, including the opening of the new Suntec City Guild House officiated by Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat, on 7 March, the NUSS *Groceries with Love on Wheels* community outreach programme - where volunteers distributed over 3,000 grocery bags to needy households worldwide - and a 60th Anniversary lecture, Gala Dinner and Fundraising concert. These milestone events helped raise more than S\$800,000 for the NUS Alumni Bursary Fund, a social initiative that supports lower-income undergraduates.

NUS Senior Alumni

NUS Senior Alumni organised a series of talks, discussions and travels in 2014. The signature monthly *Tea and Chat* continued to attract a good audience. A total number of 11 *Tea and Chat* sessions were held, including a Lunar New Year *Lohei* and a year-end gathering supported by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations.

Beyond Borders

NUS Overseas Chapters

Overseas Chapters in major cities across the world act as the gateway for NUS alumni living overseas to reconnect with the University. In 2014, our 18* Overseas Chapters collectively held 24 key events overseas in various forms, including reunion dinners and lunches, talks, retreats, exercise classes and festival celebrations.

*Figures as of December 2014



Alumni Representatives

Class Ambassadors

Since 2008, NUS' faculties have appointed Class Ambassadors in each graduating cohort to keep alumni connected to the University and to build a foundation for future alumni networks. In 2014, 181 Class Ambassadors were appointed, bringing the total number to 1229* since the initiative started.

*Figures as of December 2014

2014 MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

With plenty of events including holiday celebrations, festivals, reunions, seminars and movie screenings happening all year around, there is never a dull moment at the NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR). Apart from the traditional mainstay events, this year saw the introduction of new initiatives such as the *NUS Alumni Lifestyle Workshops* and the continuing of popular ones such as the *NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue*, *Thirsty Thursdays* and *U@live*. OAR remains dedicated in our efforts to engage alumni and provide avenues for them to strengthen their affiliation with NUS.



Coming Home

Bukit Timah Homecoming

The annual *Bukit Timah Homecoming* for 2014 took place on 5 July. The perennial favourite saw more than 1,100 alumni and guests gather at the NUS Bukit Timah Campus for an evening of reminiscence and enjoyment.

Gracing the event was President 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), and NUS senior management.

A joint collaboration between the NUS Office of Alumni Relations, the Faculty of Law and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSchool), this Homecoming also commemorated the 85th anniversaries of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science; the 55th anniversary of Raffles Hall; the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1964, as well as the 10th anniversary of the LKY School. There was a cake-cutting ceremony and celebratory toasts by alumni representatives to celebrate the various anniversaries.





A Day Out With Family And Friends

Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day

More than 4,800 NUS alumni, students, staff and their families turned up for a day of fun at the 2014 *Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day*, organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations, on 16 August.

Held at NUS University Town, the event saw participants enjoying a rag float display, photo-taking with roving movie characters, stage games, music performances, an outdoor movie screening and a grand lucky draw.

Special guests included Chairman of the NUS Board of Trustees, Mr Wong Ngit Liong (Engineering '65); NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83); Professor Wang Gungwu (Arts '52) and his wife; Emeritus Professor Edwin Thumboo (Arts '56); and Vice Provost of Student Life, Professor Tan Tai Yong (Arts and Social Sciences '85), and his wife.

Strengthening Ties

NUS Alumni Leaders Forum

The fourth run of the *NUS Alumni Leaders Forum* (ALF) was held on 13 September with the theme '*NUS Alumnus – Make A Difference*'. Spearheaded by the NUS Alumni Advisory Board and organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations, the event aims to provide alumni leaders and volunteers with a platform for the exchange of best practices in alumni relations.

2014's ALF was graced by guests-of-honour NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '84), and Professor Wang Gungwu (Arts '52).

Chairman of the Lien Foundation, Mr Laurence Lien (Business '00) and Director of the Chuan Thian Poh

Community Leadership Programme, Associate Professor Albert Teo (Arts and Social Sciences '86) were guest speakers.

The forum attracted 147 alumni leaders, student leaders and volunteers from the NUS faculties, Halls, Alumni Groups and Overseas Chapters, who engaged alumni over topics such as new initiatives, challenges and learning points for alumni groups, programmes for engaging overseas alumni and giving back through social service and community engagement.

The event concluded with a luncheon talk titled '*Alumni Angles: Top, Side and Bottom*' by Prof Wang at the National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) Kent Ridge Guild House.



Art In Different Forms

NUS Alumni Lifestyle Workshops



The NUS Office of Alumni Relations organised two workshops under the *NUS Alumni Lifestyle Workshops* series in 2014, to reach out to NUS alumni and cater to their diverse range of interests.

The first workshop was held on 4 May at the Shangri-La hotel in Singapore, in collaboration with renowned auction house, Christie's. More than 70 alumni art enthusiasts were given an exclusive tour of impressive Asian exhibits of art and attended a talk by alumnus Mr Wang Zineng (Arts '07), a specialist in Asian 20th Century and Contemporary Art of the Southeast Asian region.

The second workshop was held on 30 July in collaboration with Shu Uemura, L'Oréal and Robinsons. Professional make-up artists, hairstylists and personal shoppers showed 200 female alumni tips and tricks of creating stylish make-up, a unique office style and a lasting impression. Participants were also treated to a buffet dinner before the event at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House.

The Big Alumni Tee-Off

23rd NUS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

The annual *NUS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament* returned for the 23rd year running at Raffles Country Club on 1 October 2014. The highly-anticipated event organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations and the NUS Society (NUSS) saw 152 NUS alumni golf enthusiasts gathering for the tournament.

Guest-of-Honour NUS Pro-Chancellor Mr Po'ad Mattar (Accountancy '71) graced the occasion. The tournament concluded with a celebratory dinner and prize presentation ceremony at the Della and Seng Gee Guild Hall of NUSS Guild House, with the NUS Faculty of Science emerging as winner.



Celebrating Cinematic Art

Canadian Film Forum and Chinese Film Festival 2014



Alumni film buffs were treated to a great selection of Canadian and Chinese films this year at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House. The *Canadian Film Forum* was held from 24 to 26 March, while the *China Film Festival* took place from 18 to 21 October.

More than 950 people attended the *Canadian Film Forum*, the result of partnership between the NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) and the Canadian High Commission. The following films were screened during the three-day film forum graced by the High Commissioner of Canada, Her Excellency Heather Grant: *'The Grand Seduction'*, *'War Witch (Rebelle)'* and *'Midnight's Children'*. This year's film forum received generous sponsorship from Keppel Corporation and BlackBerry. Two BlackBerry phones were given out as lucky draw prizes.

Nearly 1,200 guests attended the *Chinese Film Festival*, a collaboration between OAR, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Singapore, and the Singapore China Friendship Association. Award-winning movies featured were martial arts drama *'The Grandmaster 2013'*, perennial classic *'The Monkey King'*, and thriller *'Black Coal, Thin Ice'*. At the end of each screening, four lucky winners walked away with gifts courtesy of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Singapore, and Xiaomi phones sponsored by Suntech International Group Pte Ltd.



Interactive Morning Sessions

NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogues

The NUS Office of Alumni Relations held a total of four Breakfast Dialogues in 2014, of which three were part of the *NUS Alumni – Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue* series. The series aims to engage NUS alumni professionals in executive or middle management positions.

Guest speakers for the dialogues included Group President and CEO of Sembcorp Industries, Mr Tang Kin Fei (Mechanical Engineering '74); CEO and Director of DBS Group, Mr Piyush Gupta; Deputy Chairman of City Developments Limited, Mr Kwek Leng Joo; and Group Managing Director of Commonwealth Capital Pte Ltd, Mr Andrew Kwan.





Thirsty Thursdays

A popular networking initiative organised by the NUS Office of Alumni Relations to engage young NUS alumni, 2014's *Thirsty Thursdays* enjoyed much success with five sessions held throughout the year at popular downtown venues such as The Mad Poet Gastrobar, The Barber Shop by Timbre and i Darts Halo. More than 100 alumni turned up for each session.

President's Dialogue Lunch



To help our alumni stay connected to the developments of their alma mater, the NUS Office of Alumni Relations organises a series of *President's Dialogue Lunches* (PDL) throughout the year. Alumni from different faculties receive invitation to lunch with NUS President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan (Medicine '83) at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House. This year's PDL began with NUS Business School's alumni lunch on 17 January. Subsequent PDL sessions were organised with alumni from the School of Design and Environment, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Law, School of Computing and Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music. PDL is an important opportunity for alumni to engage in meaningful lunch conversations with the President.



Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner

Every year, the NUS Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) organises a *Chinese New Year (CNY) Appreciation Dinner* to thank its alumni leaders, volunteers, partners and sponsors for their steadfast and continual support of OAR activities and initiatives. 2014's *CNY Appreciation Dinner* was held on 6 February and saw more than 200 guests gathered as a family to usher in the Year of the Horse.



U@Live

Kicking off the year's first *U@live* session was guest speaker Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence (MBBS '82 and M.Med (Surgery) '87) who captured the full attention of a 300-strong audience comprising NUS alumni, students and staff on 17 January at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House auditorium. Dr Ng's topic for the session was titled '*Defending What We Fought For*'.

U@live in Review

This monthly forum showcases outstanding members of the NUS community who have been relentlessly championing causes that have made a difference in the world today.



Dr Ng Eng Hen



Mr Bernard Harrison



Mr Lim Siong Guan



Mr Hsieh Fu Hua



Dr Yeo Sze Ling



Mr Zulkifli Bin Baharudin



Professor Hsieh Tsun-Yan



Ms Indranee Rajah



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim

2014 Year in Review

JANUARY

- 16 January - Thirsty Thursdays
- 17 January - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the NUS Business School
- 17 January - U@live with Dr Ng Eng Hen
- 23 January - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 23 January - Feature Flicks: 2046

FEBRUARY

- 6 February - Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner
- 18 February - Alumni Advisory Board Meeting
- 25 February - Associate Directors Meeting
- 25 February - Alumni Groups Meeting
- 26 February - U@live with Mr Bernard Harrison
- 27 February - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 27 February - Feature Flicks: Valentine's Day

MARCH

- 5 March - Alumni Dialogue with Mr Ho Kwon Ping
- 12 March - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the School of Design and Environment
- 14 March - Inaugural Alumni Groups Social Night
- 21-26 March - Canadian Film Forum
- 27 March - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 27 March - U@live with Mr Lim Siong Guan

APRIL

- 15 April - NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Life Breakfast Dialogue with Mr Tang Kin Fei
- 21 April - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the Faculty of Engineering
- 22 April - Associate Directors Meeting
- 22 April - Alumni Groups Meeting
- 23 April - U@live with Mr Hsieh Fu Hua
- 24 April - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 24 April - Movies on the House: Transformers: Dark of the Moon

MAY

- 4 May - NUS Alumni Lifestyle Workshop - Generations of Southeast Asian Art
- 15 May - Thirsty Thursdays
- 28 May - U@live with Dr Yeo Sze Ling
- 29 May - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 29 May - Movies on the House: Gravity

JUNE

- 12 June - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the Faculty of Science
- 19 June - Class Ambassadors Meetup
- 24 June - Class Ambassadors Investiture
- 26 June - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 26 June - Movies on the House: Man of Steel

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JULY

- 5 July - Bukit Timah Homecoming
- 30 July - NUS Alumnae Lifestyle Workshop: Create your own Personal Style
- 31 July - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 31 July - Movies on the House: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

AUGUST

- 5 August - Alumni Advisory Board Meeting
- 12 August - President's Dialogue Lunch with the alumni of the Faculty of Law
- 16 August - Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day
- 16 August - Alumni Students Sports Challenge
- 26 August - Associate Directors Meeting
- 26 August - Alumni Groups Meeting
- 27 August - U@live with Mr Zulkifli Bin Baharudin
- 28 August - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 28 August - Movies on the House: The Internship
- 29 August - NUS Alumni Breakfast Dialogue with Mr Piyush Gupta

SEPTEMBER

- 4 September - Engineering Alumni Students Networking Event
- 10 September - Public Service Networking
- 13 September - Alumni Leaders Forum
- 18 September - Thirsty Thursdays
- 23 September - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of the School of Computing
- 25 September - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 25 September - Movies on the House: Lage Raho Munna Bhai
- 29 September - U@live with Professor Hsieh Tsun-Yan

OCTOBER

- 1 October - NUS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
- 3 October - NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Breakfast Dialogue with Mr Kwek Leng Joo
- 3 October - FOS Student-Alumni Networking Evening
- 14 October - NUS Postgraduate Networking Fair 2014
- 18-22 October - China Film Festival
- 28 October - NUSSU Dialogue Session
- 29 October - U@live with Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah
- 30 October - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat

NOVEMBER

- 3 November - Graduate Students Society Dialogue Session
- 4 November - Associate Directors Meeting
- 4 November - Alumni Groups Meeting
- 5 November - ACAM Meeting
- 12 November - NUS Alumni-Great Eastern Breakfast Dialogue with Mr Andrew Kwan
- 14 November - NUS Alumni-Standard Chartered Global Conversations with Professor Tommy Koh
- 20 November - Thirsty Thursdays
- 24 November - Alumni Complex Occupant Partners' Year-End Party
- 25 November - President's Dialogue Lunch with alumni of Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music
- 26 November - U@live with Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
- 27 November - Senior Alumni Tea and Chat
- 27 November - Movies on the House: The Hobbit - The Desolation of the Smaug
- 28 November - Alumni Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner

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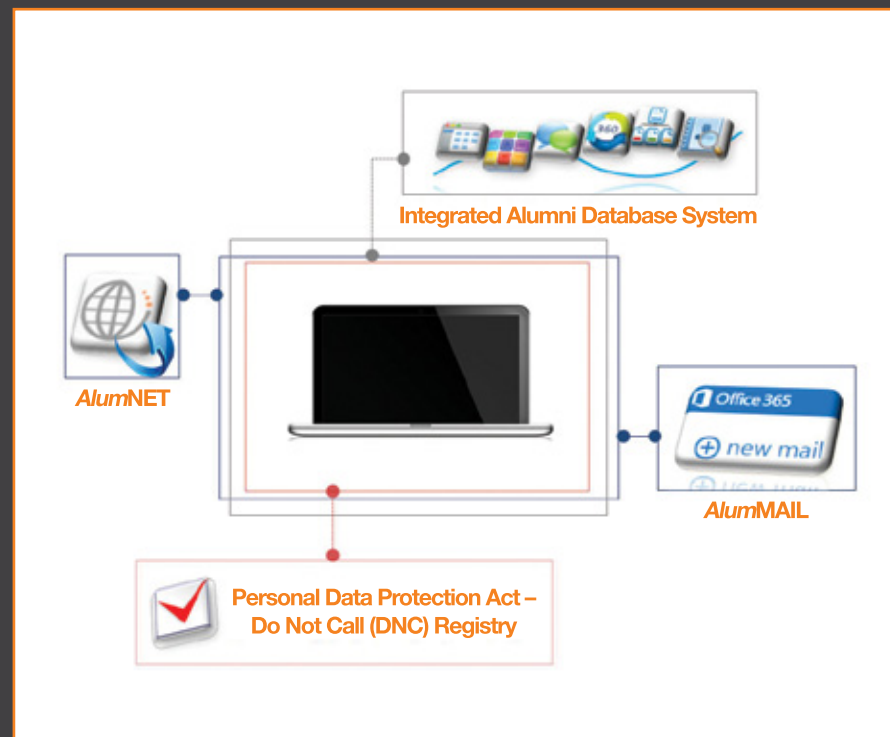
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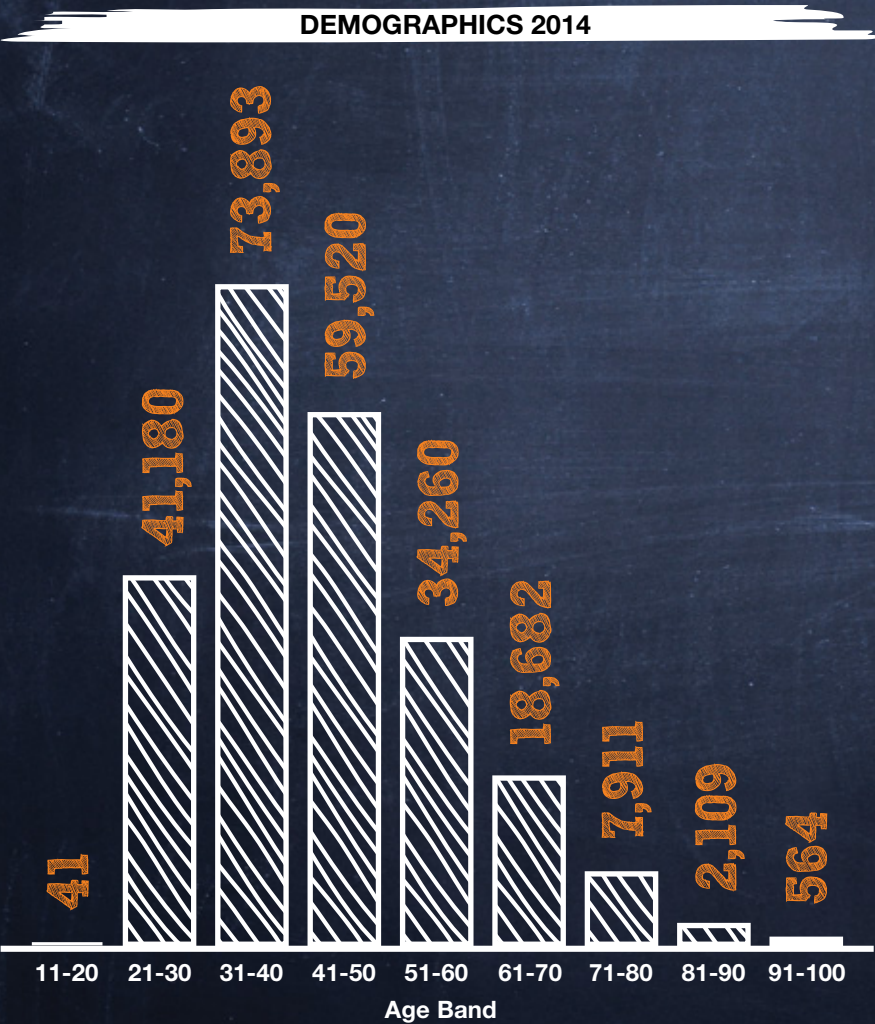

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