Cheer for NTU student leaders as alumni raise funds for development

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SINGAPORE — Student leaders at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) have received a boost as a group of NTU alumni are now raising funds to aid their development.

The class of ’85 have raised about $250,000 so far and have approached companies and individuals for donations. If they reach, or exceed, the $500,000 target, they will receive a matching grant from the Government.

“We want to help in the development of student leaders, with a focus on engineering students, as, with the rigours of their education, they usually go on to become leaders in their industry,” said NTU Alumni Club President Mr R Sinnakaruppan.

This announcement was made yesterday at a media preview of a book co-published by the NTU Alumni Club and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Titled One Degree Many Choices, it chronicles the achievements of pioneer graduates in various industries and aims to inspire the younger generation to study engineering.

Royalties from the book, which will be launched on May 2, will go into organising activities to promote engineering studies in Singapore.

Some 10,000 copies of the book have been printed. It can be found in Kinokuniya and Times bookstores.

According to NTU, its alumni give between S$2 million and S$2.5 million each year. NTU has also previously received gifts of S$1 million and more from individual alumni. These went towards scholarships and bursaries.