

NTU Singapore launches Brunei Alumni Association

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The noble aim of the Nanyang Technical University (NTU) Alumni Association (Brunei) is to support Brunei Vision 2035, Minister of Home Affairs Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong said.

"I urge alumni members to play an important role in growing this richest network of bright minded individuals for development and progress," said the minister at a ceremony where NTU Singapore launched a new alumni association in Brunei Darussalam at Radisson Hotel in the capital.

"This event is also a platform that contributes to strengthening friendship and cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and Singapore," the minister said.

"Both countries share special relationship with a long standing arrangement such as the currency interchangeability agreement, defence, trade and investment, health, education, just to name a few."

The minister who studied at National Institute of Education (NIE) at NTU 45 years ago, noted a comparatively rigorous education programme.

The minister said, "I am delighted to hear that NTU alumni association was successfully formed providing a platform to socialise and network by exchanging opinions, information, knowledge and ideas."

The NTU Alumni Association (Brunei) is the 94th Alumni Association established by the university to better engage and connect with its alumni community in Singapore and overseas.



Minister of Home Affairs Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong launching the alumni with Nanyang Technical University (NTU) Vice-President (Alumni and Advancement) Professor Alan Chan while High Commissioner of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam Lim Hong Huai looks on. PHOTO: AZLAN OTHMAN

The Minister of Home Affairs, High Commissioner of Singapore to Brunei Darussalam Lim Hong Huai and NTU Vice-President (Alumni and Advancement) Professor Alan Chan launched the NTU Alumni Association (Brunei) at the Radisson Hotel with the participation of about 80 alumni and guests.

Professor Alan Chan said, "Alumni engagement is one of NTU's highest priorities. The new alumni association enables the university to build a strong community of current and future alumni here in Brunei, through various programmes, activities and other meaningful engagement opportunities."

Senior Assistant Professor at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) Dr Salbrina binti Haji Sharbawi leads the new NTU Alumni Association (Brunei). She graduated with a PhD in Applied Linguistics from NIE at NTU Singapore in 2009.

Besides building a cohesive alumni community, the NTU Alumni Association (Brunei) also plans to set up a network of business affiliates, or companies and businesses that will offer special privileges to NTU alumni based in Brunei, such as food and beverage promotions, and discounts on tailor-made apparel.

NTU today has more than 244,000 alumni in 162 countries, of which 96 alumni reside in Brunei. NTU also has 24 Alumni Circles in countries or cities with small numbers of alumni.

Ranked 11th in the world, NTU has been placed the world's top young university for the past six years. The university's main campus is frequently listed among the top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world. It has 57 Green Mark Certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) building projects, of which 95 per cent are Certified Green Mark Platinum.