Address by

Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman, NTU Board of Trustees
at the NTU Alumni Get-together Dinner

Bangchui Island Hotel, Dalian, China on 23 June 2007, 7pm

Mr Herman Hochstadt, Pro-Chancellor of NTU
NTU President Dr Su Guaning
Distinguished guests, alumni and friends of the University
Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the NTU Alumni Get-together Dinner at the beautiful city of Dalian. This evening’s celebrations mark the achievements of our Chinese graduates. It is indeed very heartening to see so many of our alumni here tonight. Many of you have taken time off your busy schedules and have traveled from various parts of China to Dalian to be part of this reunion.

This morning, we witnessed the second NTU Convocation held in China. I would like to take this occasion to congratulate the 164 graduates who received their Masters Degrees from NTU today. I congratulate you on your success and warmly welcome you to the NTU community. I am sure your education at NTU and your international exposure will give you an edge in your careers.

Many of you hold important positions in China’s public sector; many of you are prominent personalities in industry and business. We are indeed very proud to have such distinguished alumni.

NTU has come a long way since its inception as the first privately-funded university in Southeast Asia. Today, we are ranked among the world’s top 20 science and technology universities. Our Nanyang Business School is ranked top in Singapore, second in Asia and third in the Asia-Pacific by the Financial Times. Through our four colleges and two autonomous institutes, NTU provides a quality global education to undergraduate and graduate students. Our curriculum is broad-based and rigorous, and we provide our students with opportunities to excel not just in their studies, but in life as well, with our emphasis on leadership development through the varied student activities we offer.

In tandem with NTU’s progress, the University is also expanding its physical reach. In May 2007, we officially opened our second campus in Singapore, the NTU@one-north campus. The new campus, strategically located in the research hub of Singapore,
complements our main campus, the Yunnan Garden campus. Besides these local campuses, NTU students also attend courses at campuses in US, Europe, India and China hosted by well-known partner universities. Through our flagship Global Immersion Programme, covering 13 cities in five countries, NTU undergraduates spend from six months up to a year at these overseas universities.

China is a booming economy, and the potential for growth is tremendous. The world has witnessed China’s significant positive impact on the world economy in the 21st century. We value our relationship with our partners here in China, and we are keen to continue to forge more educational and research partnerships with our counterparts in China and the rest of the world.

The support of our alumni in Singapore and around the world is crucial for the University. Our alumni form one of our greatest resources. We have forged close ties with our local and international alumni. Do stay connected and keep in touch with your alma mater. You have a crucial role in supporting NTU in her pursuit of global excellence. You represent the best of NTU. Together with you, our alumni and with our faculty, staff and students, we will achieve our vision of making NTU a great global University.

Congratulations once again to our newest members of the NTU family. I wish you all an enjoyable evening.

Thank you.