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CLASS OF 85 CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Over 100 members from Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) Class of 1985 will rekindle ties at their 20th anniversary reunion celebration, held in conjunction with NTU’s Golden Jubilee.

Spearheaded by fellow alumni, this marks the largest-ever reunion of the Class of 1985, who are also the pioneer batch of graduates from the Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI), one of the predecessor institutes of NTU.

The Class of 1985 has started a new tradition of giving back to the university by establishing the Class of 1985 Pioneer Fund. These passionate alumni aim to raise S$2.5 million towards NTU’s endowment fund. This fund aims to establish an endowment fund for scholarships, bursaries and special projects in engineering and entrepreneurship.

In honour of their spirit of contribution towards their alma mater, a Class Plaque for the Class of 1985, to be placed in a ring at the university quadrangle, will be unveiled. The Class Plaque tradition was started at the university’s Convocation this year. A ring of class plaques, from past, present and future graduates, will eventually be a central feature of the university quadrangle. The Class Plaque also marks the accomplishments of our graduates and symbolises the strong ties with our alumni.

To commemorate their 20th anniversary, the Class of 1985 alumni and their family members will get together on the campus they graduated. During the homecoming event on 26 November, they will enjoy campus tours, family programmes and performances in a day-long, fun-filled programme. Minister for Education, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam will grace the event as Guest-of-Honour. The other guests include Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU and Mr Inderjit Singh, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC and Class of 1985 alumnus.
A commemorative coffee-table book, titled, “FIRST” will also be launched at the event. This book captures the experiences of the Class of 1985 during their undergraduate days, and is accompanied with reflections by the deans and lecturers who had made an impact on the lives of the students.

Says Ms Lee Bee Wah, Chairman of the Class of 1985 20th Anniversary Celebrations Organising Committee, “Our experience as undergraduates on this Yunnan Garden campus equipped us with practical knowledge and a sense of entrepreneurship that served us well through the years.”

“We hope the funds raised will benefit more generations of students as they embark on NTU’s New Undergraduate Experience.”

About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution with 12 Schools, including three new schools - the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

NTU has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 in the world. Our strength in science and engineering is acknowledged globally. We have a business school with an MBA programme that is among the top 100 in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism.

Our New Undergraduate Experience featuring a holistic education including residential living and international experience has received external endorsement for its comprehensive curriculum featuring a rich selection of minors.

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