Alumni Day 2002
14 September 2002

Crowds of NTU alumni members, staff and families filed into the campus's auditorium in a celebrative mood to commemorate the University's 17th Alumni Day. This event attracted over 300 alumni members, together with their families, as well as 59 staff members. Smiles and cheer filled the air as the academic staff members greeted their former students who stood in a long queue with their spouses and toddlers, bagging goodies and treats. The guests were then ushered to tables designated for specific Schools which were identified by huge colourful balloons looming in the air.

Dr Cham Tao Soon delivered an opening speech welcoming the 1,000 members from engineering schools alone, the teacher alumni as well as the 200 guests from Nantah who were a reminder of the campus's history. The guests were then invited to different venues for the School-specific events. In the School of EEE, the Dean, Professor Er Meng Hwa highlighted the significance of this day by reminding the participants that NTU graduated 18 batches of graduates the week before. What was particularly meaningful was that a few of these graduates turned up for the celebration and signed on the Alumni. The graduates of NTU, the Dean elaborated, had made a significant impact on the industries and economic development of the nation, and therefore, the need for the University to forge strong links with them. The prestige of the University is dependent on the bond it is able to maintain with its alumni.

Mr Inderjit Singh, the recipient of the Alumni Service Award, President of EEE Alumni Association and member of School Council Advisory Committee further emphasized the importance of the alumni. In himself, he represents both the significance and tradition of the alumni, being a graduate of the first cohort of NTU who later started and championed the cause of the Alumni committee and finally the recipient of the Alumni service award. He therefore spoke with much conviction and enthusiasm, outlining the Alumni's events, offers and dreams for a clubhouse.

It was certainly a pleasant occasion to remember that the University is one big family, so it was not surprising that the celebration ended with a family photo-taking session of the EEE alumni members, staff and their families.

Dean: "A big lucky-draw prize for you. Wonder if I can have a share in it?"