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Alumni Focus

Dr Li Bing Nan

Current position: Huangshan Scholar, Full Professor, Department Head of Biomedical Engineering, Hefei University of Technology (HFUT), Hefei, China. Working on healthonics and information technology in biomedicine, with particular interests in functional medical imaging and computing.

Tell us about yourself

I was born in Changzhou, a beautiful Jiangnan city in China. Before moving to Hefei, I have studied or worked in Nanjing, Beijing, Macau, Singapore and Tokyo. In my heart, it is always exciting to challenge ourselves. Of course, my wife, Ms. SHI Mian, and my daughter, Ms. LI Siyuan, are trying their best to help me settle in.

How did the NGS PhD program benefit you, what's one memory that stands out?

The unique 2+2 NGS Scheme! Under this scheme, I was able to gain experience in NUS and the University of Tokyo which has enabled me to tackle a series of issues in hardware, software and animal experiments.

How has your experience as Department Head been so far?

With an interdisciplinary background in electronics and bioengineering, I hope to set up a system where science and engineering can meet together and work for medicine and healthcare. It is exactly the vision and mission of NGS, too. Although Biomedical Engineering (BME) is a relatively new discipline at HFUT, we have proposed four tentative thrusts: biomedical circuits and systems, biomedical materials and devices, functional medical imaging and computing, pharmaceutical engineering and drug delivery. One of biggest challenges to me is how to balance academic research and administrative duties well.

What sort of ties do you foresee can be forged between your university and NUS?

As a matter of fact, HFUT has recruited several NUS alumni, which of course includes myself. Most of us are doing pretty well. BME@HFUT is developing very quickly, and currently has a number of openings. The Vice President of HFUT visited NUS officially last year and met up with some potential candidates. I have also just disseminated our call for applications to NUS and NGS. There is a variety of academic collaborations between NUS alumni and their supervisors. So, it is foreseeable that more and more students from HFUT will be sent to NUS for joint training. We also cordially invite more NUS members to visit HFUT in the near future. Cheers!

By Poh Yong Cheng

NGS Family Day 2013

@Gardens By The Bay

On the 10th November 2012 (Saturday), NGS Alumni Club held its first Family Day event at the Gardens by the Bay. A total of 21 alumni turned up with their kids, spouses, parents and parents-in-law to one of Singapore's newest attractions. I had not been to the Gardens by the Bay before and was keen to visit it. All of my family members had already been there and had given great reviews of the park. I was part of the Alumni Committee when event planning took place early last year, and I wanted to show my support to my fellow classmates who had organized the event. The ticket discount that NGS managed to secure was a further incentive!



Right from the start of the day, the weather was perfect for a day out. After gathering at the entrance to the Cooled Conservatories, we were treated to Texas Chicken breakfast. It was the first time I had taken a Texas Chicken meal and I must say it was better than Mac's breakfast. Everyone was in visibly high spirits and in anticipation of a fun day ahead. Breakfast was followed by group photo-taking and a talk by our sponsor AXA Life Insurance Singapore Pte Ltd. The leader of a group of AXA financial planners invited us to a series of seminars that would take place over the following few weeks, and provide us professional advice on how to invest our money wisely. AXA had kindly sponsored goody bags as well. After the talk, the group dispersed and everyone proceeded to tour the Conservatories. Personally, I was very impressed with the wide variety of plants and flowers showcased in the Flower Dome and the magnificent-looking waterfall in the Cloud Forest. I took every opportunity to snap away using the camera feature of my newly acquired iPhone. The thought came to mind that the people at National Parks Board had really outdone themselves by bringing to us plants from all over the world. My family and I enjoyed ourselves tremendously, and we would like to thank the NGS Alumni Club led by Peili and the NGS Staff for this well-organized event.

By Alison Lee

BETWEEN NEW YEAR BASH 2013



So you've graduated. And have come of age to be called 'Alumni'. It feels pretty good, but what do you do after all those years holed up - especially the last days where life revolved around the laptop - and you wonder if you've lost that party feeling? You get out of that lab and make your way to the next NGS Alumni event which almost serendipitously for me was Between New Year Bash 2013 at Brewerkz @ Singapore Indoor Stadium (who could go wrong with Brewerkz?). And what a great Friday night out it was indeed on 25th Jan 2013. After navigating our way to the well-tucked away venue (some admittedly with greater ease than others), we were duly rewarded with Brewerkz-sized dinners and towers of beer that were constantly emptied out by the drinkers among us. Maybe the booze helped purge our inhibitions, but what I discovered that night was a most fun-loving, unassuming and sincere bunch of strangers-turned-friends. We also discovered a great pool (billiards) talent in one of our NGS admin staff who vehemently denied ever touching the cue stick before (though I highly suspect that pool might be a regular feature at their Staff Welfare Activities). To top off what was already a pretty awesome evening, we were each handed 'hong baos' or red packets filled with cash. Only NGS would reward us to eat, drink and make merry! Really big kudos to those who organized the event. And if you find yourself considering the invitation to the next Alumni event, my answer to you is "Come!" I did. And it sure put the icing on the thesis.

By Cheryl Chan



Babies, babies and more babies!

The Year of the Rabbit and Dragon saw a booster crop of babies. Congratulations to our NGS Alumni on their new additions to their families!



Joan's boy, Joachim Tang, born 30 Oct 2011



Priscilla Ang's girl, Ariel, born 8 Feb 2013



Grace's son, Wallace Toh, born 25 Aug 2012



Ruenn Chai's son, You Ren, born 4 April 2012



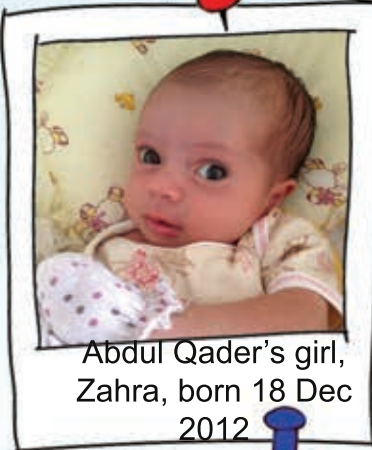
Sze Ter's girl, Ayrin, born 10 Oct 2012



Tanny's girl, Claire Chen, born 6 Dec 2012



Choong Hock's son, Joseph, born 10 Feb 2012



Abdul Qader's girl, Zahra, born 18 Dec 2012



Clarice's boy, Kyle Zhuo, born 17 Nov 2012



Clara's son, Zachary Ng, born 5 Oct 2011

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