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## **Annual Report 2023/2024**

*Building connections & steadfast relationships*

### **Letter from the President (Acting)**

Dear NUS MBA Alumni

It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report of the NUS MBA Alumni Association for the year 2023/2024. As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the continued support and engagement of our alumni community. Together, we have strengthened our bonds of fellowship.

The NUS MBA Alumni Association is dedicated to fostering lifelong connections among alumni, promoting professional development, and supporting the mission of our alma mater. Our vision is to create a vibrant and inclusive alumni network that enriches the lives of all members.

In the past year,

- a) We have hosted successful alumni reunions across the globe, namely London, Bangkok, Manila, Columbia, etc. Our overseas alumni have expanded to more than 30 chapters. Kudos to Mr. Morgan Ang for the fantastic effort!
- b) Our Alumni Networking & Interest Groups have organized monthly events including the monthly alumni drinking sessions, the popular morning walks (the most recent being Fort Canning Park) and a company visit to Microsoft Experience Centre. These events had seen increasing number of participants month-on-month, all thanks to the team led by Mr. Mikhail Naumov for the amazing effort!
- c) The Alumni Learning & Development committee headed by Mr. Felix Gunawan had also seen several successful talks and seminars (online and in-person) being held including joint efforts with the NUS Business School BizAlum and across with other faculties and their alumni. Well done!
- d) The efforts of our Alumni Communications team also went a long way in engaging and updating our alumni members through our periodic newsletters and our social media channels. This includes our revamped website which contributed greatly in enabling the ease of events registration and events/membership updates, keeping our alumni informed every step of the way. Truly appreciate the immense dedication of Ms. Bianca Leong, Ms. Genin Koh and Mr. Tan Jun Wei!
- e) As a part of NUS, we continued to give back and for the past year, we have
  - continued our efforts to recognize outstanding contributions by NUS MBA students. Our collaboration with the NUS Business School entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 5-year contract and involves a co-sponsorship of 3 awards, namely The NUS MBA Leadership Award, Paul Yap Outstanding Contributor and the MBA Alumni-NUS Community Service Award, committing \$2,000 annually.
  - participated in the NUS Plant-It-Forward Challenge spearheaded by our esteemed director, Mr. Yeo Keng Joon, who has helped to raise \$25,000 which contributed to the NUS MBA Alumni Bursary for needy students.



Other than the comeback of the annual Golf Reunion Challenge held in July 2023, which had always been a great collaboration amongst the NUS MBA Alumni Association, the NUS Business School Alumni Association (NUSBSA) and the NUS Business School Mandarin Alumni, our alumni also held a successful joint drinks event with NUSBAS in August 2023 which signified a good start to more of such joint events in the upcoming term.

All the above would not have been possible without the astute leadership of Mr. Janesh Janardhanan who began his term as President in March 2022 but had to step down in July 2023 due to personal & professional commitments. We are truly thankful to him for the astounding contributions made and turning the NUS MBA Alumni Association into an even more effective and connected alumni, working closer with the school to pave our continuous journey in building steadfast relationships within and beyond our alumni network.

For the financial year ending 31 December 2023, we have managed to keep our expenses low despite not receiving any support from the school (since the start of the pandemic) and have managed to close with a year-on-year growth in our surplus. For more details, do refer to the financial statements for FY2023.

On a final note, it has been a rewarding journey for myself for the past 8-9 months and we hope to continue to receive your perennial support in the new term through your active participation in all our events/activities as well as your ideas and suggestions which are invaluable in shaping the future of our alumni.

Yours sincerely

Carol Tan  
President (Acting) of NUS MBA Alumni Association