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Annual Report 2018/2019

2018 has been a year of change. Besides myself and my new Exco in the alumni association, we have also seen and will be seeing some major staff movements in the business school. Our beloved dean Prof Bernard Yeung has announced his retirement and will be taken over by Andrew Rose sometime this year. George has also taken over our beloved Pheck Choo as the Head of GANO. Nan Sze has also moved on to bigger roles. Josephine has also replaced Jessie as our association secretariat.

With change, comes opportunity.

Last year, before I took over as the President. I have mentioned 2 key priorities: to work closer with the school, to collaborate on deeply meaningful and purposeful projects so that the association can be of greater value to our Alma Mater. I also want to create a greater awareness of the Alumni association amongst the students such that we can have a steady stream of new members into our association. To create the requisite capacity for these priorities, we have scaled down on our smaller activities and rode on NUS and other sister alumni related activities for our members to participate in. That said, we continued to successfully organize our trademark events such as the NUS Business School Golf Reunion Challenge 2018 at Sembawang Country Club on 11 Sep 18 and the Explore Singapore student and alumni networking event on 1 Aug 18.

On building a more purposeful collaboration with the schools, I am happy to announce that we have signed a gift agreement, with the Dean, for the Alumni to help raise a MBA Alumni –NUS Advancement fund to raise \$45K to support financially needy business school students. I'd like to thank Chee Siang, Keng Joon and James for leading this effort. I urge all members to support this very worthwhile cause and to give back to our alma mater and the society.

On working more closely with the students, I am happy to also announce that we have made good progress. A total of 105 students have signed up as our members. Besides that, students are represented in our regular board meetings and they have helped to organize some of our signature event, such as the Annual get-together event at Brozeit on 9 Mar 18, which attracted an overwhelming turnout of students and alums. The upcoming Appreciation and Networking dinner on 20 Mar will similarly be co-organized with the students and I'm confident that we will achieve similar success.

Financially, we are in a healthy state. We need to be good stewards of our finances but will continually be on the lookout for worthwhile initiatives to invest our resources in.

Finally, I would like to thank my strong core exco team, who has been relentless. Without their passion and drive, we wouldn't have achieved any of these outcomes in 2018. I'd also like to thank board members, alumni members, GANO, the NUS Business School and many others for their strong support and I look forward to another great year ahead.

Best Wishes,

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