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- A Learning Process"*

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1st Vice-President,
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Dear Members and Friends,

In a blink of an eye, we are in the last quarter of 2022. As we continue the good fight in the move to endemic, let's be thankful for the obstacles and circumstances that have strengthened us and pushed us to where we are today. To the members who gave the Club your unwavering support and stood with us throughout the past years, the Management Committee (MC) and the Secretariat team can't thank you enough. We would like to express our most profound appreciation and gratitude once again.

What does it take to be an industry leader? To answer that question, we interviewed our fellow member, Mr Ho Kok Yong, a financial sector industry leader with extensive regional experience. Flip the pages and learn about Kok Yong and his journey from university to becoming an industry leader in Southeast Asia.

You will have noticed changes to our sports facilities recently. I'm happy to announce that our new sports facilities operator, The Sports Schooling Centre for Movement, has come on board to invigorate our sports centre and provide members with a better sporting experience through innovative programming. Members can look forward to a wider variety of programmes and activities with our new operator.

As we reflect and wind down for the year, the Club has lined a series of exciting and meaningful events. Our Social & Community Interest Group will continue to lend their helping hands to Willing Hearts' soup kitchen and help prepare meals for the less fortunate. Feel free to step up and join us for this noble cause.

In a bid to refresh and revamp our Alumni Club, we have taken over a space at level 5, which will be our new exclusive space that members can look forward to. We will host our Year-end Celebration cum Welcome Party in December at this newly furnished level 5 Clubhouse to celebrate this occasion. We hope you can join us to welcome our freshly minted members and explore the corners of our new recreation space. Check out the complete list of upcoming events for the last quarter of 2022 on page 8.

Finally, on behalf of the MC and the Secretariat team, I wish you and your families Happy Deepavali and Merry Christmas! May this holiday season bring us much peace, joy and love in the New Year!

Take care, and I look forward to seeing you all at the clubhouse in this final quarter of 2022!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Tarn', written in a cursive style.

Mr Willis Tarn

#Humansof NTUAlumniClub



Being a leader is a learning process. It is a skill we can develop over time as long as we are eager to learn. So, what does it take to be a good leader?

In this issue, we had the chance to talk to our member and the Chief Strategy & Operations Officer for the Audit & Assurance Business, Deloitte Singapore, **Mr Ho Kok Yong**, an Audit Partner and the financial services industry leader in Southeast Asia from 2011 to 2021. Get to know more about Mr Ho, from his days at the University to his journey to becoming an industry leader in Southeast Asia.

1. Who is Kok Yong? (at home, with friends and at work)

I graduated from NTU with a Bachelor in Accountancy in 1994 and have worked at Deloitte since graduation. For over 27 years, I've provided financial audit and advisory services to multinational and local companies in various industries. At the same time, I serve on multiple committees with the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and as the Audit Committee Co-Chairman of Sembawang Town Council.

Outside of work, I volunteer in the community with the Singapore Police Force and enjoy spending time with my loved ones. I have 2 sons. My elder son is a 4th year medical student with NTU, and the younger one is currently serving his National Service as a Commando.

People would describe me as an optimist who always looks on the bright side of things.



2. Why did you choose to study at NTU?

During my time, NTU was the default choice for me as it's the only school that offered Accountancy. However, I believe that everything happens for a reason. During my 3 years at the university, I've grown to love NTU and now I'm contributing back to the school as a part-time Adjunct Professor.

3. Could you share with us your experience as an NTU student? Did you join any CCA? Any unforgettable experiences?

My hall life was exciting, and I got to meet different types of people. As Hall 2 was the only hall with a shared toilet between 2 rooms, we also had toilet mates on top of a roommate. I'm not sure if this is still the case now. I was also active in the Taekwondo club and served on the committee. One unforgettable experience was representing NTU in the Institute-Varsity-Polytechnic Games for Taekwondo and competing against an opponent with very long legs. The 3-minute bout seemed never-ending.



Ho Kok Yong

Audit Partner / Chief Strategy & Operations Officer for the Audit & Assurance Business, Deloitte Singapore

Bachelor in Accountancy, Class of 1994

4. What made you join NTU Alumni Club?

When I graduated, NTU Alumni Club was relatively new. *“Joining the Club provided an excellent opportunity for me to connect with fellow alumni.”* My family and I also used the facilities frequently upon its establishment.

5. What's the biggest challenge you faced as a financial services industry leader?

As Deloitte's FSI leader in SEA, I had to ensure that all my partners across geographies and businesses work together as one team. For example, a client important to the audit business may not be as important to another business, say tax and vice versa. Given so, the tax folks may have different priorities when the audit folks need help with their client. The same goes for geographies. A client important to Singapore may be small and not significant to another country, say Thailand. I have to emphasize the point *“if you scratch my back today, I will scratch yours tomorrow”* to encourage a collaborative behaviour mindset. There is also a high expectation that an FSI leader knows everything under the sky relating to financial services. With Google and YouTube as my best teachers, I'll have to ensure that I read up or watch enough before attending meetings or discussions.

6. What was your most heartening moment while teaching in NTU?

A student who graduated a while back emailed me to wish me "Happy Teachers' Day!". She also shared with me her career developments and how she has applied some of the concepts she learned in my class at work. These are the moments that matter. It was heartening to realise my impact on students' lives and careers and hear from those who graduated so long ago.

7. Could you give some words of encouragement to potential future industry leaders?

Running a dynamic industry such as financial services was fascinating. You must push yourself to be at the forefront of all changes and transformations; there is a need to read up and learn constantly. In today's day and age, knowledge is everywhere. Don't be too worried about not knowing everything.

“So long as one is eager to learn, one will be a good leader.”



8. How do you spend your free time?

I am an avid jogger and a passionate watch collector who enjoys learning more about the intricacies of the watches' design, movement and construction. I am always on the go and like to keep myself busy, often running errands for my family or friends.

9. The year-end holiday period is coming. Do you or your family have any holiday traditions?

My family does not have any holiday traditions. *“We believe the most important thing is to be able to spend time with each other and cherish the moment.”* The holiday period is the best time for everyone to catch up and learn about developments in our lives, small or big.



10. What goals are you actively seeking to accomplish this year?

My goal is to complete my reading list by this year. Over the years, I have had many books on my reading list, but I never had the chance to start reading them due to my busy schedule. I've recently discovered an application which summarises books into bite-size portions and allows the app to read them out. While driving to work, I'll listen to one book per day. Each read is about 15 minutes, and the latest book I've read is Blitzscaling.

11. Is there a person you admire the most? Who and why?

That would be Lee Kuan Yew, our first Prime Minister. Without him, Singapore would not be where we are today. He was an inspirational and honest leader who led with great conviction. Everything he did was for the good of Singapore, and we are indeed very blessed to have him as our leader.

12. What is your favourite quote in life?

My favourite quote would be by Lee Kuan Yew on leadership *“I have never been over-concerned or obsessed with opinion polls or popularity polls. I think a leader who is, is a weak leader. If you are concerned with whether your rating will go up or down, then you are not a leader. You are just catching the wind; you will go where the wind blows. And that's not what I am in this for.”*

Time to get Moving: Sports Schooling comes to NTU@one-north



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Members frequenting NTU@one-north may have noticed a bit of a makeover! Effective 1 September, the sports facilities have been rebranded as the Sports Schooling Centre for Movement, part of Sports Schooling's brand portfolio, including The Swim Lab.

The Centre serves as the flagship for Sports Schooling's vision to raise active, confident and growth-minded children through sports. It brings together established sports educators to create a space where children and their families can explore sport and movement through innovative programming and an inspiring community.



What does this mean for Alumni Club members?

Firstly, members enjoy continued access to the pool, gym and tennis courts, all enhanced for a more comfortable and professional experience.

Members remain a valuable part of the Centre's community. To encourage members to experience the new facilities, they now enjoy unrestricted access to the Centre during operating hours and may bring up to 4 guests for free.



Get to know the Centre's brands!

Members looking to take their Centre experience up a notch can sign up for exciting programs offered by the various operators at 15% off public rates.

The Swim Lab - A member of the Sports Schooling family, The Swim Lab offers Learn to Swim classes for children and adults based on carefully designed programs, expert coaches and a nurturing environment. Get your family water confident for that next beach holiday, or improve your technique for more productive swims!

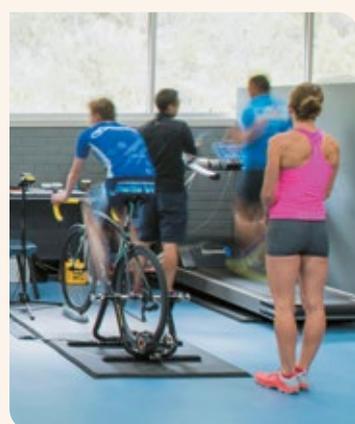


Mahi Strength - With functional fitness and weight training on the rooftop, and personal training at the gym, Mahi Strength offers a unique fitness experience for everyone by providing the best functional training and conditioning by world-class coaches. Mahi ensures you develop the base layer you need to ensure you are safe

and competent in your training.

TAG International Tennis Academy

- Take your tennis game to the next level! As one of Singapore's leading and most established tennis academies since 2007, TAG International offers group and private coaching for players of all ages and skill levels. **Members also benefit from exclusive court hours, reserved just for members.**



Morph Performance - Morph Performance is a sports science and tech company that provides lab testing and online training solutions to endurance athletes worldwide. Whether you're a casual runner or a veteran Ironman (or woman!), Morph's approach ensures that you'll continue to improve with good

quality training, remain injury free and have a positive experience consistently for as many years as possible.

Rei Academy - Specially developed for kids as young as 2.5 years old, the Rei Academy karate programme is designed based on principles of learning through



play, sports psychology, and the fundamentals of karate. Helmed by Soke Richard Ng and NTU alumnus Sensei PeiRu Ng, all coaches at Rei are experienced in coaching kids and are current practitioners of the art. Rei ensures a small coach-to-student ratio to provide all students with sufficient attention and assistance in class.

Designed with fun and the community in mind, the Centre also boasts spaces for events and celebrations - including a revamped pool lounge, an interactive play space at the reception, and even a performance stage! Stay tuned for upcoming events, especially this coming year-end holiday!

Did you know #1?

Sports Schooling is a proud supporter of NTU's Sports Science & Management program, with 25% of its full-time team graduating from this faculty!



Did you know #2?

All the operators at the Centre are helmed by former national athletes: in swimming, tennis, karate, weightlifting and triathlon. Having trained and represented Singapore internationally, they've come together to bring the best of sports education to NTU families!

Find out more about the Sports Schooling Centre for Movement here: www.sports-schooling.com/home/centre-for-movement/

October - December Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

24 **Serve With A Heart @
Willing Hearts' Soup Kitchen**
MON 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

27 **Connecting with “Difficult”
People: Is It Possible?**
THU 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

29 **ASCEND - Stepping Out of
Comfort Zone**
SAT 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

NOVEMBER

12 **Hawker Trail @ Margaret Drive**
SAT 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

16 **(DE)Stress & (RE)nergize You**
WED 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

26 **Beach Clean-up**
SAT 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

DECEMBER

03 **Combat Archery Tag**
SAT 10:00 am – 11:30 am

15 **Christmas Painting Workshop**
THU 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

17 **Year-end Celebration cum
Welcome Party**
SAT 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NTUALUMNI.ORG.SG
FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION

Events are subject to changes.
Email events@ntualumni.org.sg to RSVP.

ASCEND: Team Mentorship Programme

18 June 2022, Saturday, NTU Alumni Clubhouse

"Is Life about Working?"

In the first session of our inaugural Mentorship Programme, mentors shared their perspectives on "Is Life about Working?" during the fireside chat. After hearing mentors' interesting experiences, engaging stories and unique viewpoints, participants enjoyed a sumptuous lunch from Leon Lim, MasterChef Singapore Season 2 Runner-up. The session ended on a high note as participants battled their wits out in an exciting 'Uncharted'-themed team challenge.



9 July 2022, Saturday, NTU Alumni Clubhouse

Self-Discovery through Enneagram



Through an informative Enneagram workshop, participants hopped onto a journey of self-discovery and self-improvement.

Digging deep into their personalities, participants found out their Enneagram profile, explored their key motivations/insecurities and learnt how to navigate relationships with people of different personalities. It was a fruitful Saturday understanding 'Why am I like that?' and 'How to work with difficult people?'

If you'd like to receive tailored guidance from industry professionals while having fun, grow your network and form priceless memories through exclusive events, be part of ASCEND.

To sign up as an ASCEND mentor / mentee, check out our website @ <https://www.ntualumni.org.sg/events> .

25 June 2022, Saturday, Southern Ridges

Southern Ridges Adventure



Hiking enthusiasts conquered the 10km of forest trails, elevated boardwalks, slopes and stairs on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Through an engaging guided tour, participants learnt about Singapore's colonial past at Reflections@Bukit Chandu

and explored many other hidden corners in Singapore. We ended the hike on top of the rainbow 'Stairway to Happiness' with a 'Happy Drill'.

It was indeed an adventure with priceless memories formed and new friendships forged.

2 July 2022, Saturday, Singapore Maritime Gallery

Serve with A Heart @ North West

Our Social & Community Interest Group volunteers, led by Ms Grace Oon, brought seniors from Fei Yue SAC on a fun excursion to Singapore Maritime Gallery.

Through a guided gallery visit by MPA Singapore, participants explored, experienced and learnt about Singapore's maritime heritage, transformation and growth. From containers to signal flags and environmental protection efforts, we were fascinated by interesting facts shared about the maritime scene in Singapore - the global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

If you wish to make a difference in someone's life and make the world a better place, be a part of our Social & Community interest group and join us in our volunteering events.



Contact us @ ntuacsr@ntualumni.org.sg to indicate your interest.

6 August 2022, Saturday, NTU Alumni Clubhouse

National Day Celebration



Nothing touches our zealous hearts more than nostalgic memories and traditional food. Throw in some unforgettable NDP songs and let our patriotic spirits ignite even stronger.

Our members and their friends gathered to celebrate our Nation's 57th Birthday, where they enjoyed the morning

filled with nostalgic activities and indulged in local delight food. Special thanks to the NTUAC Dancers for the wonderful performance and sponsors (Go Pure Pte Ltd, Drinking Buddy, Party Wholesale Centre and Okada Coffee Singapore) for making this event possible!

1 – 31 July 2022, NTU Alumni Clubhouse

Book Donation Drive



Books can change people's lives. Whether you read them or re-purpose them, it will still make a difference, in one way or another. In July, NTU Alumni Club partnered with Books Beyond Borders to run a month-long book donation drive where we collected more than 600 books.

The books will be sold, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the rural educational projects in Nepal, such as setting up school libraries and providing much-needed classroom materials. We thank everyone who participated in this meaningful cause and for playing their part in improving literacy in Nepal.

My NTUAC Internship Experience



Sylvia Chang

Events and Marketing Intern

NTU, Year 2 Psychology Undergraduate

Internship period: May to August 2022



1. What made you take up the internship programme?



I wanted to learn more about the marketing field and explore ways in which I can apply what I have learnt in my psychology undergraduate

curriculum to the corporate world. I took up the internship programme as I wanted to also make good use of my summer break by learning new skills that can better prepare me for my future career.

2. What do you like most about working at NTUAC? Any memorable moments?



My colleagues at NTUAC made my working experience at NTUAC enjoyable. They are friendly and approachable, and I could always go to them to clarify any questions I might have whenever I am in doubt.

One of the most memorable moments would be the Southern Ridges Adventure's site recce. I thoroughly

enjoyed myself when we were doing the site recce, as I had the chance to admire nature and rejuvenate myself, as well as bond with my colleagues during the hike.

3. What was your biggest takeaway from this experience?

My biggest takeaway from this experience would be the soft skills I picked up from managing events, such as adaptability and time management skills. These skills are as equally important as hard skills and one needs to be equipped with transferable skills to be a valuable team member.

4. How have you grown as an individual? Any Final thoughts?



Through this internship, I honed my graphic design skills and learned how to craft effective social media captions. On top of that, I have also improved my people management and project management skills while working with external partners to plan events.

I would like to thank my colleagues at NTUAC for the guidance that they have given me and for being patient with me when I am still learning the ropes.



Hoo Jing Ting

Membership and Finance Intern

NTU, Year 3 Economics Undergraduate

Internship period: May to August 2022

1. What made you take up the internship programme?

I believe this internship's learning outcomes align well with my personal ambitions and goals. This role seemed to provide me with first-hand experiences and equip me with practical skills to progress and grow as an individual. Additionally, the opportunity to network with various people from various functions appealed to me.

2. What do you like most about working at NTUAC? Any memorable moments?



I like the versatility of being able to do a variety of tasks. The manager was highly flexible and allowed me to do tasks independently and at a very reasonable pace, helping me improve in effectively coping with challenges. I also truly enjoyed the events NTUAC organised as they exposed me to socialise with people from all walks of life.

3. What was your biggest takeaway from this experience?

My biggest takeaway from this experience is always asking for feedback to gain greater insight and certainty, which was possible as I was fortunate to work with kind and helpful colleagues who never failed to provide constructive advice.

4. How have you grown as an individual? Any Final thoughts?

I was working in an environment with strict deadlines, which taught me how to be self-disciplined. I've also acquired marketing and analyst skills that I would undoubtedly utilise in the future. My communication and negotiation skills have also improved through working with corporate partners to obtain sponsorships and partnerships.



by Ms Low Sok Leng

The Journey to a Happier You Starts With More Art



Looking at art makes you happier because it makes you think less, stress less and appreciate more. It opens your mind, your heart and your soul.

In this article, our alumnus Ms Low Sok Leng, shares five reasons why looking at art makes you happier.

1. Art makes you see beauty

Look at the painting below. Is it beautiful?



All of us love looking at beautiful things because they make us feel happy.

It is our natural tendency as a human to appreciate beauty, and this appreciation of beauty brings us feelings of happiness. Art is one of the most beautiful things on earth, and looking at

art makes you feel relaxed, calm and at ease.

Of course, beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder. Some of us may see the same painting and be attracted to it, while others may dislike it. That is perfectly fine, and that is the beauty of art.

2. Art makes you less judgemental

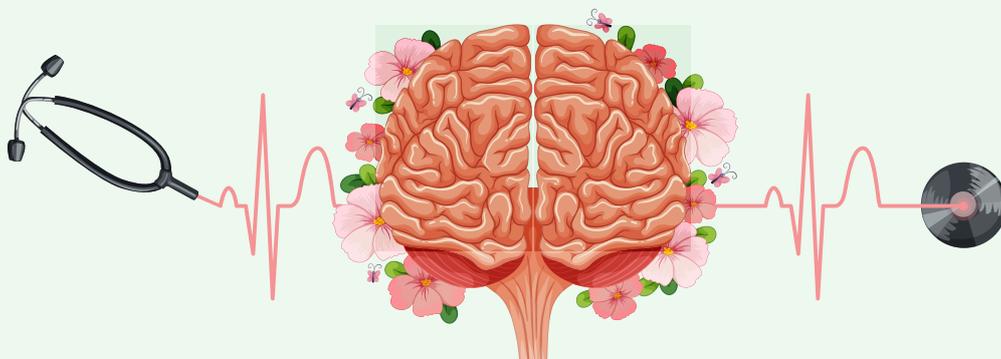
Look at the painting below. What do you feel?



Do you feel peaceful or lonely? Do you feel cheerful or sad? Do you feel it's the start of another blessed day or the calm before the storm?

We may look at the same painting, but we all have different views and feelings. This is because all of us are unique – each has distinctive personalities and diverse life experiences. When we realize how people can have such contrasting views from us just from looking at a painting, we become aware that we should not make assumptions and judgements about others.

And when we become less judgmental of people, we can forgive more easily, live more efficiently and be happier more easily.



3. Art makes you imagine

Look at the painting below. Where and what do you think it is about?



Is this in Singapore or somewhere else? What is the season or time of day? Why are the boats there?

We can imagine so many stories from this one painting. Imagination has many benefits. It makes

our life more interesting, increases our creativity, helps us to manage stress, and makes us happy. It makes us see possibilities so that we are not trapped in the limiting restrictions we unconsciously place on ourselves.

Look at more art and let it stimulate your mind to imagine and dream.

4. Art makes you feel gratitude

Look at the painting below. What do you see?

Life is magical. Beauty is all around us. Yet we are often oblivious to these obvious blessings that we have.

Artists help us see things we didn't know, allowing us to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. Through their art, they point out to us the small things in life that we are grateful for them.



When we feel gratitude, we appreciate what we have, and that simple feeling of satisfaction and meaning is happiness.

5. Art makes you lose yourself

Look at the painting below. What do you see in the colours, lines, and brushstrokes?

How was your experience looking at this painting? Was your mind thinking about work, or were you engrossed looking at the colours, lines and brushstrokes?



Our pace of life is so fast and stressful now that our mind is constantly filled with chatter. When we look at art, especially a painting that connects with us deeply, we can be so absorbed that the chatter in our minds stops, and we are lost in the painting.

Our conscious mind becomes a silent emptiness, and our heart is filled with peaceful happiness. That is the power of art.

The journey to a happier you starts with more art.

So go forth, look at more art and be a happier you!

A note on the paintings:

By Singapore artist Low Hai Hong

Painting 1: Flowers in a Green vase

Painting 2: Connaught Drive

Painting 3: Morning Mist

Painting 4: Reflections @ Marina Bay

Painting 5: Pulau Ketam I

This article was first published in ARTualize art blog, and republished with permission.

About the Author

Sok Leng graduated from NTU with a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy in 1988. She went on the conventional path as an accountant until 2020, when she started ARTualize to preserve her father's legacy. ARTualize is the only art gallery in Singapore that offers art rentals for homes. For art rental, do check out this link, <https://www.artualize.com.sg/collections/rent-paintings>



D.I.Y. Your Christmas!



Christmas is the season of giving. More often than not, we scramble to decide the perfect gift to give our loved ones. Fret not! We got you covered. Here are some Christmas gift ideas you can do at home. You can even do it with your family and friends as a holiday bonding activity.

CHRISTMAS HOT COCOA IN A JAR

Ingredients:



- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup powdered milk
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup mini marshmallows

Suggested Container: 1-quart Mason Jar with lid (Decorations optional)

Optional Items: Peppermint Candy, Christmas Cupcake Liner, Ribbon, Personalised Gift Tag with Instructions.

Instructions:

1. Layer the ingredients in the jar. (Sugar, cocoa powder, powdered milk, salt, chocolate chips, marshmallows)
2. (optional) Add a cupcake liner to the lid and secure.
3. (optional) Use a ribbon to attach a gift tag with directions.



Makes 12 Servings

Gift Tag Directions (optional)

1. Mix contents in a large bowl
2. Add 3 cups of boiling water
3. Stir (makes 12 servings)

For single serving

1. Scoop 1/3 cup of the mix
2. Add 1 cup of boiling water
3. Stir & Enjoy

CHRISTMAS CAKE POPS

Requirements:

- Moist Chocolate Cake (Ready Made or Pre-mixed)
- Peppermint Buttercream – Recipe below
- 500g White Chocolate, chopped
- ¼ tsp Liquid Food Colouring
- Food-grade Popsicle Sticks
- Christmas Themed Sprinkles



Peppermint Buttercream



Ingredients:

- 60 g unsalted butter, room temperature
- 180 g powdered sugar
- 30 g whole milk
- ⅛ tsp peppermint extract

Chocolate Coating Instruction:

1. Add about 400 grams of chocolate into a medium-sized bowl (heat-proofed) and melt over a simmering water bath.

(Tip: Ensure not to exceed 120 °F while melting the chocolate.)

2. Once the chocolate has melted, remove it from the hot water, wipe the bottom of the bowl and add the remaining chopped chocolate to help cool down the melted chocolate. Stir the chocolate until it reaches 94°F, gradually add the remaining chopped chocolate to the bowl and stir until completely melted.

(Tip: Perform a temper test by dipping the tip of a spatula into the chocolate, then set aside for 5 minutes. If the chocolate is shiny and has set after 5 minutes, it is well-tempered. If not, continue to stir the melted chocolate for 2-3 minutes and perform the test again.)

3. Once tempered, add food colouring until it reaches the desired colour.
4. Reheat the chocolate over a water bath until it reaches 89-92 °F; this is the optimal working temperature. Hold the chocolate in this range while working with it.



Instructions:

1. Whip the butter and gradually add powdered sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Add milk and peppermint extract. Whip for about 2-3 minutes until you reach a creamy consistency.
3. Put aside until ready to use.

(Tip: Keep in a cool area or the fridge.)

Cake Pop Instruction:

1. Crumble the chocolate cake and combine it with the peppermint frosting in a large bowl. Using your hands, fold the mixture together.
2. Roll the cake mixture into golf-ball-size rounds.
3. Begin assembling the cake pops by dipping the end of each popsicle stick in the tempered dark chocolate. Then, stick the submerged end of the stick halfway into each cake ball. Let these set for 5-10 minutes.
4. Carefully dip each cake pop into the chocolate coating, then place them on a cake pop-stand. While the chocolate is still wet, sprinkle each coating cake pop with your preferred Christmas sprinkle.
5. Let the cake pop and set for 10-15 minutes before packing.
6. Wrap 1 cake pop in a small clear plastic bag and tie it with a ribbon (Christmas themed). Add a personalised gift tag.

May you and your family feel all the love and joy
throughout this festive season
and all year round.

Merry Christmas!



Concorde Hotel Singapore is conveniently located along Orchard Road and within walking distance to Somerset and Dhoby Ghaut MRT stations. There's convenient access to other parts of the island for shopping, entertainment and business. The hotel offers good-sized rooms from 31sq metres and rooms for a family of four. Free Wi-Fi for multiple devices is also available to hotel guests, and guests can enjoy facilities such as an outdoor swimming pool and fitness club.

Members' exclusive Promotion:**Deluxe Room**

S\$215.00++ (single) / S\$230.00++ (twin) per room per night
Rate(s) are inclusive of daily breakfast(s) and internet access

Family Room, sleeps up to 2 Adults and 2 Kids

S\$350.00++ per room per night
Rate is inclusive of daily breakfast and internet access
Valid until **31 December 2022**.

**Escapade
with Teafolia**

Escapade with Teafolia is a tea café specialising in fruit tea, milk tea, coconut blended, acai and hot meals such as duck confit, smoked duck with mash, Swedish meatball and not forgetting desserts like waffles, ice cream and cakes.

Members' exclusive Promotion: 10% off the total bill (Dine-in and takeaway)

Bring your NTU Alumni Club membership card to enjoy the exclusive promotion!





The Tea Story

The Tea Story, Singapore's luxurious tea brand, is known for their organic & handcrafted exclusive caffeine-free selections curated from the world's finest single-tea estates, transforming tea experiences with every cup infused with love & sustainability. The talented tea-blending sommeliers create an assortment of aromatic and exotic amalgamations of rich blends to tantalise your taste buds and deliver an unparalleled tea experience.

The Tea Story has the perfect fix for all your tea needs with more than 25 unique tea assortments for you & your loved ones! Cherish the unforgettable bonds formed over a cup of tea with The Tea Story!

Members' exclusive Promotion: 20% off Organic & caffeine free teas on The Tea Story's website

Email membership@ntualumni.org.sg for the promotion code.

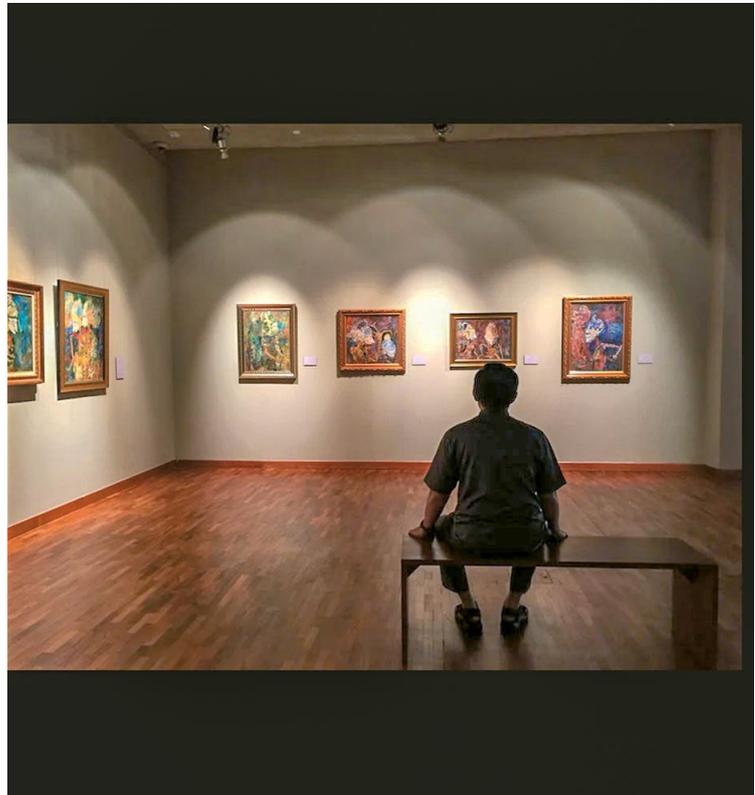
ARTUALIZE
REALIZE WITH ART

Artualize

ARTualize is an art gallery in Singapore with a mission to help people realize the power of paintings by making art accessible to all through art collection, art rental, art appreciation, art exhibitions, art donations, art blogs, and art channels. Join in to realize the power of paintings with an exclusive 10% off!

Members' exclusive Promotion: 10% off Art Rental

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ATTRACTIONS

Headrock VR	• EXCLUSIVE RATES on games and rides • Kiddles – World of Wonder
Kiddles – World of Wonder	10% OFF two hours of playtime
Sparks	DISCOUNTED RATES for first and second bookings
Singapore Symphonia Group	10% OFF SSO subscription concert (Cat 1-3 only) and VCHpresents series

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Abrakadoodle	Canvas Masterclass \$80/class
Confucius Institute	10% OFF selected programmes
MyGym	1 for 1 Free Trial
Sunny Chong Dog Training School	10% OFF total bill

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Concept Nailz Spa	20% OFF all services
Eyesight.sg	PREFERRED RATES for eye health examination and contact lenses
Ouch!	5% OFF all workshop and products from the website
Raffles Spa	20% DISCOUNT for all spa's treatment. <i>Not applicable for beauty products.</i>
Santorini Hair Spa	20% OFF ala carte prices

LIFESTYLE & GIFTS

Autoworld Care	\$10 OFF normal price for servicing package
Artualize	10% OFF Art Rentals
Diaper Cakes Singapore	15% OFF your purchase with our promo code.
House of Poroseal	Up to \$20 OFF plaques, plush bears & flowers
Lim Tan Motors	12% OFF total bill
Little Flower Hut	15% OFF all purchase
LG Electronics Singapore	Up to 20% OFF from LG Electronics Singapore Pte Ltd.
Parklane Art Framer & Trading	10% DISCOUNT
Raffles Boutique	15% OFF regular priced items
The Tea Story	20% OFF Organic & Caffeine Free Teas on The Tea Story's website

SPORTS

Aqua Divers	20% OFF all services, including courses & equipment rental
Advantage Pilates	\$30 OFF 1st Trial Private 1:1 Class Promotion using the promo code \$20 OFF per session for every Subsequent Private 1:1 Classes using promo Code
Club ZOOM	EXCLUSIVE RATES for training sessions • Suitable for children aged 5 years old and above
Sportybots	\$90 FOR 6 SESSIONS (U.P. \$108) for Gross Motor Skill programme • Suitable for children aged 3 to 8 years old
SportsAnalytik	\$75 PER CHILD (one-off session only) (U.P.\$85) for sport talent assessment • Suitable for children aged 6 to 12 years old
Singapore Kickboxing Club	\$50 OFF usual rate
The Swim Lab	WAIVER OF REGISTRATION FEE WORTH \$50 • Suitable for children 3 years old and above

VACATION

Concorde Hotel Singapore	PREFERRED RATES for Deluxe Room & Family Room Package
Ibis Budget Singapore Clark Quay	15% OFF the Urban Sports Staycation Package
Nirwana Gardens Resort	30% OFF best available rates

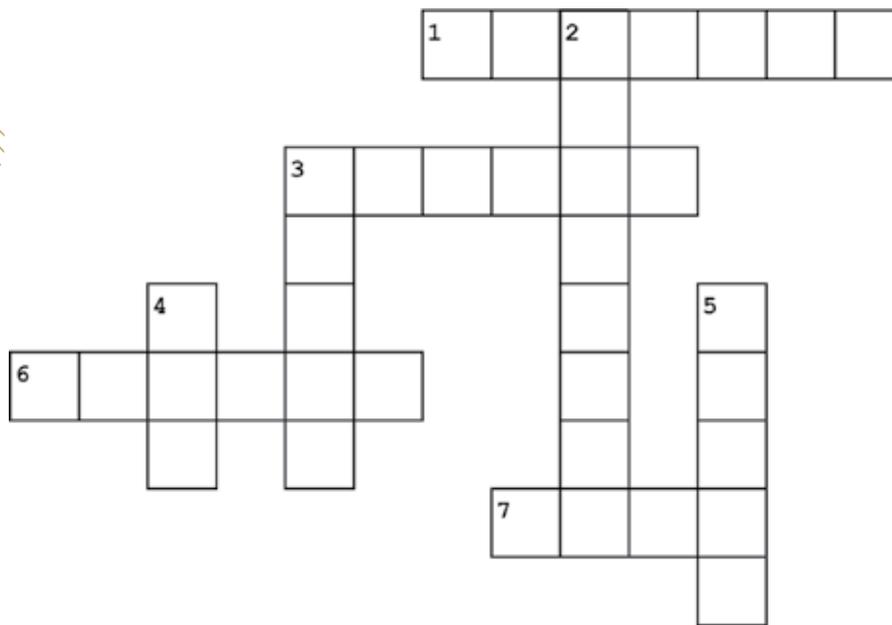
WINE & DINE

Artea	10% OFF total bill
Buttermilk	15% OFF total bill
Blimpie	15% OFF total bill
Chimichanga (Holland Village)	5% OFF on food orders • Extended happy hour until 9.00 pm, Monday to Friday • Only at Holland Village outlet
Cheval Chi Bao	15% OFF ala carte items including beverages EXCLUSIVE set menu
EagleWings Loft	10% OFF total bill
Escapade with Teafolia	10% OFF Total Bill (Dine-in and takeaway)
Fatburger	10% OFF total bill
georges	10% OFF total bill
Grill Ninety Nine	10% OFF total bill
Morganfield's	10% OFF ala carte menu
Ohana Beach House	15% OFF total bill
Raffles Hotel Singapore	15% OFF total bill at the following restaurants: • Tiffin Room • The Grand Lobby (Afternoon tea from Monday to Friday only) • Raffles Courtyard • Butcher's Block • Yi by Jereme Leung • La Dame De Pic • Osteria BBR by Alain Ducasse • Writers Bar • Long Bar
800° Woodfired Kitchen	15% OFF total bill
Sushi Jiro	15% OFF Dine-in
The Soup Spoon	10% OFF online purchases
The French Cellar	10% OFF Pay-As-You-Go subscription
Toby's Estate Coffee Roasters	10% OFF ala carte menu
Urban Origin	12% OFF on regular priced items with the promo code.



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Christmas Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Who is Santa's famous reindeer?
3. He Hates Christmas
6. Name of the most popular snowman
7. We hang ornaments in a Christmas ____?

Down

2. Christmas is in the month of?
3. What do we open during Christmas morning?
4. ____ to the world!
5. Santa's Helpers

Submit your answers to clubnews@ntualumni.org.sg and stand a chance to win \$20 NTUC vouchers.

Name _____ Membership No. _____

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Only shortlisted winner will be notified



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SWIMMING POOL
Daily: 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

GYM
Daily: 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

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Are you looking for a space to advertise your business?
A full page ad (ROP) is only \$300 per insertion!

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to find out more.

It is Rewarding to Refer

\$160 cash is yours when you successfully refer a friend to sign up as a NTU Alumni Club member. Member-Get-Member referral programme is only applicable to existing NTU Alumni Club members.

Just email to membership@ntualumni.org.sg with his/her name and contact details and we will take it from there! For any enquiry about Member-Get-Member referral programme, please contact our Membership department at **67771101**.

It is always a good time to be a referrer!

