Two distinguished Engineering alumni recognised for their sustained contributions and achievements

Mr Tan Gee Paw (2nd from left) and Mr Seah Moon Ming (2nd from right), recipients of the NUS Distinguished Engineering Alumni Awards (DEAA) 2011. From left: Vice Dean (External Relations) Prof Victor Shim, Mr Tan, NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chaun, Mr Seah and NUS Dean of Engineering, Prof Chan Eng Soon. The Award was conferred at the Engineering Alumni Gala Dinner held on 13 October at the NUS Kent Ridge Guild House. The award ceremony was witnessed by a full house as NUS Engineering alumni turned out in great strength, filling Guild Hall to capacity (below).

THE Faculty of Engineering’s 2011 gala dinner for Engineering alumni was a huge success with alumni filling up the Guild Hall at NUS. Besides being a reunion of the Engineering family, the dinner is also an annual occasion to accord recognition to alumni who have distinguished themselves nationally or internationally.

This year, the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award (DEAA) went to two individuals -- Mr Tan Gee Paw and Mr Seah Moon Ming. Mr Tan (Class of 1971), PUB’s Chairman, joined the then Ministry of the Environment in 1974. During his time with the Ministry, he was involved in the clean-up of the Singapore River. He drew up the master plan and chaired the inter-agency committee to clean up the river. Today, we still feel the beneficial impact of this massive project. Mr Tan has also contributed significantly in ensuring the sustainability of Singapore’s water supply, especially in the diversification of Singapore’s water sources to form the Four National Taps. Beyond the environmental and water sector, Mr Tan plays a substantial role. He was a member of the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony and the Advisory Panel of the Centre for Liveable Cities.

Mr Seah (Class of 1981), Deputy CEO and President of Defence Business of the Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd, has been a true model for the Engineering community. He has made his mark in both the industry and society. He serves as the Chairman of Corporate Governance Committee at Ren Ci Hospital and Medicare Centre, and is a director of Alexandra Health Pte Ltd which manages Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

For those who were not able to join the big reunion on 14 October, there’s always next year. Meanwhile, find out the latest happenings on the Engineering Alumni facebook, www.facebook.com/nus.eng.alum.