Alumni honoured at annual gala dinner for their unwavering commitment and contributions to Engineering

SOME 200 Engineering alumni, some from as far back as the Class of 73 returned to their alma mater for a grand time.

The NUS Engineering Alumni Gala Dinner (held at the Kent Ridge Guild House) is an annual occasion for renewal and strengthening of the NUS bond, organised by the Faculty’s External Relations Office.

As was the tradition, two major honours were conferred on alumni for their unwavering commitment and contributions to various aspects of Engineering in Singapore. Er Ong See Ho, Class of 77 (1st-Class Honours in Civil Engineering) was conferred the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award (DEAA). Mr Chan Kok Hong, Class of 2006 (Honours in Bioengineering) was conferred the Engineering Alumni Service Honours (EASH).

Er Ong started work with the then Public Works Department, which was later succeeded by the Building and Construction Authority, where he is now the Deputy CEO. Closely associated with the establishment of Singapore’s Changi Airport, Er Ong was also known for his involvement with Singapore’s first aircraft taxiway bridge and Light-Rail Transit.

Mr Chan, a graduate from the Bioengineering Class of 2006, is a champion in initiating alumni programmes and activities. As Secretary of the Engineering Alumni Singapore, and later its Honorary Treasurer, Mr Chan has demonstrated commitment to providing strong leadership.

Another highlight of the evening was the launch of the Faculty’s Heritage and Life Gallery by NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, representatives of former Engineering Deans, senior alumni and student representative. The Gallery features Engineering progress through past and present achievements.