



(From left) Ms Chew Gek Khim, Deputy Chair, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation; Dr Tan Kheng Lian, Chair, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation; Singapore President S R Nathan; Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chair, NTU Board of Trustees and Dr Su Guanng, NTU President, at the launch of the Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Fund

Alumni Giving

A record number of alumni gave to the University last year, with over 5,600 individual gifts received. The year also saw a trend towards larger gifts from alumni. Close to 80 alumni made gifts of \$1,000 or more, with some alumni giving \$50,000 and above.

The year also saw a significant gift from three Nantah alumni – members of the family that owned the Shanghai Book Company. Their donation of S\$1 million went into setting up the Shanghai Book Company Scholarship and Bursary Fund. It awards up to four scholarships and 12 bursaries to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Chinese programme at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Fund also preserves the legacy of the Shanghai Book Company, founded in 1926, as Singapore's oldest wholesaler of literary books and publications in Chinese. Through its 83 years of history, the company played a critical role in the spread of Chinese literature in Singapore.

We are also grateful for the following funds that were set up through other generous alumni contributions:

- Dr Ho Ngiap Kum Bursary
- Mr Lim Cheng Eng Bursary Fund
- Ang Kim Soon Scholarship
- Columbia Investment Partners Scholarship

Graduation Class Gifts

The University's continuous efforts to nurture a giving mindset among our students also yielded results. The Graduation Giving Programme (iGave) encourages graduating students to make their first gift to NTU before they graduate. The year's tally of close to 3,000 gifts from the graduating class set a new record again, for the third straight year. The participation rate of 36.5% from the 2008 cohort is a significant increase from that of 27% in 2007, 21% in 2006 and 8% in 2005.