Alumni Networking Night

Building Connections - Sharing Insights

Date: 19th October 2012
Venue: Orgo Restaurant & Bar - Rooftop, Esplanade Mall

The richest people in the world look for and build networks, everyone else looks for work
- Robert Kiyosaki

Building Stronger Bonds
Enhancing Links, Reinforcing Ties

After the unprecedented success of the ‘Gold Class Movie Night’, the University of Newcastle, Australia’s Singapore Alumni Committee hosted the ‘Alumni Networking Night’ on 19th October 2012 at Orgo Bar & Restaurant - Rooftop at Esplanade. The venue, as the guests labeled, had the best picture-postcard setting in town. The aesthetic location provided a scenic vista, from the panoramic view of the iconic Marina Bay Sands, to the picturesque sight of Singapore’s premier working hubs - Raffles and City Hall.

“It was a wonderful experience @ Orgo with the UON Alumni team. With a small fee of $10, the food and drinks exceeded my expectations; it was a wonderful place to do networking.” – Yvonne Leng, UoN Alumnus.

The event received a prodigious response of over 100 RSVPs within the first week of the registration, merely illustrating the increasing popularity of the UoN Singapore Alumni events. The night kicked-off in the elegant shades of the eventide. The occasion, like its venue Singapore, was truly a melting pot of global diaspora as alumni from 10 different nationalities & highly diverse backgrounds mingled, exchanged banters over beer & wine, and shared their priceless insights and awe-inspiring work-life experiences.

“I found the Alumni Networking Night on 19th October, a very pleasant and rewarding evening. The food was very good, the event was well organised with helpful information prior to the night, I met a lot of new people and am sure the networks developed will be most useful. I will certainly be looking to attend future meetings.”

– Dr. Wayne Ible, Regional Director, GEMS Education Solutions
Bob Cochrane, Pro Vice-Chancellor and CEO of the University of Newcastle’s Singapore Campus, addressed the crowd with an inspiring speech. He highlighted the importance of building a strong network in today's modern and developing society - a society that thrives on new ideas and innovation. His simple yet powerful speech echoed the significance of networking being a mutually-benefitting and win-win relationship.

The current Singapore Alumni Committee President, Kaushik Bhanushali, expressed his sincere appreciation for every individual who made this event happen. He affirmed “UON has 2000+ Alumnus in Singapore; imagine the network we can create if we all come under one roof. My vision is to be the best Alumni Chapter in Singapore. The support you all have shown and the strong team we have, assures me that we are on the right track.”

The guests were graced by a warm-hearted, witty and gregarious MC of the day, Zainal Abdeen. He gave away bottles of wine through creative impromptu routines like best-dancer and best-dressed Alumnus, to the delight of the crowd. The Alumni were then served with a bountiful feast to enjoy with friends.

The infinite memories flashed by our Alumni’s minds when they were visually treated to an ‘Alumni Video Montage’ directed by Sanket Bothra. The Montage brought back the nostalgia of being a University of Newcastle Graduate.

The Alumni community genuinely appreciated the overall organization of the evening, ranking it as a ‘one-of-a-kind Networking event’ they have ever attended.

“GREAT WORK!!!! YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!!!! There couldn’t have been a better location for ‘Alumni Networking Night’. It had a nice casual feel to it with MC making it more fun. Perfect Networking – I met up with my old buddies & so many new people. Fantastic organization, I can’t Thank You enough for organizing it. Thanks a million for organizing it.”
- Vikhram R, UoN Alumnus

Creating everlasting bonds

“Alumni Networking Night was a great event with fantastic location, excellent food & a great platform for networking. It was a very successful event put up by a young and energetic team, ably led by their President Mr. Kaushik Bhanushali. I would be glad to join future events. Great work! Keep it up!”
- Mr. H S Loh, Managing Director, Phillip Securities Pte Ltd.
The plan was to do something bigger, something grander than the previous events. And then the idea of “Alumni Networking Night” was conceived, 2 months prior to the event. Everyone was excited and nervous, as an event of such a scale was never done before. Since inception of the event, UON Singapore & UON Australia Alumni provided great support to the team. Kaushik, asked Nayan & Chandni to take a lead for this event. Venue hunt started on the same day, after a lot of research, a long list was prepared and after 2 weeks we zeroed down on “Orgo @ Esplanade”. Zainal volunteered to be the MC; Sanket took-up the responsibility of Facebook marketing & Kaushik coordinated with all the other alumni chapters. A mailer was prepared, invites were sent, and extensive marketing was done. The team was ecstatic after looking at the response, as we were over 100 RSVPs in no time. Vishal took care of the money matters. A photographer was selected, menu was finalized, a montage was prepared, work allocation for the evening was done – Sriram, Parth, RX & Tirtho took-up registrations and so we rolled...