



**Posh:** *The new Alumni Complex will be more than just 'bricks and mortar', says Dr Tony Tan*

# NUS to charge Alumni \$5k membership fees

**More than double fee hike due to building of the new Alumni Complex**

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THE National University of Singapore (NUS) will more than double membership fees for its new Alumni Complex, which is expected to complete construction by October 2007.

The Alumni Complex, a joint project between NUS and NUS Society (NUSS), will comprise three main components — an Alumni Terrace, a new Alumni House that will be open to all graduates and an upgraded Kent Ridge Guild house, mainly for NUSS members. Entrance fees for

NUSS members will be increased to \$5,000 — more than double the current \$2,000.

Located in Kent Ridge, on 23,000 square metres of land, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$58 million, according to Lai Kim Seng, chairman of the Alumni Project Committee.

Facilities will include conference rooms, restaurants and sports facilities.

Currently, NUS has 43 local alumni groups and 13 overseas alumni chapters.

The Alumni Complex will enable the university to manage its relationships with its alumni more efficiently, and serves as a focal gathering point for its 160,000 alumni.

"The Alumni Complex needs to be more than bricks and mortar. It must be about heart-ware relationship-building, warm memories and enduring ties of friendship," said National Research Foundation chairman, Tony Tan, who officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new complex yesterday.

He noted the "generous" donations of \$10 million and \$5 million by the Shaw Foundation and the NUS Society respectively to the Alumni Complex.

Dr Tan said the building will enable graduates to network with one another and will help promote lifelong learning through political discussions and seminars.