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Make a Difference 2009

– more than 80 annual bursaries for
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This year, the Faculty of Science celebrated 80 years of quality science education in Singapore. To mark this occasion, we decided to **Make a Difference**.

What was the Difference? We took the bold step to raise 80 Science Student Fund (SSF) Bursaries. These are annual bursaries of \$2,000. Beginning in 2010, we will offer our SSF Bursaries to the neediest 5% of some 400 students each year who are eligible for financial aid. The more money we raise, the more bursaries we can offer. To date, we have received gifts and pledges of 106 annual bursaries.

The SSF is also used to tie students through unforeseen emergencies until they receive University financial aid. These include retrenchment, disability, or a medical condition that places extreme financial burden on the family.

We also used this opportunity to increase the Science Student Overseas Exposure Fund (SSOEF). It makes taking advantage of Student Exchange Programmes, Summer Programmes and other international opportunities more

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affordable for students from low income homes. These opportunities help to foster in our students a more enterprising and global outlook.



Make a Difference 2009 raised more than \$347,000. We thank all donors for their generous support.

To celebrate this feat, we invited donors to join us at Dinner with a Difference at Sheraton Towers Singapore on 24 Oct 2009. Dr Tony Tan, BSc(Hons) 1962 Physics, former deputy prime minister and current Chairman of the National Research Foundation, was the Guest-of-Honour. In his speech, Dr Tan said, "For Singapore's economic strategy to succeed we need to ensure that science and maths education in Singapore continues to be relevant, rigorous and engaging for all students." To that end, he said the faculty has done well.

During the dinner, Dr Tan also presented the Faculty's Alumni Awards (please see page 10).

To view our picture gallery, visit <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/gallery/2009/80thDinner/>

You CAN continue to Make a Difference

in 2010 through gifts to the SSF or the SSOEF. Make you cheque payable to *National University of Singapore* and send it to Science Dean's Office, S16 Level 9, 6 Science Drive 2, Singapore 117546.

For more information, please call Karen (6516 8198) or Manjeet (6156 7641) or email giving@science.nus.edu.sg

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