



WELCOME TO UCI

Mr Koh Yan Leng,
Vice President (Campus Infrastructure)

I am pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of the UCImpact Newsletter. This publication offers a closer look at how our initiatives are making a difference, from sustainability efforts to community engagement, and how they contribute to a vibrant and thriving university community. We look forward to sharing these updates with you.



REJUVENATING YUSOF ISHAK HOUSE: BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER, AND ENERGY SAVING

Get ready for the much-anticipated reopening of Yusof Ishak House (YIH) in August 2025! This iconic 1970s landmark will soon reopen. Designed as the next Net Zero Energy (NZE) building on campus, YIH will house colleagues from OSA, CFG, GRO and students from NUSSU, GSS and other student groups.

The transformation of YIH was made possible through the efforts of many teams. The Project Management team, with Associate Professor Erik G. L'Heureux, Department of Architecture, redesigned the building to improve air flow, increase daylight, and create naturally ventilated spaces. Meanwhile, the Sustainability Strategy Unit ensures this Net Zero Energy building runs efficiently and produces as much renewable energy on-site as possible. The Campus Services team has also brought in new dining outlets offering healthier food choices and opened up more rooms and facilities for booking, enhancing the vibrancy of the new building.



Throughout this process, the Campus Planning and Management team, alongside the Space Allocation & Capital Evaluation committee, ensured that YIH's 1970s architectural charm was preserved, while adapting the space for modern needs.

Even more teams are pitching in with YIH transiting from design to operations, including Campus Asset Management teams (Asset Enhancement and Environmental Enhancement), Campus Emergency and Security, and the NUS IT teams, among others.

GREEN AND WELL



More wind flow and daylight, hybrid cooling system with 100% fresh air, efficient rooftop solar panels



ENHANCED CAMPUS LIFE

More food options and facilities



HERITAGE MEETS INNOVATION

Original 1970s architecture adapted for modern needs



VALOUR HOUSE: NUS'S FIRST SPORTS-THEMED HOSTEL

We are gearing up for the highly anticipated launch of Valour House in Q3 2025, offering 601 rooms at the brand-new student hostel. As the first sports-themed hostel at NUS, Valour House is more than just a place to live—it's a dynamic space for athletes and sports enthusiasts to connect, grow, and thrive. Whether exploring new sports or honing existing skills, residents will enjoy unmatched access to top-tier facilities. With its prime location near the University Sports Centre and Yusof Ishak House, this 19-storey building features sky terraces and lush green spaces for relaxation and study. Valour House is set to become a vibrant hub of student life.



BRIGHTENING UP OUR CAMPUS: SPOT THE BANNERS



Spot our new banners on the bridges at NUS Central Library and near Yusof Ishak House! These vibrant designs, created by NUS students in the recent bridge banner competition, bring a splash of colour and creativity to campus. UCI is glad to collaborate with the NUS community to create a vibrant campus for all. Special thanks to our student artists, Angshuman Choudhary and Sparsh, winners of the banner design competition, for their wonderful work!

INTEGRATED OPERATIONS CENTRE: A SAFER, SMARTER, AND MORE SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

We are enhancing campus safety, efficiency, and sustainability with the launch of the Integrated Operations Centre (IOC). The IOC leverages a state-of-the-art, centralized platform that brings together key functions such as Security, Emergency, and Facilities Management, providing a unified view of campus operations. As the first local university to integrate a wide range of functions and services on a single platform, NUS is leading the way in creating a safer, smarter, and more sustainable campus experience for the NUS community. The IOC is a transformative project for the university that will unlock new possibilities for optimizing campus operations as more services and functions are integrated in the future.

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RECOGNISING DEDICATION BEHIND CAMPUS MOBILITY

On 23 January 2025, the Campus Services (CS) team honoured Bus Captains for their dedication to ensuring safe and smooth commuting for the NUS community. The top three bus captains, recognised for their exceptional safety and customer service in 2024, received certificates and vouchers. Among them was Mr Pang Yuen Siong, a seasoned captain with over 30 years of experience, who highlighted the importance of safety by advising commuters not to chase after moving buses.



MEET OUR PEOPLE: A JOURNEY OF PASSION AND PURPOSE ON CAMPUS

Ryan Ch'ng
Assistant Manager (Mobility Services)

What inspired you to join UCI?

As a student and bus enthusiast, I was excited to work with UCI on mobility issues through the NUS Students' Union. Meeting UCI staff, whose leadership and passion inspired me, made me want to join. After graduation, I joined Campus Services to combine my computing knowledge and love for buses to serve the community.

What does a typical day look like for you?

My day starts with boarding the Internal Shuttle Bus (ISB), where I do a quick spot check on the bus and arrival times. In the office, I monitor service levels, work on proposals for improvements, and often enjoy lunch with my team. I focus on keeping the ISB system running smoothly, while also creating databases and dashboards to track footfall and feedback for data-driven decisions. After work, you might catch me snapping photos of the ISBs — the evening sun is perfect for bus photography!



What do you find most fulfilling about your work at UCI?

What I find most fulfilling is seeing the real impact of my work. It's rewarding to know that our efforts make a difference, especially when I see people using the bus system I helped improve. I feel lucky to work on something I love and to have such a supportive team at Campus Life, Campus Services, where we're encouraged to grow and support each other. I'm truly grateful for the opportunities and mentorship here.



SHAW FOUNDATION ALUMNI HOUSE: WHERE GREAT EVENTS BEGIN

Looking for versatile event venues at NUS? Shaw Foundation Alumni House (SFAH) offers spaces for workshops, seminars, networking events, and concerts. Starting 1 April 2025, new venue rates will apply, with exclusive discounts available for NUS alumni, student groups, departments, and staff.

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