



WELCOME TO UCI

**Mr Koh Yan Leng,
Vice President (Campus Infrastructure)**

Welcome to this edition of the UCImpact Newsletter, where we shine a light on the people, places, and initiatives shaping our campus experience. From breaking new ground with NUS' first sports-themed student residence to celebrating excellence in service and sustainability, and embracing the future of work with GenAI, this issue captures the wide-ranging efforts that keep the NUS community dynamic and forward-looking. We hope you enjoy discovering the stories behind the progress and the people driving it.



INSIDE VALOUR HOUSE: A FIRST LOOK AT NUS'S NEW HOME FOR ACTIVE LIVING

With the official launch of Valour House just around the corner, over 100 NUS students and staff recently got an exclusive first taste of what's to come during a 2-day Trial Stay held from 20-21 June. In this special preview staff and students of NUS not only had the opportunity to check out the facilities but also experienced the atmosphere of Valour House firsthand.

From racetrack-inspired corridor designs to sky lounges with fitness zones and seamless access to the University Sports Centre, Valour House is designed for those who live and breathe active lifestyles. Even the building's eco-conscious features, like energy-efficient lighting, water-saving fixtures, and recycling points, support both human and environmental wellbeing.

"Valour House brings to life our vision of a living space that inspires students to be active in body, connected in community, and mindful of their impact on the environment," shared Dr Ivan Low, Master for Valour House.

The journey from blueprint to build was a complex one, requiring not just vision but teamwork across disciplines. From creating an energy-efficient structure to curating the student experience down to the last detail, Valour House represents what's possible when the NUS community comes together with purpose.

"This project reflects what we can achieve when we come together across departments, with shared goals for sustainability, student wellbeing, and innovation. Valour House is a model for future-ready campus living," said Mr Denis Zhu, the Director of Housing Services, highlighting contributions from Housing Services, the Sustainability Strategy Unit, Campus Asset Management, Campus Emergency & Security, NUS IT, and the Office of Student Affairs, among others.

The Trial Stay gave us the chance to stress test facilities and make final refinements. As the Housing Services team from Valour House shared — we remain committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where both students and staff feel at home.

As the countdown continues to its official opening, Valour House is already setting the tone for a bold new chapter in student living—active, connected, and sustainable.





STEPPING UP FOR SG CLEAN DAY AT BISHAN PARK

On 12 April, over 40 volunteers from NUS came together to celebrate SG Clean Day with a litter-picking hike at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, one of Singapore's largest and most scenic urban parks. This event combined environmental care with community connection, as participants tidied the trails and showed appreciation for our frontline cleaners. A big thank you to enthusiastic volunteers from SERIS, SCALE, Central Procurement Office, Computer Science, NUS Libraries, and many other departments. Your efforts made a real impact. Let's keep the momentum going as we work together toward a cleaner, greener Singapore. Look out for our next SG Clean Day event!



THE HORTI DIGEST 2025: CELEBRATING CAMPUS GREENING AND BIODIVERSITY AT NUS

Check out the latest edition of the Horti Digest, your window into the natural beauty, biodiversity, and sustainable landscape efforts across campus. This publication is a celebration of the vibrant greenery and rich biodiversity that make our campus a living, breathing ecosystem. Discover how we're shaping resilient landscapes, conserving native flora and fauna, and driving campus-wide greening through tree-planting and habitat enhancement.

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A CLEAN AND GREEN CAMPUS



NUS SORTING GUIDE: YOUR ONE-STOP RECYCLING RESOURCE

Improperly sorted recyclables can lead to contamination, resulting in otherwise recyclable materials being sent to waste. Segregating clean, homogenous recycling streams is a critical first step to ensure that recycling efforts are effective. To support this, the NUS Sorting Guide provides the campus community with clear, regularly updated information on why NUS adopts segregated recycling, what materials are collected, how they are processed, and how to recycle correctly.

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ENGAGING OUR PEOPLE



UNLOCKING THE FUTURE OF WORK WITH GENERATIVE AI

On 14–15 May, UCI staff took part in "Unlocking the Future of Work", a hands-on workshop co-hosted with OHR Learning and Development Academy. Participants explored how to collaborate with Generative AI to boost creativity and productivity, including how to craft effective prompts, ethical considerations, and practical uses for research and idea generation.

Through engaging discussions and activities, the workshop encouraged staff to stay curious and apply AI thoughtfully in their workflows. It's part of UCI's commitment to helping staff navigate and lead in an evolving digital workplace.



CHARGING AHEAD TOGETHER

The Mobility Services Team is gradually expanding the EV charging options across campus in response to user demand. Your input plays a key role in helping them determine where additional EV charging stations will be most beneficial to you. Share your suggestions and help shape a more sustainable campus.



HOUSING SERVICES (HS) STAFF ENGAGEMENT SESSION AND SERVICE VALUE AWARDS

On 3 April 2025, the HS Staff Engagement Session brought Housing Services colleagues together for a meaningful day of connection and celebration. The event offered a chance to strengthen our sense of community and reflect on our shared commitment to excellence.

A key highlight was the Service Value Award ceremony, where we proudly recognised outstanding team members who exemplify the NUS Core Values. Congratulations to all award recipients! Your dedication and contributions continue to uplift and inspire our community. This recognition is a testament to the positive impact of living our values through service.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event a success. Your enthusiasm and engagement made all the difference. Let's keep the momentum going as we nurture a culture of appreciation, collaboration, and excellence!

SAFE AND SECURE AT NUS



SUPPORTING A DRUG-FREE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

On 16 May 2025, a representative from UCI's Campus Emergency and Security Division and NUSSU's Deputy Student Life Secretary Lee Hui Zhen and Financial Secretary Huang Xiangrong was at the Drug Victims Remembrance Day event held at the Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, graced by Guest of Honour Mr. K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law. The event served as a powerful reminder of how drug abuse impacts not just individuals, but families and communities. As part of the islandwide awareness efforts, an exhibition was held at the Education Resource Centre (ERC).

UCI remains committed to a safe and supportive campus. We stand in solidarity for a drug-free future.



STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF SCAMMERS!

Scammers are getting smarter — but so can you. Read Singapore Police Force (SPF) Scam Advisory for May 2025 which gives you simple, effective ways to spot red flags, protect your personal info, and avoid common traps. Stay informed, stay secure, and keep your money and identity safe.



MEET OUR PEOPLE: BEHIND THE SCENES OF SPORTS ON CAMPUS

Justis Choong
Senior Executive
(Sports & Utown Management Unit)

What inspired you to join UCI?

Before joining UCI, I was a Sports Centre Manager at Sport Singapore, where I gained valuable experience managing community sports facilities and promoting active lifestyles. I believe in the power of sports to build character and community, and UCI stood out as the ideal place to supporting the well-being of students and staff through well-designed, high-quality facilities.

What does a typical day look like for you?

My day typically starts with an early walkaround of key sports facilities to ensure they're safe, clean, and ready. From there, I support student activities, handle operational issues, and engage with users for feedback. No two days are the same and that's what keeps it exciting. Weather shifts, tournaments, or emergencies can quickly change priorities, so flexibility and a problem-solving mindset are essential.



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

Coming from a national sporting authority, I have always found fulfilment in seeing how well-managed facilities can positively impact people's lives. At UCI, that sense of purpose continues. It is incredibly rewarding to know that the work I do contributes to student well-being, supports athletic achievement, and fosters a strong campus community.



THE FACES BEHIND NUS'S THRIVING CAMPUS RETAIL SCENE

Meet the Campus Services (CS) Leasing team, the driving force behind NUS' vibrant retail dining landscape in NUS. Guided by data, market insights, and students' feedback (in collaboration with NUSSU), they bring in retailers that cater to the community's evolving needs. The recent 90% satisfaction rate for campus F&B, showed the efforts put in by the team.

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