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A Memorable NTU IGS Convocation

All smiles on convocation day for the second batch of IGS postgraduate students.

61 postgraduates from the second batch of Nanyang Technological University's (NTU) Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) programme celebrated with family and friends after receiving their doctorates at the convocation held on Monday, 31 July 2017.

The tea party was held at NTU bistro *Pen and Inc* where graduands, loved ones and faculty enjoyed finger food such as chicken wings and beer. A professional photographer was on hand and captured the momentous occasion with instant copies of polaroid shots for guests to bring home.

During his party, Dean of the IGS Prof Bo Liedberg gave a short speech congratulating the graduates and thanking loved ones for their support.

Prof Bo said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents here for letting us borrow your daughters and sons for a couple of years to adopt the science in NTU. Because PhD students are crucial for the evolution of science... they will make a difference in mankind!"

Guest of Honour Prof Yue Chee Yoon, Associate Provost (Graduate Education) also addressed to the largest cohort of IGS students thus far. He reflected on the growth of IGS since the programme began five years ago in NTU.

"Nowadays you may ask, why we don't see the word interdisciplinary in research journals so often? It is already a known fact that interdisciplinary research is fundamental, hence it is no longer necessary to emphasize that anymore," said Prof Yue.

These views were echoed by IGS graduate Dr Sudhanshu Shukla from the Energy Research Institute @ NTU, who hopes to put his newfound interdisciplinary knowledge to good use in his home country.

He added, "Society has a lot of problems that can be solved by scientific innovations... my plan is to approach these problems from different perspectives. I want to go India to help people on the ground by making students aware of energy and climate change scenarios and providing affordable energy solutions to the small towns."

Watch our graduates toss their hats and share a toast on graduation day! Check out more of the day's highlights by clicking on these links - [video](#) & [photo gallery](#).

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