

English Language Graduation Party

Three nights after their commencement ceremony, the graduating class of English Language majors gathered once more for their graduation party. Graciously sponsored by the English Language and Literature Department, the party was held at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House, which also kindly sponsored the use of its venue space. It was a night of good cheer and camaraderie, filled with fun entertainment. The night started off with a welcome by the night's emcee, Pamela Ng, and an invitation to Dr Joseph Park on stage to give his welcome speech to the guests. Following that, Melcher Tan, winner of Timbre Music Academy's poetry writing competition in 2011, Poetry of Songs, was then invited on stage to recite a poem he had specially penned for the occasion, which was titled Captive Minds. Next up was the activity that had every guest – even the professors – competitive and excited: the pub quiz! With questions like “Who is considered the Father of Modern Linguistics?”, everyone excitedly racked their brains to win the night's prize. The excitement carried on when the temporarily formed band, The Linguists, burst into an energetic performance. While the guests enjoyed delicious food and drinks, the cohort's representative and president of the Linguistics Society, Divya Somasundaram, gave her speech, creating tears of emotion and laughs of relief in the crowd. With the night coming to a close, a video put together by the party committee, comprising of well wishes from professors and some words from the graduating students, was shown. After group photos were taken, the guests bade goodnight to each other, ending the memorable occasion in good spirits.



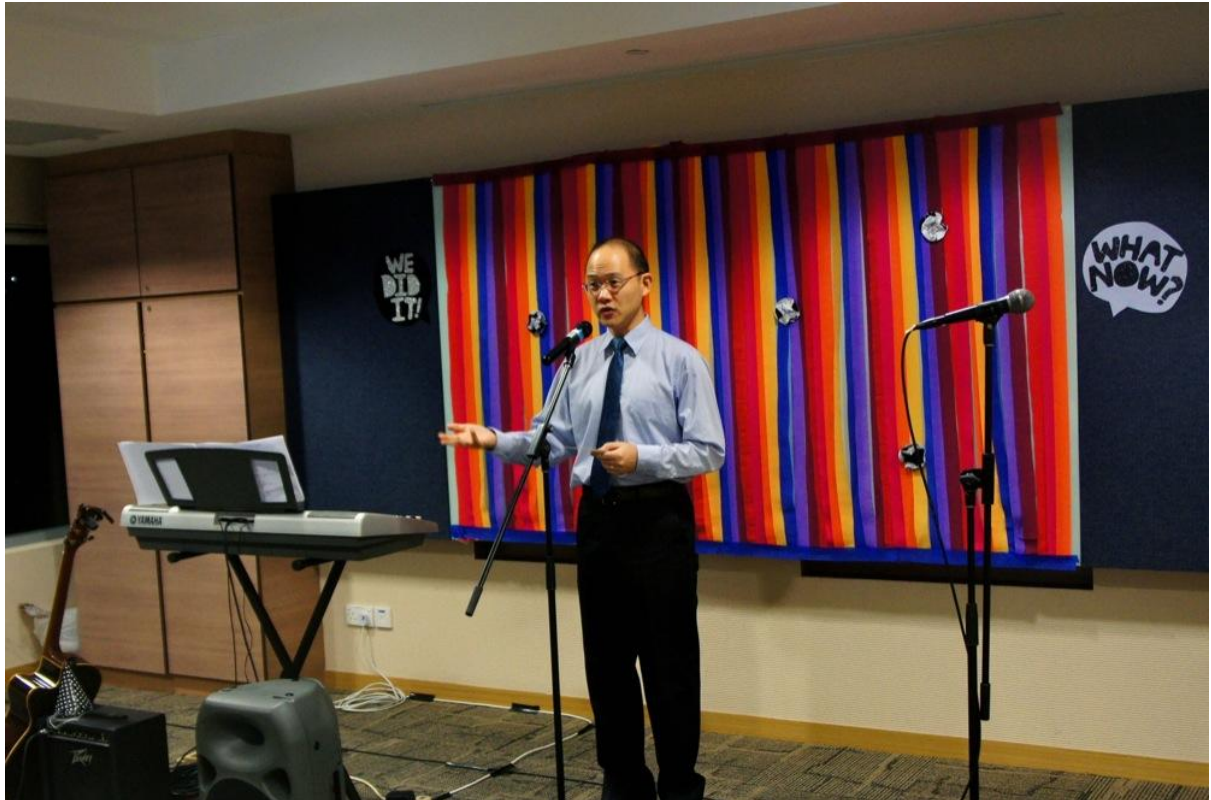
1. Signage provided by SFAH staff



2. Linus Soft Toys provided by Office of Student Affairs



3. Dr Park's Speech



4. Dr Park's speech



5. Melcher Tan's poetry recital



6. Pub Quiz



7. Professors in attendance: Dr Joseph Park, Prof Michelle Lazar and Dr Peter Tan with students Jan Goh, Lim Jun Yong and Melcher Tan



8. Graduating students Jeffrey Pramudita, Danielle Sim, Joy Tan and Clement Low



9. Intent on the screen for the pub quiz



10. Graduating students: Alberta Low, Gary Song, Charlene Chan, Tan Han Zong, Natalie Hong and Joachim Lai



11. Gary Song and Pamela Ng performing



12. The Linguists comprising of Joachim Lai, Melcher Tan, Alberta Low, Gary Song and Pamela Ng



13. Cohort representative: Divya Somasundaram



14. Group photo