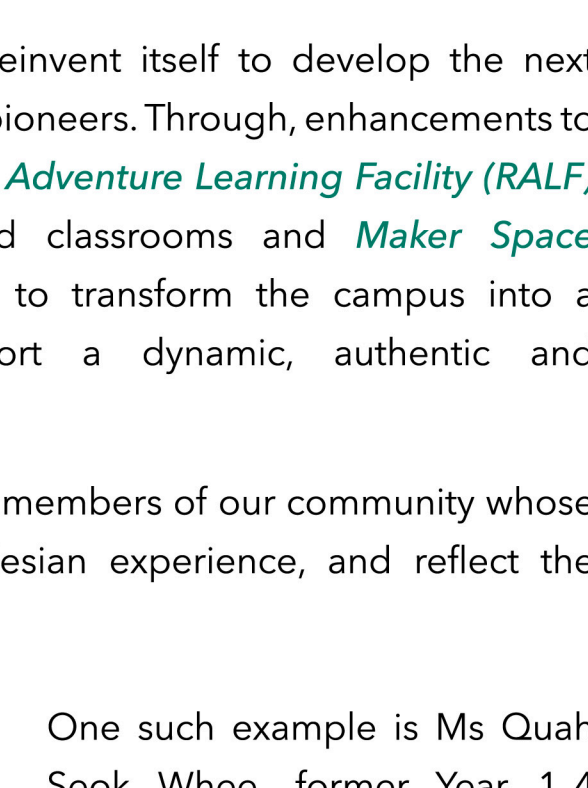
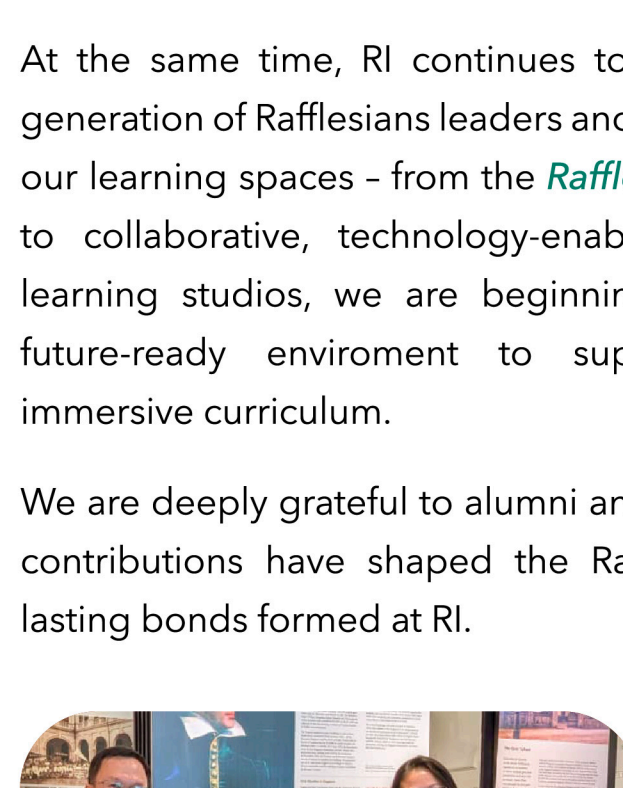




# Raffles CONNECT

## Message From The Principal

Dear Rafflesians,



This year, we warmly welcomed 405 Year 1 students from 120 primary schools, as well as 317 Year 5 students from 62 secondary schools beginning their Rafflesian journey. They join generations of Rafflesian alumni whose lives have been shaped by RI, many of whom continue to contribute back to their alma mater.

In this third issue of Raffles Connect, we share stories from across our community – achievements celebrated, journeys undertaken, and opportunities to reconnect and give back. Wherever life has taken you, RI remains a place that connects us across generations.



Many of you may have followed the 33rd SEA Games with pride. Rafflesians past and present represented Singapore with distinction across a wide range of sports. Beyond the medals, their grit, dedication and grace under pressure reflect the Rafflesian Spirit of purpose and excellence. You can read more about some of their standout moments [here](#).

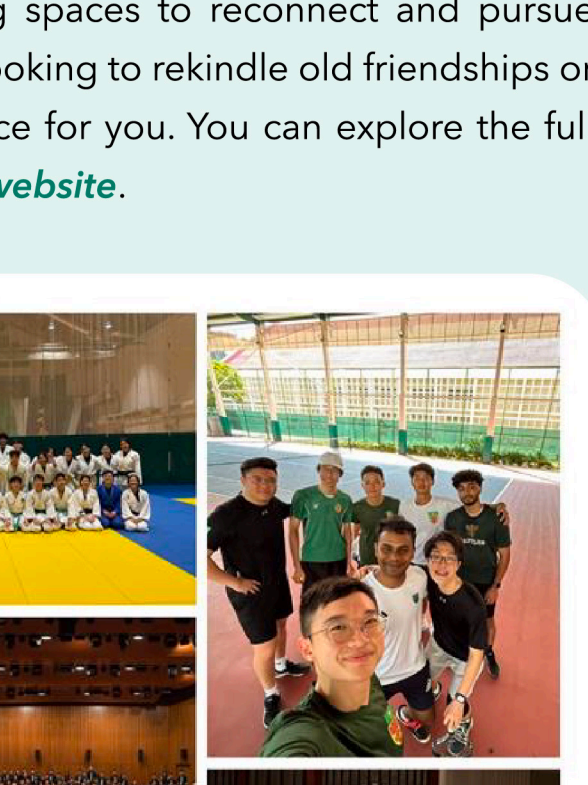
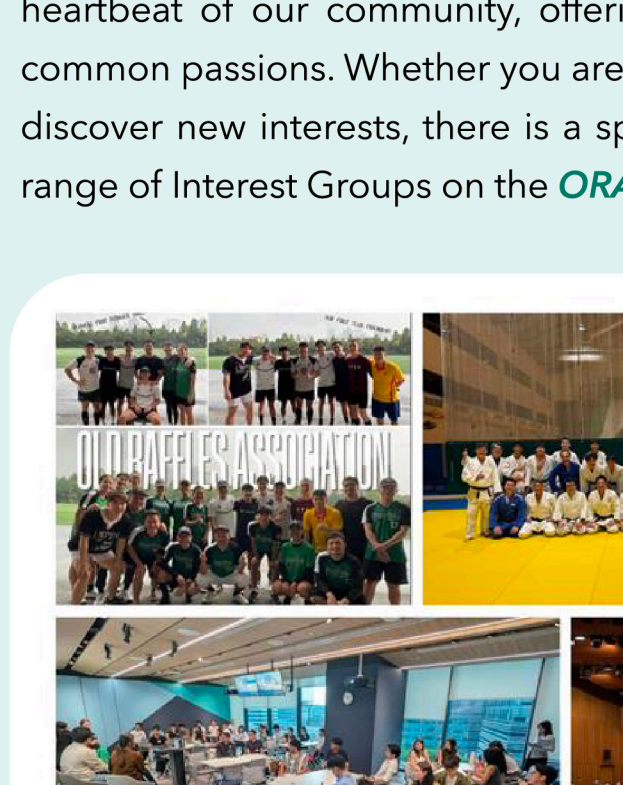
At the same time, RI continues to reinvent itself to develop the next generation of Rafflesians leaders and pioneers. Through, enhancements to our learning spaces – from the [Raffles Adventure Learning Facility \(RALF\)](#) to collaborative, technology-enabled classrooms and [Maker Space](#) learning studios, we are beginning to transform the campus into a future-ready environment to support a dynamic, authentic and immersive curriculum.

We are deeply grateful to alumni and members of our community whose contributions have shaped the Rafflesian experience, and reflect the lasting bonds formed at RI.



One such example is Ms Quah Whee, former Year 1-4 English and Literature teacher and Raffles Players teacher-in-charge, who served RI from 1992 to 2010. Together with her brother, Mr Quah Wee Tong (Class of 1978/1980, Pre-U), they have generously pledged support to the CCA for the next 10 years.

The Rafflesian Spirit of adventure and service was also evident when [eight alumni from the Class of RI 1977/1979 \(Pre-U\) conquered Mount Toubkal \(4,167m\)](#), the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Beyond the physical challenge, the group raised funds in support of RI's Outdoor Education programme, and we were delighted to welcome them back to campus for a cheque and photobook presentation celebrating service, purpose and lifelong bonds.



We also honour those who have shaped RI across decades. We thank Mr S Magendiran, who retired at the end of 2025 after more than 40 years of dedicated service. Since joining RI in 1985, Mr Mag has been an anchor of the Rafflesian family, shaping the journeys of over 40 cohorts. From his early days as an English and Literature teacher and Prefect Master, to his leadership as Senior Deputy Principal, he was a steady hand who championed the boarding programme and fostered a deep sense of community across generations of Rafflesians. His vision also extended internationally as the founding Principal of the Singapore International School in Jakarta. In recent years, as Advisor for Alumni Relations, he was instrumental in our Bicentennial celebrations and the 1823 Trees project. Mr Mag's contributions have left an indelible mark on RI and its people. We are deeply grateful for his enduring stewardship, and look forward to Mr Mag's continued experience and insights.

These individuals exemplify the heart of Raffles: our people, united across generations by character, service, and purpose.

We welcome you to drop by, to reconnect with teachers and classmates, reacquire yourself with the evolving campus, and to consider how you too might want to do your part to support RI in nurturing Rafflesians who will be the hope of a better age.



*Auspexium Melioris Aevi*



Aaron Loh,  
Principal

## Message From The Old Rafflesians' Association

As this promising year begins, I write with great pride and anticipation. The Old Rafflesians' Association (ORA) continues to stand as a testament to the enduring spirit of our alma mater – a dynamic community united by shared history, values, and a deep commitment to giving back to Raffles Institution.

At the heart of our alumni network are our vibrant Interest Groups, the heartbeat of our community, offering spaces to reconnect and pursue common passions. Whether you are looking to rekindle old friendships or discover new interests, there is a space for you. You can explore the full range of Interest Groups on the [ORA website](#).



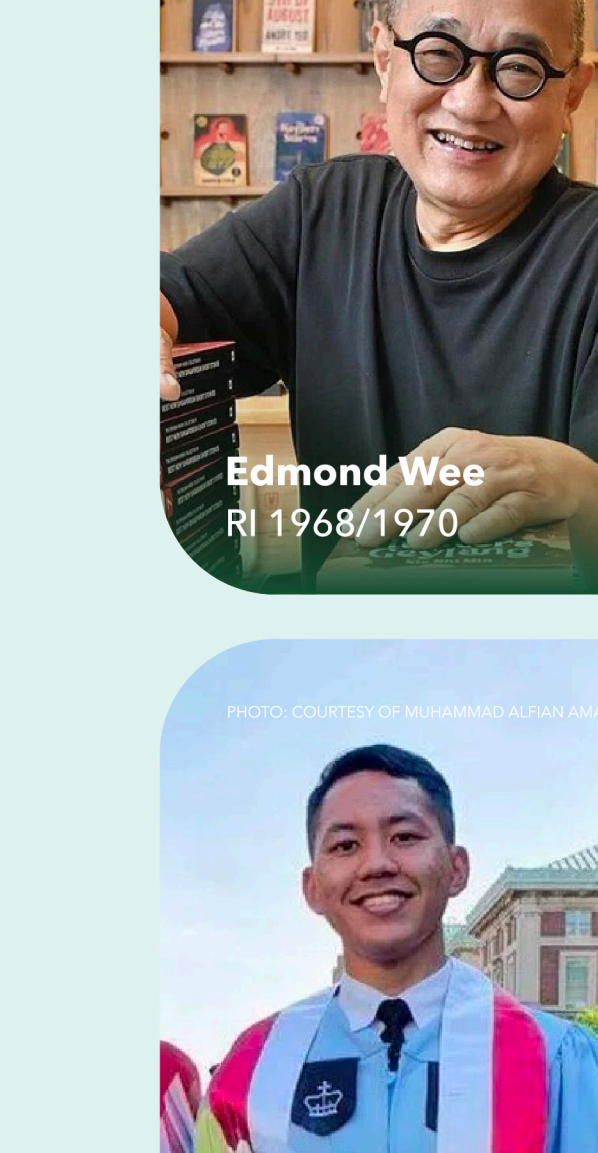
For those who enjoy sports and teamwork, our active communities include ORA Softball, ORA Hockey Club, Gryphon Basketball, Raffles Tennis Alumni Club, or ORA Judo for regular training and friendly matches. If you enjoy creative expression, we warmly welcome you to join the Raffles Singers, Raffles Winds, or the Raffles Alumni Chinese Orchestra – all skill levels are welcome.

For professional networking and mentorship, the Raffles Business Network (RBN) provides meaningful opportunities to connect, support and grow alongside fellow Rafflesians across industries. I encourage you to explore these groups and discover new ways to enrich your alumni journey.

Please also mark your calendars for our flagship events this year: the ORA Annual Dinner, jointly held with Raffles Girls' School Alumnae, as well as the much-loved ORA Annual Golf tournament. These cornerstone events offer cherished opportunities for fellowship and reconnection.

My sincere hope is to see our dedicated volunteers and committee members whose time and energy sustain this vibrant community. The ORA thrives because of your continued participation and support. Let us continue building this legacy together.

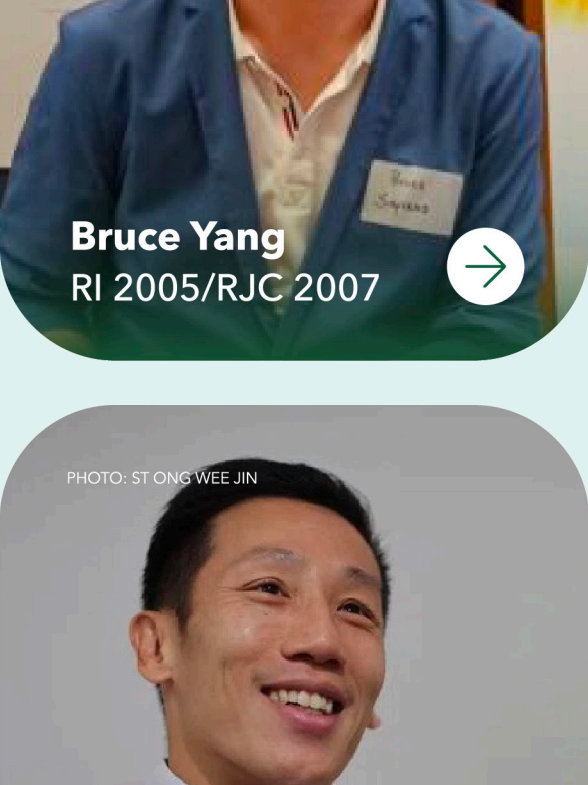
I look forward to a year filled with meaningful connections and a celebrated Rafflesian tradition.



*ORA*



Jeffrey Chua  
President



*Congratulations to the Class of 2025, and a very special welcome to the Raffles Alumni community!*

As you take your next steps beyond RI, know that you are part of a lifelong Rafflesian family – one that spans generations, professions and continents. The values shaped during your time in school will continue to guide you in the years ahead.

As you plan your next chapter, do remember to visit the [Higher Education Office](#) which offers updated guides and resources to support your university applications. You may also find platforms like [BrightSparks](#) helpful as you explore scholarships, university pathways and career options aligned with your aspirations.

Wherever your journey takes you, RI will always be home, and we look forward to staying connected with you.

## Save the Date

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

**Sat 14 March, 2026**

**Raffles Winds - Of Voices and Winds II**

Raffles Winds returns with *Of Voices and Winds II*, an afternoon of ensemble music showcasing the talent and creativity of our alumni musicians. Stay updated via [Raffles Winds' Instagram](#), and contact them directly through IG for more information.

**Sat 09 May, 2026**

**RI Year 1-4 Open House**

Alumni are warmly invited to join us with your Primary 5 or Primary 6 child to explore Raffles Institution, meet our students and teachers, and see firsthand what makes RI truly special.

**Sat 18/25 July, 2026**

**Gryphon Recall**

Join us for our annual CCA Homecoming, a special occasion for alumni to reconnect, celebrate friendships and relive the camaraderie of school life. For more information, contact [comms@ri.edu.sg](mailto:comms@ri.edu.sg).

**Sat 22 August, 2026**

**ORA Dinner 2026: Together for A Better Age**

Celebrate the spirit of generosity and camaraderie at the ORA Annual Dinner, held in partnership with the RGS Alumnae. Come together to support meaningful causes and strengthen our community. For details, contact [oradinner@rafflesian.com](mailto:oradinner@rafflesian.com).

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

## Alumni Spotlight



Know an alumnus whose story deserves to be featured? Let us know at [rafflesalumni@ri.edu.sg](mailto:rafflesalumni@ri.edu.sg).

## Giving Back

**Your journey at RI doesn't end when you graduate; it continues through the impact you have on the next generation of Rafflesians.**

- Be a Mentor:** Share your knowledge expertise with students or young alumni.
- Inspire Our Students:** Speak at career talks, assemblies, or other school events.
- Provide Opportunities:** Offer internships or job shadowing options to give Rafflesians hands-on experience.
- Collaborate:** Partner the school on meaningful initiatives or community projects.
- Preserve our Rafflesian History:** Donate memorabilia or volunteer for an interview with the Raffles Archives & Museum to keep our heritage alive.

Your involvement helps sustain the Rafflesian Spirit and strengthen the community. To get involved, email [rafflesalumni@ri.edu.sg](mailto:rafflesalumni@ri.edu.sg).



## Campus Visits: Always Welcome Home



Few moments are as meaningful as returning to campus to reconnect with the corridors and classrooms that shaped your aspirations. Planning a visit? Please complete this form in advance to help us make the best arrangements for you.

## Reunions and Facility Bookings

The heart of the Rafflesian experience lies in the friendships formed here. Reconnecting with classmates who once shared your journey is a powerful way to celebrate how far you have all come. Whether held on campus or elsewhere, each reunion is an opportunity to renew friendships and celebrate how far your journeys have taken you.

### Upcoming reunions:



Alumni may book selected school facilities, subject to availability and school guidelines. Please submit your requests in advance to allow sufficient time for coordination and approval. For all reunion enquiries, reservations, or facility bookings, please contact [bookings@rafflesian.com](mailto:bookings@rafflesian.com).

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