President Tony Tan (left, with Mr Wong Ngit Liong, chairman of the National University of Singapore’s board of trustees) was welcomed as NUS’ ninth Chancellor with a lunch yesterday. Dr Tan, who was a student and, later, a lecturer at NUS, was appointed the first Vice-Chancellor of NUS in 1980, the youngest in the university’s history. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music at NUS and helped to make university education more accessible, inaugurating the Universities’ Endowment Fund in 1991 to garner community and philanthropic support to promote academic and research excellence.

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