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PM Lee lauds pioneering engineers

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The pioneer batch of engineering graduates from Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI) excelled not only in that field, but went on to distinguish themselves in public life.

Such engineering expertise will continue to be needed in the next phase of nation building in Singapore, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said yesterday.

This, he added, applies "whether it is upgrading infrastructure, or overcoming constraints such as lack of space and natural resources or turning the country's vision of a Smart Nation into reality".

He was speaking at the 30th anniversary alumni dinner of the class of 1985 at NTI, now Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

NTI's pioneer batch of 557 students includes Nee Soon GRC MP Lee Bee Wah and former MPs Inderjit Singh and R. Sinnakaruppan.

Also from the class is Dr Chua Chee Kai, director of NTU's Additive Manufacturing Centre which is developing next-generation 3D printers, Mr Sonny Bensily, founder of **Prime Structures Engineering** which helped build Changi Airport Terminal 3 and Marina Bay Sands, and top female cop Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police Zuraidah Abdullah.

While they have built successful careers, they have also given back to their alma mater and the engineering fraternity, Mr Lee noted.