**SASP Celebrates! Commencement Class of 2013**

9 July 2013, just a day before the Muslim fasting month was due to begin, the South Asian Studies Programme had to find an excuse to get together with the graduating class of 2013 which comprised 5 Honours, 2 PhD and 2 MA graduates. Celebrating the Commencement Class of 2013 was the perfect reason for SASP staff, students and alumni to meet and reminisce their 4 years at SASP and NUS.

A lunch was held at the all too familiar SASP lobby on Level 4 of AS7. For some of them, this was where their journey to the world of South Asia began. This year's cohort is bigger than previous years. SASP is also pleased to announce the achievements of our graduates. They are:

**Honours**
- Ms Nur Syazana bte Shahul Hameed (*winner of Best Honours graduate, Best South Asian Studies major and Best Honours Thesis*)
- Mr Yogaananthan s/o Theva (*winner of Commendable Honours Thesis*)
- Mr Fawaz Firros
- Ms Vithya d/o Subramaniam
- Mr Praveen s/o Vijayakumar

**PhD**
- Ms Kazi Fahmida Farzana (*winner of Best PhD Dissertation*)
- Ms Priya Manish Jaradi (*winner of Best PhD Dissertation*)

**MA**
- Mr Shabbir Hussain Mustafa (*winner of Best MA Dissertation*)
- Ms Wang Yaqian

Our graduates shared their plans for the future at the event. Four of the Honours Class have secured jobs. One will begin his Masters at McGill University in August 2013. The graduates were presented with a limited edition SASP T-shirt, thumbdrive and a LINUS soft toy.