

Introduction Matthijs van Wagtendonk



Hello, my name is Matthijs van Wagtendonk. I started at Wageningen University & Research in 1979 and graduated in 1987. My wife, Janneke, is also a WUR alumna, from the starting year 1982.

After graduation, I lived and worked in the Netherlands until 2001. In 2001, Janneke and I decided to move to New Zealand with our three sons. A few years later, in 2014 when our youngest son left for the university, we moved to Beijing to live there for over two years.

After a short stopover back in New Zealand, we then moved to Kuala Lumpur for another two years. Now, since February 2019, we have been living in Singapore.

In Beijing, I was present at the establishment of the Alumni Chapter China in December 2014, which is now a very active group.

After arriving in Malaysia, I was asked by Denise Spiekerman, Alumni Relations Officer at the University Fund Wageningen, to organise an activity in Kuala Lumpur as part of 100 years WUR, World Wide Wageningen Alumni Day. Together with the Malaysian alumnus Dr Ching Thoo a/I Kim, we organized a very successful meeting at the residence of the Dutch Ambassador. Organizing this celebration meant that there is now also a WUR Alumni Network in Kuala Lumpur.

Now that we have arrived in Singapore, we would like to join the WUR Alumni Network Singapore. We look forward to meeting Wageningen students and/or alumni in Singapore at a WUR alumni activity.

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