12th July 2013 marked an important and memorable day for the Geography graduates of Class of 2013 as it was the day of our commencement. Shortly after the commencement ceremony and photo-taking (Picture 1) at the University Cultural Centre, the Geography cohort and family were invited for a tea reception at the Earth Lab (AS2 02-04). It was a heartwarming initiative by the Department to prepare a tea reception for the graduating class to bring our parents to the place where we had spent four meaningful years in NUS. As we gathered together for the last time at Earth Lab taking pictures, laughing and reminiscing old times, Assoc Prof Chang addressed our parents and congratulated us on our graduation. It was touching to see parents nodding along, beaming with pride and classmates clapping loudly, showing our appreciation to our parents for supporting us throughout our educational journey. Personally, it was an unforgettable experience to finally be able to show my parents (and sisters) where I have studied for four years, especially so when Earth Lab holds a special meaning for me – tutorials, student-initiated study sessions, camp stayovers, CCA meetings, Department events such as Open House, Majors’ Tea, Geography Challenge etc. The last four years at the NUS Geography Department have been a rich and wonderful experience, and I will always remember dearly the times spent with Geographers (Picture 2).
Picture 2: Cohort photo from Honours Lunch 2013 – good times spent with good friends