



Singapore Management University students mourning the 'death' of Singa, the courtesy lion yesterday. ERNEST CHUA

Goodbye, Singa the Lion

ON THE coffin was a single red rose, while a small crowd gathered to mourn the "death" of Singa the Lion, Singapore's long-time symbol of courtesy.

Mr V Kumar gave a eulogy, mourning the death of kindness in Singapore and called on Singaporeans to remember Singa and celebrate what he stood for.

Together with two friends, the 21-year-old put together the "wake" over two weeks. It was meant to jolt Singaporeans into being more active in creating a gracious

society. "We already have had years of Government campaigns to promote kindness ... we felt what was really needed was a bottom-up initiative because people are desensitised to official campaigns," said Mr Kumar, a first year at Singapore Management University (SMU).

If anyone disagreed that kindness is dead, hopefully they would take action to show otherwise. "It's the little things that count," said co-organiser Mr Wong, also from SMU. LIN YANQIN