A 42-strong team represented Nanyang Business School (NBS), Nanyang Technological University and included alumni from the NBS Chinese EMBA Programme, staff, and faculty eager to test the limits of their minds and bodies. Team members were segmented into four groups—Team A+, Team A, Team B and Team C. The contingent displayed strength and resilience in every part of the race.

This was a race of firsts for many participants as they battled competition, fought off challenges, and accomplished many a personal breakthrough. In a triumphant finish, they took home the Endeavour Award (奋进奖) for displaying strong team spirit and endurance, as well as the Shackleton Award (沙克尔顿奖) as the first champions in the history of Nanyang “Xuan Zang Road”. The toughest part? Team A+ kick-started the journey at six in the evening, and had to adapt to the changes in temperatures—from the hot highlands to the oppressive cold in sand dunes—running 18 long hours in unknown territories with only a handheld GPS receiver to guide them. Team A+ won the championship.

Endurance, resilience, and collaboration are at the crux of a truly competent team. And this challenge was no different. What does it take to win? What did we learn? How can we apply those skills as we lead diverse teams across the world?

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