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NTU Singapore recognises 26 alumni for their outstanding contributions to society

To celebrate its graduates' stellar achievements and contributions, **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)** today honoured 26 alumni at the **Nanyang Alumni Awards** ceremony.

This year's highest honour is presented to **Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Bin Ali**, who received the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award.

Alumni from a wide range of fields, from business to science and technology to the media, were also celebrated at the awards ceremony held at Nanyang Auditorium.

NTU President Professor Ho Teck Hua said: "The University congratulates all alumni award recipients on the positive impact they have had on society in various fields, from science and technology to management and the media. Our alumni have left their mark in Singapore as well as around the world. They have helped uplift NTU's name. I encourage all NTU alumni to continue striving for excellence in their chosen careers and to contribute to society in meaningful ways."

The Nanyang Alumni Awards are presented to alumni who have either attained exemplary achievements in their specialised fields nationally, regionally or internationally, or have contributed significantly to the betterment of the University, the community or society.

Top civil servant honoured with Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award

Malaysia's top civil servant **Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Bin Ali** was awarded the **Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award** for his contributions to public service.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Bin Ali was appointed as the 15th Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia on 1 January 2020. He graduated with a Bachelor of

Economics from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and a Master of Business Administration from Nanyang Business School in 1999.

His leadership was instrumental in steering Malaysia's civil service through the challenging early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially when the Movement Control Order was introduced in March 2020 to combat the wave of COVID-19 infections in the country.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki's public service career began in 1992 when he was appointed as Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Finance of Malaysia. Over the next three decades, he served in different ministries, including the Education, Home Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment and Rural and Regional Development ministries. He had also served as the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence and in the Prime Minister's Department in various appointments prior to that.

Shining a spotlight on alumni achievements in diverse fields

Outstanding alumni from a variety of diverse fields were also celebrated in three other award categories: the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award, Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Nanyang Alumni Service Award.

Mr Ng Siew Quan is one of the **Nanyang Alumni Achievement** award recipients, who was recognised for his work at PwC Singapore and dedicated service to the local Chinese community. Mr Ng, who graduated in 1990 with a degree in Accountancy, is a Partner at PwC Singapore with over 30 years of experience in the auditing profession, during which he has been involved in investigating many high-profile irregularities and fraud cases.

An active member in the local Chinese community, Mr Ng also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Chinese Development Assistance Council and is the Chairman of the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, Singapore Chinese Orchestra and the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall.

Ms Suman Mishra is another recipient of the Nanyang Alumni Achievement award who was recognised for her contributions as chief executive officer of electric vehicle manufacturer Mahindra Last Mile Mobility Limited in India. She is responsible for the company's mix of petrol, compressed natural gas, diesel, and electric three- and four-wheel passenger and cargo vehicles.

Ms Mishra was named the Automotive D.R.I.V.E Honours 2023 Visionary Leader of the World by Reuters Events and is also Green Ambassador of the Planet 2023 at the India@G20 Impact Assessment Summit.

Ms Mishra, who graduated in 2001 with a degree in Computer Engineering, said: “My undergraduate education at NTU, was a transformative experience that significantly impacted both my professional and personal journey. NTU’s educational environment fostered a strong foundation in critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective teamwork. These skills have been invaluable throughout my professional journey, helping me excel in complex and challenging work situations.

Also honoured with the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award is **Mr Kevin Lim**, chief photojournalist at Singapore’s broadsheet The Straits Times. Mr Lim graduated in 2009 with a degree in Communication Studies. The award-winning photographer is the only Singaporean photojournalist to document the historic handshake and exchanges between then-US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the 2018 Trump-Kim Summit in Singapore.

His photo taken during the inaugural meeting made it to the cover of TIME magazine, while another photo of the two leaders, captured in an unscripted moment, was featured in TIME magazine’s Top 100 Photos of 2018.

Mr Lim said: “The most fulfilling part of being an alumnus is knowing that, through the achievements and sharing of experiences by fellow alumni, future batches of NTU graduates are in good hands. They can wholeheartedly enjoy the process of learning and discovering, and be driven by the passion which will eventually take them to where they envision themselves being.”

Recognising accomplishments of young alumni

Among the seven **Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni** awardees is **Mr Kevin Goh Wei Ming**, Singapore’s first chess Grandmaster in two decades and the nation’s fourth Grandmaster.

An eight-time national chess champion and a three-time Southeast Asian Games bronze medallist, Mr Goh is currently the chief executive officer at the Singapore Chess Federation, a role he took up after stepping down as chief financial officer of cancer diagnostics company Lucence.

Under his leadership, the Singapore Chess Federation initiated “Chess for Freedom” in August in partnership with the Singapore Prison Service, which uses chess as a rehabilitation tool for inmates. The response was exceeded expectations, with over 30 inmates signing up and even asking to double the number of weekly sessions.

Mr Goh, who graduated in 2007 with a degree in Accountancy, said: “This is the right moment to focus on growing chess in Singapore, given that chess is a game that I love and that I have many ideas to do so. I hope to significantly increase the awareness

of chess as a game that has lots of social and educational benefits, and also as a truly competitive sport.”

Another recipient of the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni is **Dr Avishek Kumar**, co-founder and CEO of VFlowTech, an NTU spin-off focusing on flow battery technology.

VFlowTech is the only flow battery manufacturing company in Southeast Asia, and was both named in the “Forbes Asia 100 to Watch” list and recognised on the APAC Cleantech 25 list of leading private cleantech innovation companies across the region.

Dr Kumar, who graduated in 2010 with a Master’s degree from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering has been giving back to NTU by providing paid internships and training to over 50 students in the last four years, as well as offering scholarships and training to two PhD students from NTU under the Industrial Postgraduate Programme, Singapore Economic Development Board initiative. Dr Kumar is also an active mentor to undergraduate and postgraduate students at NTU.

Another 10 alumni received the **Nanyang Alumni Service Award** for their dedication and voluntary service to the University through its alumni clubs and associations.

See the [Annex](#) below for the full list of 2023 Nanyang Alumni Award winners.

NTU today has more than 286,000 alumni representing 160 nationalities. To better engage and connect with its global alumni community, the University has established 98 Alumni Associations in Singapore and overseas, and 24 Alumni Circles in countries or cities with small numbers of alumni.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Medicine, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges.

NTU is also home to world-renowned autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

Ranked amongst the world's top universities, the University's main campus is also frequently listed among the world's most beautiful. Known for its sustainability, NTU has achieved 100% Green Mark Platinum certification for all its eligible building projects. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a medical campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

For more information, visit www.ntu.edu.sg

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Nanyang Alumni Awards 2023

Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award

1. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Bin Ali

Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

1. Mr Ajit Mohan
2. Mr Chen Xiongwei
3. Ms Jiao Yang
4. Mr Kevin Lim Chin Ping
5. Mr Ng Siew Quan
6. Ms Suman Mishra
7. Mr Teo Kian Chong Gabriel
8. Mr Wong Siew Hoong

Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

1. Dr Avishek Kumar
2. Dr Bi Renzhe
3. Mr Goh Wei Ming Kevin
4. Mr Jason Lee Ho Fan
5. Assoc Prof Koh Ming Joo
6. Ms Teo Peiru
7. Mr Yee Yew Fai Edward

Nanyang Alumni Service Award

1. Ms Ho Chin Ee
2. Mr Lau Chok Yee Jerome
3. Mr Lim Hock Ann Jack
4. Ms Liu Qiqi
5. Mr Parlindungan Yonathan Pangaribuan
6. Mr Quek Tuck Loong
7. Ms Sok Hourng Alicia
8. Mr Suman Kota
9. Mr Sun Yi
10. Mr Yong Cheng Hong
