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NTU Singapore celebrates alumni changemakers driving impact in Singapore and beyond

Business leaders, government officials, technopreneurs, and award-winning artists were some of the many **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)** alumni who were honoured at the University's annual alumni awards held today.

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.

NTU President Professor Ho Teck Hua said: "This year's alumni awardees exemplify how NTU graduates leverage their knowledge, creativity, and compassion to make a difference in Singapore and beyond. Their journeys of excellence, leadership, and generosity serve as inspiration for the entire NTU community."

This year, 37 alumni were honoured among four award categories.

Indonesian politician **Dr Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono** was presented this year's highest honour, the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award. He graduated from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies with a Master of Science in Strategic Studies in 2006.

Dr Yudhoyono is the leader of the Democratic Party (Partai Demokrat) of Indonesia and the nation's Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Development. Among his key responsibilities is the oversight of Indonesia's Giant Sea Wall project, a 700-kilometre infrastructure initiative designed to protect northern Java from flooding, coastal erosion, and the impacts of climate change.

A former army officer of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr Yudhoyono served 16 years in the Indonesian National Armed Forces. Following his military career, Dr Yudhoyono entered politics, running for Jakarta governor in 2017, and subsequently rising through the national political landscape.

Dr Yudhoyono said: “Receiving the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award is a recognition that means a great deal to me. My time at NTU taught me to think critically and strategically, and to see leadership through a wider lens. My exposure to geopolitics, geoeconomics and strategic studies was invaluable. Strength must always be guided by insight and wisdom. That worldview, cultivated at NTU, continues to guide how I see national interest, regional stability and global cooperation today.”

Honouring top NTU alumni achievers

A total of 9 winners were honoured with the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award for their outstanding and sustained achievements in their professional career.

Mr Desmond Tan Kok Ming, Senior Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office and a Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris-Changi Group Representation Constituency, was recognised for his public service and labour advocacy.

First elected to office in 2020, Mr Tan previously served as Chief Executive Director of the People’s Association from 2017 to 2020, where he strengthened initiatives for community engagement.

Mr Tan is also Deputy Secretary-General of the National Trades Union Congress since 2022 and has spearheaded workforce training, digital transformation, and the NTUC Training and Placement Ecosystem, driving industry transformation and preparing workers for the future economy.

Receiving the same award is **Ms Carolyn Choo Bee Lian**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Worldwide Hotels, Singapore’s largest homegrown hotel group. The trailblazer in Singapore’s hospitality sector oversees seven hotel brands that spans 41 properties across Singapore, with over 8,600 rooms.

Her strong philanthropic interest in education led her to oversee her family foundation, which has set up bursaries and endowment funds at four universities and five polytechnics in Singapore. She has co-seeded the Nanyang Business School Equal Opportunity Fund with a personal gift pledge of S\$100,000.

Another recipient is **Er Tham Wai Wah**, a pioneering engineer in maritime sustainability and port innovation who is currently Chief Engineer and Senior Director of the Engineering & Project Management Division at the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

He oversees the strategic planning, design, and delivery of the port authority’s major developments, including the landmark Tuas Next Generation Mega Port. His leadership of Tuas Port Phase 1 earned the project multiple honours.

Young alumni shine with outstanding achievements

Among the 14 Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award winners is **Ms Samantha Lee Suyi**, who was recognised for her creative excellence and outstanding contributions to the animation industry.

Currently a story artist at Sony Pictures Animation, Ms Lee won an Emmy award at last year's 3rd Annual Children's and Family Emmy Awards for Outstanding Directing for an Animated Series.

Ms Lee said: "I'm honoured to be recognised by my alma mater. Art is one of the purest ways we get to express our humanity, and I hope to see more alumni in the arts get acknowledged for the amazing things they are accomplishing. I am grateful to every professor and lecturer I have had the pleasure of learning from, and to educators in general. It is a blessing to have teachers who really truly care about the next generation, and mine will always be a part of any work I do."

Young alumni winners making waves in science, technology and research include **Dr George-Cristian Potrivitu**, chief technology officer of Singapore-based space tech start-up AlienA Pte Ltd, which he co-founded in 2018, and **Dr Rex Tan Xiao**, chief technology officer of medical technology start-up Aevice Health.

On the business front, entrepreneur **Mr Lee Ray Sheng**, co-founder of popular mala hotspot restaurant chain A Hot Hideout, was recognised for his innovative leadership and integrating automation and technology into dining.

Mr Lee said: "This award feels like a full-circle moment for me. To be recognised by the same community that shaped so much of who I am feels incredibly special. Over the years, I have had the privilege of hearing from many NTU students who tell me that my journey inspired them to start something of their own. It is one of the most meaningful parts of what I do — knowing that what started on a NTU campus could spark confidence in someone else's dream."

The awards also honoured 13 NTU alumni with the Nanyang Alumni Service Award for their dedicated volunteerism in strengthening alumni ties.

See the **Annex** below for the full list of 2025 Nanyang Alumni Award winners.

NTU today has 313,000 alumni based in 171 countries. To better engage and connect with its global alumni community, the University has established 87 Alumni Associations in Singapore and overseas.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 35,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Business, Computing & Data Science, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Medicine, Science, 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 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 2025

Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award

1. Dr Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono

Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

1. Ms Aarti Kumar
2. Mr Chen Xianghong
3. Ms Choo Bee Lian Carolyn
4. Ms Lee Sze Yeng
5. Mr Low Eng Teong
6. Mr Tan Kok Ming Desmond
7. Er Tham Wai Wah
8. Dr Wu Chiaw Ching
9. Mr Yip Yew Chong

Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

1. Mr Alwyn Rusli
2. Mr Andi Sanjaya Tjong
3. Mr Brian Marshal
4. Mr Chiang Wei Liang
5. Dr George-Cristian Potrivitu
6. Mr Lee Ray Sheng
7. Ms Lee Suyi Samantha
8. Ms Leong Qi Wen Evangeline
9. Ms Melisa Hendrawati
10. Dr Pham Tien Hung
11. Dr Tan Xiao Rex
12. Mr Yam Qilin Daryl
13. Mr Yeo Hwea Jie Sven
14. Ms Zeng Xiaoyun Vincere

Nanyang Alumni Service Award

1. Dr Chua Kai Yang Ken
2. Mr Dai Yiping
3. Mr Hoi Wei Ren Kleeve
4. Ms Hoo Quee Lian Priscilla

5. Mr Lim Jia He Bosco
6. Mr Neo Duan Kai
7. Mrs Rima Novariani
8. Mr Sun Zheng
9. Mr Tan Wee Siong Albert
10. Ms Tian Chen
11. Mr Tung Kum Fai Bernard
12. Mr Wang Pengyu
13. Mr Zhang Niansheng
