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NTU Singapore honours outstanding alumni at awards ceremony

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) today honoured 71 alumni for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the University and to society at an awards ceremony this year.

Among the recipients of the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award – the highest honour bestowed on the University’s alumni – were Indonesia’s Minister of Home Affairs Muhammad Tito Karnavian and renowned local calligrapher Professor Tan Siah Kwee.

The Nanyang Alumni Awards ceremony, an annual affair to recognise alumni from diverse fields who have done the University proud, was postponed last year due to the restriction on large-scale events implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual celebration was held in October to mark the occasion.

Following last year’s postponement due to the pandemic, this year’s ceremony honours winners from both 2020 and 2021.

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education, presented the awards to the winners at the Nanyang Auditorium this evening.

NTU President Professor Subra Suresh said: “We are proud of your success. The contributions our alumni have made to society in every field of human endeavour are an inspiration to all members of our OneNTU community. I would like to encourage our alumni to be part of our journey as we continue to strive for excellence in education, research and innovation, and to address some of humanity’s most pressing challenges.”

Professor Muhammad Tito Karnavian, who graduated from NTU’s S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in 2013 with a PhD in Strategic Studies (majoring in Terrorism and Islamist Radicalisation), has devoted much of his career to combating terrorism and promoting law and order. Prior to his current role as Indonesia’s Minister of Home Affairs, Prof Tito was the Chief of the Indonesian National Police. In 2020, he

was conferred the Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Distinguished Service Order) by President Halimah Yacob in recognition of his role in strengthening bilateral ties between the Indonesian National Police and the Singapore Police Force.

Prof Tito said the PhD programme at RSIS has helped to change his mindset from a practitioner to that of a scientist. “Upon the completion of my programme at RSIS, I was able to develop a more robust strategy to overcome the problem of conflict and terrorism in Indonesia in a more systematic and scientific way.”

Professor Tan Siah Kwee, a Nanyang University alumnus from the Class of 1972, has made significant contributions in the field of Chinese calligraphy, and is attributed with rescuing the art from its state of decline in Singapore in the 1970s. His efforts in promoting the art for the past five decades have earned him accolades both locally and internationally, including the Singapore Cultural Medallion in 2000 – the highest honour for local artists – and the 2002 Montblanc de la Culture Arts Patronage Award, which honours individuals in a variety of countries for their selfless work in support of the arts.

Prof Tan said: “I hope this award can serve as encouragement to the younger generation to contribute time and effort to associations. I hope to be a role model to them, as they see me as someone who is dedicated to a cause for 50 years and counting.”

Also presented with the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award were **Mdm Lee Ghim Ha, Jill**, Group Chief Financial Officer of Sulzer, a Swiss-listed global industrial Company; and **Mr Tan Song Kok Henry**, the Group Chief Executive Officer and Chief Innovative Officer (China and Singapore) of Nexia TS, an established international accounting firm.

In addition, outstanding alumni from diverse fields were recognised in three other award categories: the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award, Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Nanyang Alumni Service Award.

For his contributions as a business leader and former Nominated Member of Parliament, **Mr Azmoon Ahmad** was recognised with the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award. Currently a Senior Vice-President and Member of the Executive Management at Desay SV Automotive, Mr Azmoon is also an active community leader, sitting on the board of ITE and the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre. He is also the Chairman at Mendaki SENSE, a subsidiary of the self-help group Yayasan Mendaki.

Also honoured at the event was **Ms Nicole Tan Wan Lee**, Shiseido’s first regional female chief executive in its 149-year history. The Nanyang Business School alumna from the Class of 1997, who took on the role last year during the COVID-19 pandemic,

hopes to use her position to help raise awareness for greater gender equality and partnership in the home environment.

Young alumni's stellar achievements recognised

Among the 20 Outstanding Young Alumni awardees are **Mr Narayanan Velayutham**, an Assistant Director of Public Communications at the Ministry of Communications and Information who has contributed to the arts, language and community; and **Mr Mike Than**, a serial entrepreneur who bought over unused bikes from failing bike-sharing businesses and redistributed them to poor students living in rural villages in Myanmar.

Another 32 alumni received the 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 2020 and 2021 Nanyang Alumni Award winners.

NTU today has more than 265,000 alumni in 163 countries. To better engage and connect with its global alumni community, the University has established 98 Alumni Associations in Singapore and overseas, and 25 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, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, established jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and

various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) buildings, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

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.

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Nanyang Alumni Awards 2020

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Prof Tan Siah Kwee

Mdm Lee Ghim Ha, Jill

Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

Mr Ong Chu Poh

Dr Ong Hiap Liew

Mr Azmoon Bin Ahmad

Mr Ng Yek Meng

Mr Frank Phuan Ling Fong

Mdm Pearlyn Tseng Oi Yin

Dr Gog Soon Joo

Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Mr Johnny Widodo

Mr Chen Yongsheng Jason

Mr Tran Hai Linh

Mr Than Tun Win

Mr Neo Shun Xiang Daryl

Ms Prukalpa Sankar

Ms Lim Pei Yi Vivian

Dr Lim Jian Wei Mark

Ms Wei Xin Zi Jemimah

Mr Jeremy Tong Zhi Hao

Nanyang Alumni Service Award

Mr Lim Chin Beng

Ms Azizah Bte Sapari

Ms Young Yoke Mun Janet

Mr Andi Kurniawan Yamin

Ms Jane Oliveros Vinculado

Mr Liao Qingxuan

Mr Nguyen Duc Hung Linh

Mr Zhu Nan

Mr Yue Chuanjing

Mr Zhao Jun

Mr Tran Hai Linh

Mr Zhang Weiqi

Mr Liang Chun

Dr Ang Wei An Elijah

Mr Neo Chun How, Alton
Ms Lee Jovin
Mr Kho Yu Cheng

Nanyang Alumni Awards 2021

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Mr Tan Song Kok Henry
Prof Muhammad Tito Karnavian

Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

Mr Tan Yew Beng
Mr Chan Eng Guan Terence
Dr Gwee Tat Meng Evan
Ms Tan Wan Lee Nicole
Prof Miao Chunyan
Dr Dong Zhiyong
Dr U Tun Thura Thet
Dr Ni Yangping

Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Ms Catherine Hindra Sutjahyo
Dr Zhou You Qin Morgan
Ms Neo Hui Fen Alecia
Mr Goh Soo Liang Gary
Mr Chow Chung Ping
Dr Pan Zhengxiang
Dr Gia Chuong Phan-Quang
Mr Narayanan S/O Velayutham
Dr Kenath Priyanka Prasad
Mr Mohamed Abbas Sheyed Ebramsa

Nanyang Alumni Service Award

Mr Ang Boon Thong Abel
Er Chen Yong Chao Gabriel
Mr Pengty Ngor
Mr Liu Shaoshan
Mr Qu Feng
Mr Ma Ran
Mr Tan Han Soon Gary
Mr Liang Chongwen Elvin
Dr Tan Boon Hong

Ms Wang Lu
Dr Payam Zargarzadeh
Mr Yu Yong
Mr Yu Guangwei
Mr Mohamed Muhaimin
Mr Loh Wei Jie Henry
