

## NTU Singapore honours outstanding alumni at Homecoming

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is honouring 39 alumni for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the University and to society at the NTU Annual Homecoming this year.

Malay-language literary pioneer **Mr Suratman Markasan**; **Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng**, Managing Director at Teckwah Industrial Corp. Ltd.; and **Mr Zaqy Mohamad**, Minister of State for National Development and Manpower, are receiving the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honour bestowed on the University's alumni.

Guest-of-Honour **Mr Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education**, is presenting the Nanyang Alumni Awards to the winners at the Nanyang Auditorium this evening, in the presence of about 1,200 alumni and guests.

**Professor Subra Suresh, NTU President**, said, “This year’s recipients have made positive impacts in various fields such as the literary arts, business, community and public service. Through their career achievements and engagement with the university and the community, these alumni have set a standard to which our students and fellow alumni can aspire.”

Mr Suratman Markasan, who graduated in 1971 from the Arts faculty at Nanyang University, has achieved extraordinary milestones as one of Singapore’s Malay language literary pioneers. He has published several poetry collections and novels, in some of which he comments about the Malay experience in Singapore, addressing issues from filial piety to displacement. A multi-award-winning poet and novelist, Mr Suratman received the Cultural Medallion, Singapore's highest honour in the arts, for his contributions to Singapore literature in 2010.

Mr Thomas Chua, another Nanyang University alumnus from the Class of 1979 is the Chairman and Managing Director of Teckwah, a supply chain management and digital services provider listed on the SGX since 1994. He has successfully transformed Teck Wah from a simple paper-boxes maker, into an international supply chain group. Mr Chua previously served as a Nominated Member of Parliament, and as President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, among other appointments on the boards of government, industry and community organisations.

Mr Zaqy Mohamad, an alumnus from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Class of 1999), and Nanyang Business School (Class of 2003), is the Minister of State for National Development and Manpower, and the Deputy Government Whip. Mr Zaqy is a strong advocate of an inclusive and caring society that enables workers to thrive and achieve their full potential. Outside the political sphere, Mr Zaqy has led a successful career in consulting and technology firms, such as Arthur Andersen, IBM, Dimension Data (NTT Group) and Ernst & Young. He was a partner at Ernst & Young before taking political office in 2018.

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

Six alumni will receive the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award for their significant contributions to their chosen field or profession, or outstanding service to the University:

- Singaporean Sinologist, **Professor Leo Suryadinata**, a visiting fellow at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute;
- **Ms Ang Suan Hong**, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GLG Corp Ltd, a supplier of knitwear or apparel and supply chain management solutions;
- **Mr Sonny Bensily**, founder and Managing Director of Prime Structures Engineering;
- **Mr Zainal Sapari**, Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris East Constituency and NTUC Assistant Secretary-General;
- **Mrs Chua-Lim Yen Ching**, Deputy Director-General of Education (Professional Development) and Executive Director at the Ministry of Education; and
- **Mr Danny Yong**, Chief Investment Officer and founding partner of Dymon Asia Capital.

Among the 11 Outstanding Young Alumni awardees are **Ms Jean Loo**, co-founder and director of Superhero Me, a volunteer-driven initiative that empowers children from less-privileged backgrounds to discover their inner heroes through costume-crafting; and **Ms Dipna Lim-Prasad**, a former national athlete and founder of social enterprise In My Shoes, a local movement which redistributes sports shoes to needy youth.

Another 19 alumni are receiving 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 2019 Nanyang Alumni Award winners.

NTU today has more than 244,000 alumni in 162 countries. To better engage and connect with its global alumni community, the University has established 94 Alumni Associations in Singapore and overseas, and 24 Alumni Circles in countries or cities with small numbers of alumni.

## **ANNEX**

### **List of NTU Alumni Awards 2019 winners**

#### **Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award**

1. Mr Suratman bin Markasan
2. Mr Chua Kee Seng Thomas, Chairman and Managing Director, Teckwah Industrial Corporation Ltd
3. Mr Zaqy bin Mohamad, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development Singapore & Ministry of Manpower

### Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award

1. Professor Leo Suryadinata, Visiting Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute
2. Ms Ang Suan Hong, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, GLG Corp Ltd
3. Mr Sonny Bensily, Founder and Managing Director, Prime Structures Engineering
4. Mr Zainal Sapari, Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris East Constituency and Assistant Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress
5. Mrs Chua Lim Yen Ching, Deputy Director-General of Education (Professional Development) and Executive Director, Ministry of Education
6. Mr Danny Yong, Chief Investment Officer and Founding Partner, Dymon Asia Capital

### Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award

1. Mr Ong Yong Cheng Matthew, Head of Department (English Language), St. Andrew's Junior School
2. Ms Loo Qing Wen Jean, Co-founder & Director, Superhero Me Ltd
3. Ms Hong Shuheng Kaylene, Director of Global Communications, ByteDance
4. Mr Wang Han Yi Roy, Founder & Creative Director, Factory 1611
5. Ms Aisha Sahar Waheed Ali Al-Kharusi, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of the Sultanate of Oman
6. Mr Ang Qi Xiang, Adrian, Co-Founder, AEvice Health
7. Ms Dipna Lim Prasad, Founder, In My Shoes Singapore
8. Mr Dhruv Khanna, Founder, Triton Foodworks Pvt. Ltd.
9. Ms Kwok Shi Min Annabelle, Founder and CEO, NeuralBay Private Limited
10. Mr Chen Xianyong, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Risk Transfer Solutions Pte Ltd
11. Mr Yang Zhan Zack, Co-Founder, FOMO Pay Pte Ltd

### Nanyang Alumni Service Award

1. Mr Chua Seng Cheong, NTU Alumni Toastmasters Club President
2. Mr Hoon Tai Meng, Association Of Nanyang University Graduates Secretary General
3. Dr Ong Hiap Liew, NTU Alumni Association (Taiwan) Executive Vice President
4. Mr Yap Kok Kin, NTU Alumni Association (Guangdong) Vice President
5. Mr Sia Chiew Koi Stanley, NTU Business Community Partners (BCP) Member
6. Mr Fong Wai Sun, NTU Buddhist Society Alumni Treasurer
7. Mr Ee Kwang Yong Phillip, RSIS Alumni Association President and NTU Alumni Council Member
8. Mdm Tay Gek Khim, NTU Alumni Club Deputy Chairperson; NTU Line Dance Interest Group Chairperson
9. Mr Muhammad Arshad Kashif, School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Alumni Association Committee Member
10. Dr Ni Lar Thein, NTU Alumni Association (Myanmar) President
11. Mr Huang Weidong, NTU Alumni Association (Jilin) Vice President
12. Mr Shen Xiaohe, NTU Alumni Association (Guizhou) President
13. Mr Zhang Guonan, NTU Alumni Association (Zhejiang) Vice President
14. Mr Law Yi Ping Jason, School Of Materials Science & Engineering Alumni Association President

15. Ms Rasiah Raslyn Agatha, NTU Alumni Association (Gulf Cooperation Council) President
16. Ms Soh Shan Bin, Chinese Medicine Alumni Association President
17. Mr Sun Jian, NTU Alumni Association (Beijing) Vice President
18. Mr Meng Yang Andy, School of Computer Science and Engineering Alumni Association Honorary Treasurer
19. Mr Muhammad Hidhir bin Md Razak, School of Humanities Alumni Association English Division Chairperson

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