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A/Prof Ong received the National Day Public Administration Medal (Silver) for his leadership contributions in 2009. In 2013, he received the Long Service Medal by the President of the Republic of Singapore in recognition of his dedicated service. Then in 2015, he also received the Public Administration Gold Medal for outstanding efficiency, competence and industry. Professor Ong has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2020.