



PRESS RELEASE

Eight eminent academics and professionals lauded for their contributions towards nation-building, growth of the university and promotion of the arts and social sciences

Singapore, 2 March 2015 – The National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) tonight celebrated the achievements of former President of the Republic of Singapore, Mr S R Nathan, and seven other exceptional alumni at the inaugural Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Awards. The awards were presented in conjunction with the FASS STARS Awards 2015 (FASS Service, Teaching, Alumni, Research, Long Service Awards 2015).

The Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Awards were established this year to recognise outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions in various capacities towards Singapore's nation-building, the growth of the University and Faculty, and the betterment and promotion of the arts and social sciences. These individuals have also shown excellence in various fields locally and internationally.

Professor Brenda Yeoh, Dean of the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, said, "As we celebrate Singapore's 50th birthday alongside NUS' 110th Anniversary, it is fitting to honour the achievements of our alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Award recipients have contributed with verve, energy and creativity to the nation, the University, the Faculty and Singapore society in various ways – be it in education and research, public service, the corporate world and volunteerism. Many of them were pioneering figures in the development of Singapore, without whom, our country would not be what it is today. Collectively, their achievements will inspire the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and NUS to new heights. I extend my heartiest congratulations to all our award recipients."

This year's award categories include the *Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award (Lifetime Achievement)* and *Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award*.

Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award (Lifetime Achievement)

Mr S R Nathan, the sixth President of the Republic of Singapore, was conferred the Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award (Lifetime Achievement) in recognition of his exceptional contributions towards the development of the Faculty, the University, Singapore and globally.

Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award

NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences also presented the Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award on seven alumni in recognition of their distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the Faculty, the University and Singapore. These outstanding individuals have also shown excellence in various fields locally and internationally.

The award recipients are:

- Professor Maurice Baker (Class of '41)
- Professor Wang Gungwu (Class of '53, '56)
- Mr Herman Ronald Hochstadt (Class of '58)
- Mrs Tan Suan Imm (Class of '61)
- Ambassador Chan Heng Chee (Class of '64, '74')
- Mr Yap Boh Tiong (Class of '69, '73)
- Professor Kishore Mahbubani (Class of '71)

About National University of Singapore (NUS)

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 16 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 37,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 26 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner in Singapore's fifth RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

This year, NUS celebrates its 110th year of founding together with Singapore's 50th year of independence. As the island's first higher education institution established

by the local community, NUS prides itself in nurturing generations of leaders and luminaries in Singapore and Asia.

For more information on NUS, please visit www.nus.edu.sg. Details on NUS' 110th Anniversary celebrations are available at nus110.sg.