

**CITATION FOR NUS PRESIDENT PROFESSOR TAN CHORH CHUAN,
2015 CASE ASIA-PACIFIC LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT,
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Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, President of the National University of Singapore, is well regarded by many in the academia around the world as an unparalleled global leader for the higher education community and the most impressive and effective university president.

Professor Peter Salovey, President and Chris Argyris Professor of Psychology, Yale University, said in his nomination letter that Professor Tan would be his first choice among university presidents around the world if there were a CASE Global Leadership Award.

Indeed, Professor Tan's visionary leadership has had a profound impact on NUS in becoming a leading global university centred in Asia.

Under his leadership, NUS has risen to become the world's 12th university in the 2015/2016 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings and Asia's number one university in the QS University Rankings: Asia 2015.

His many illustrious global and national leadership roles have championed the advancement of education, research, medicine and global health.

On the global front, he was the first university president to be selected by his peers to chair both the International Alliance of Research Universities and the Global University Leaders Forum of the World Economic Forum. No European, American, or other Asian president holds this distinction. Professor Salovey notes that Professor Tan did not simply preside over these organisations; rather, he has worked assiduously to strengthen both.

Professor Tan has made outstanding national contributions that have been far-ranging in Singapore. He was instrumental in overcoming the 2003 SARS epidemic in Singapore. In his role as Director of Medical Services at the Singapore Ministry of Health from 2000 to 2004, he played a key role in shaping health services policy and practices. He was also a key leader in Singapore's biomedical sciences initiatives since 2000. He has won many national and international accolades for his prominent work in medical health and sciences.

Professor Tan's achievements in strengthening the development of the university by increasing capabilities and resources in providing high quality education for Singapore's next generation of scientists, researchers and engineers, and grounding future-ready graduates for the market place are well recognised.

Under his visionary leadership, the Yale-NUS College was established in 2011 in Singapore, in partnership with Yale University. It is the first liberal arts college in Singapore and one of the few in Asia. Professor Salovey was impressed by how clear-sighted, creative and courageous Professor Tan was in shaping the new college in ways that were unprecedented in Singapore, and in Asia.

Professor Tan is a strong advocate of institutional advancement. He understands the importance of involving alumni in the development of NUS. In his 2008 State of University Address, he acknowledged: “Today, our alumni form the third pillar which holds our University proudly up, joining the other two pillars formed by our faculty and staff, and our students”. A year later, NUS saw the opening of Asia-Pacific’s first purpose-built alumni complex – the Shaw Foundation Alumni House, built on donations from alumni and the Shaw Foundation.

Professor Tan is also the champion fundraiser for many initiatives of the university. Under his leadership, the NUS Alumni Students Advancement Committee (ASAC) was formed in 2013 as a tri-partite partnership among the National University of Singapore Society, Development Office and the Office of Alumni Relations. One committee under the ASAC is the Alumni Bursary Fund (ABF) committee, which drives initiatives for alumni to raise funds for bursaries for financially needy students. The ABF’s alumni-for-students two-year initiative has raised SGD 5 million before government grants.

A renal physician, Professor Tan obtained his medical training at NUS and his research training at the Institute of Molecular Medicine at Oxford. He is widely recognised for his brilliant scholarship in nephrology. At the age of 37, Professor Tan became the NUS Dean of Medicine, making him the youngest person to hold the position.

In recognition of his inspiring leadership and the development of a strong culture of advancement at the National University of Singapore, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education proudly presents Professor Tan Chorh Chuan with the CASE Asia-Pacific Leadership Award.

CASE looks forward to celebrating his distinguished achievements, which we trust will inspire and embolden our colleagues in advancement to innovate and engage their communities.