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Former civil service head to receive Distinguished Service Order award

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THE former head of the civil service in Singapore, Peter Ho, is to be awarded one of the nation's highest honours, the Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Distinguished Service Order) for distinguished conduct in service to the country.

In a career spanning 34 years in the Singapore Administrative Service, Mr Ho ran the civil service from 2005 to 2010, which he held concurrently with other appointments, including Permanent Secretary (Foreign Affairs), Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination).

He currently serves as chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Mr Ho was previously awarded the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Meritorious Service Medal) for service of conspicuous merit characterised by resource and devotion to duty, including long service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct, in 2007.

Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Order include Liu Thai-Ker, chairman of the Centre for Liveable Cities and noted architect-planner; Tan Wee Kiat, chief executive of the Gardens by the Bay; and banker Peter Seah, chairman of DBS Group.

This year, a total of 3,959 recipients will receive National Day honours, the PMO said on Monday.

Other eminent award recipients include Chew Gek Khim, executive chairman of The Straits Trading Company; Goh Joon Seng, a member of the Council of Presidential Advisers; Lim Tze Peng, an artist who was awarded a Cultural Medallion in 2003; and Leo Tan Wee Hin, professor and adviser to the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum. They will receive the Meritorious Service Medal.



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Ms Chew, the grand-daughter of the late banker Tan Chin Tuan, helms mining and smelting firm Straits Trading.

A regular fixture on the various annual rankings of businesswomen in the region, she was the first woman in more than 10 years to be crowned Businessman of the Year at the Singapore Business Awards 2015 for the transformational changes she led at Straits Trading.

Since she took over the mantle in 2008, the firm has evolved from a company laden with low-yielding hard assets into an investment holding company with key interests in real estate, hospitality and resources.

Singaporeans receiving a Public Service Star (Bar) include Tan Kian Hoon, chairman of the National Crime Prevention Council and Kwa Chong Seng, deputy chairman of the Public Service Commission.

A full list of this year's National Day Award recipients is available at PMO website: http://www.pmo.gov.sg/national-day-awards

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