

ANNEX 2 – CITATIONS FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Citation for Mr S R Nathan, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award (Lifetime Achievement) Recipient

Few people have watched the development of today's Singapore as closely as Mr S R Nathan. He had an illustrious 50-year career in Singapore's Public Service, starting as a medical social worker to being the President of Singapore in 1999. In between, he held various prominent positions in several Ministries.

Mr Nathan's links with the university began in 1952 when he enrolled at the Faculty of Arts, University of Malaya. He was among the pioneer batch of eight students who opted for Social Work.

Mr Nathan's journey from humble beginnings to the highest office in the land was marked by unexpected turns and challenges. His motivation on life's journey stems from a strong sense of duty, where, in his own words, his 'conscience' was his 'compass'. Whether it was campaigning for the welfare of seafarers in the 1950s, negotiating during the Laju incident of 1974, or founding the President's Challenge in 2000, Mr Nathan walked the talk with courage and compassion, as a pioneer, leader and doer.

With this Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award (Lifetime Achievement), we would like to honour not just the public figure but the great man whose sense of duty to others has led him to take the path less trodden. He has forged a journey that impacted our nation's history and created a lifetime of achievements that, in some ways, began at this University and Faculty.

Citation for Professor Maurice Baker, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

One of Singapore's pioneer diplomats, Professor Maurice Baker was approached by then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr S. Rajaratnam to be Singapore's first High Commissioner to India. He also served as High Commissioner to Malaysia and the Philippines, during which he earned the friendship and respect of many diplomats by building relationships of trust. Upon his return from Malaysia in 1988, he was appointed pro-Chancellor of the National University of Singapore.

For his contributions to the University and Singapore, he was awarded the Public Service Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

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Citation for Professor Wang Gungwu, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

Professor Wang Gungwu is the Chairman of the East Asian Institute and University Professor, National University of Singapore. He is also Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University. A well-respected and prominent historian of Asia, Professor Wang has been a recipient of many awards in his distinguished career both in Singapore and abroad.

Professor Wang is a Commander of the British Empire (CBE); Fellow, and former President, of the Australian Academy of the Humanities; Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Science; Member of Academia Sinica; Honorary Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Science. He was conferred the International Academic Prize, Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prizes.

Citation for Mr Herman Ronald Hochstadt, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

A former top Singapore civil service administrator, he was involved in many aspects of Singapore's milestones since independence – from helping to lay the foundation for the Singapore Armed Forces, Foreign Service and the MRT, and to being in the vanguard at Singapore's admission to the United Nations. He served in several ministries and agencies of the public service over 30 years, including Finance, Prime Minister's Office, and Foreign Affairs. He also served as High Commissioner (Non Resident) for Singapore to Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Tanzania.

He was awarded the Singapore National Day Public Administration Medal (Bronze) 1963 and (Gold) 1978, and the Public Service Star 1998.

Citation for Mrs Tan Suan Imm, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

Mrs Tan Suan Imm has spent many years in contributing to Singapore education, the community-at-large and to the University. She had a fulfilling 33-year career in education, and served for some years on several committees like Institute of Technical Education (Tampines) Advisory Committee, the Inter-Ministerial Committee Workgroup on Health Care, and Resource person for some of NTUC's education and training programmes in South-west Community Development Council and a Deputy Registrar of Marriages. Mrs Tan has also been instrumental in advancing the good of the University and its students through her service on the Financial Aid, Bursary and Scholarship Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. She also played a key role in the successful signature drive to garner support among alumni for the return of Bukit Timah Campus to NUS.

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Citation for Ambassador Chan Heng Chee, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

Ambassador Chan Heng Chee has served Singapore in many capacities, including being Singapore's Ambassador to the United States and Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Today, she is Ambassador-at-Large with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and serves on several councils. Ambassador Chan has received a number of awards including The Public Administration Medal (Gold), the Meritorious Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Order. She was named Singapore's first "Woman of the Year" in 1991 by Her World magazine. She also received the Inaugural Asia Society Outstanding Diplomatic Achievement Award, the Inaugural Foreign Policy Outstanding Diplomatic Achievement Award 2012 and the United States Navy Distinguished Public Service Award.

Citation for Mr Yap Boh Tiong, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

Mr Yap Boh Tiong is the Chairman of Mileage Communications Group, Singapore's largest home grown public relations consultancy with 15 offices in nine Asian countries.

Mr Yap has contributed actively to the Faculty as a career mentor in the FASS Mentorship Programme, among other programmes. He engages FASS undergraduates in career exposure activities, including internships and job opportunities. He also actively gives career talks and workshops at various NUS departments and centres.

His community work and professional achievements have garnered a number of prestigious national-level awards, one of which is the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2014.

Citation for Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Distinguished Arts and Social Sciences Alumni Award Recipient

Professor Kishore Mahbubani is currently the Dean and Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS. He also had an illustrious career in the Foreign Service; notably, he served two stints as Singapore's Ambassador to the UN and President of the UN Security Council in 2001 and 2002.

A prolific writer, he has written four books and his articles have appeared in a wide range of journals and newspapers. He has also been described as "the muse of the Asian century", and recently, he was selected as one of the top 50 world thinkers for 2014.