CITATION FOR MR LEE TZU YANG
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Mr Lee Tzu Yang is widely regarded as one of Singapore’s foremost industry leaders, a cherished patron of the arts, and a highly respected friend and advisor to Singapore and NUS.

Mr Lee graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1976, and joined Shell in 1979. He retired as Chairman of Shell Companies in Singapore at the end of October 2014 after 35 years of service in operational, commercial and strategy functions across a range of markets.

Mr Lee was a member of the NUS Council, and later the NUS Board of Trustees, from 2004 to 2010. He was also a board member of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy from 2008 to 2010, and a member of the advisory committee from 2002 to 2014 to the University’s Master of Science in Environmental Management — NUS’ first multi-faculty programme.

Mr Lee has served as Chairman of the Board of the Middle East Institute at NUS since its establishment in 2007. As Chairman, he has guided the work of the Institute, and
supported its research and outreach work in areas of key economic and political interest to Singapore as the only institute in Southeast Asia focused on the Middle East region.

A gentleman of quiet temperament and wise counsel, Mr Lee was appointed Chairman of the Founders’ Memorial Committee in 2015. He heads a 15-member committee tasked with gathering views from the public, and to conceptualise a memorial to honour and remember the values and ideals of Singapore’s founding generation of leaders. We stand in awe of the responsibility he shoulders, and yet are deeply comforted in his steadfast leadership.

Throughout his stellar career, and even after retirement from Shell, Mr Lee continues to be closely involved in organisations that have a significant impact on the development of Singapore, and the daily lives of Singaporeans. He is a member of the Council of Presidential Advisers, the Legal Service Commission of Singapore, and the advisory board of the Centre for Liveable Cities. He chairs the board of The Esplanade, and is chairman of the Casino Regulatory Authority. Mr Lee is also a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Board of Visiting Justices. He had previously headed the Arts and Culture Strategic Review for Singapore, and was the founding chairman of the School of the Arts.

For his public service contributions to Singapore, Mr Lee was awarded the Bintang Bakti Masyarakat or Public Service Star, in 2005, and the Pingat Jasa Gemilang or Meritorious Service Medal, in 2014.
NUS is proud to be able to celebrate Mr Lee Tzu Yang’s outstanding leadership and contributions to Singapore and the University.