

Team (Alumni) Award

bantu

Mr Nicholas Ooi Hsien Loong & Ms Janelle Lee Jiaxin

Founded in 2017, bantu is the pioneer of the social technology scene in Singapore. Built from scratch by founders Mr Nicholas Ooi Hsien Loong and Ms Janelle Lee Jiaxin, bantu Workspace has revolutionised the non-profits community to improve engagement, swiftly deploy skilled volunteers, centralise volunteer databases, and streamline communications.

The pair of social entrepreneurs also developed specialised curriculum to teach charities new digital skills to transition volunteering programmes virtually.

To date, the initiative has managed more than 30,000 volunteers, hosted more than 1,200 projects, tracked over 130,000 volunteering hours, and decreased administrative man-hours by more than 10%.

In 2019, bantu was awarded the President's Challenge Social Enterprise Start-up of the Year - the highest accolade that a social enterprise can receive in Singapore.

The University is pleased to confer the NUS Team (Alumni) Award on Mr Nicholas Ooi Hsien Loong and Ms Janelle Lee Jiaxin, in recognition of their socially impactful innovation that inspires the next generation to accelerate good.

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Carmine Therapeutics

Dr Shi Jiahai & Dr Le Thi Nguyet Minh

Formed in 2019, Carmine Therapeutics was built on technologies developed by co-founders Dr Shi Jiahai and Dr Le Thi Nguyet Minh. As the world's first company to harness red blood cell extracellular vesicles as vehicles for gene therapy, Carmine also pioneers as the first gene therapy company in South East Asia.

Motivated by a mission to make genetic medicines widely accessible and to address patients' unmet medical needs, the company inked a research alliance of over SG\$1.2 billion to develop and commercialise its treatments for rare genetic diseases, making history as one of the biggest deals ever received in the Singapore biotechnology and pharmaceutical start-up scene.

For its novel technologies, Carmine was named one of the FierceBiotech's Fierce 15 Biotech companies of 2020, and was selected as one of the two top promising early-stage life sciences companies to receive the Bristol-Myers Squibb Golden Ticket for LabCentral.

The University is pleased to confer the NUS Team (Alumni) Award on Dr Shi Jiahai and Dr Le Thi Nguyet Minh, in recognition of their reimagination of the biotechnology procedures and for pioneering new standards with Carmine.

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Chow and Lin

Mr Stefen Chow & Ms Lin Huiyi

Using art and academic research to shed light on global, tipping point issues, Mr Stefen Chow and Ms Lin Huiyi have been serving thought-provoking art to the world since 2009 through Chow and Lin. Through an interdisciplinary approach, they drive impactful projects influenced by their collective backgrounds in economics, public policy and media.

Based in Beijing, their art has been exhibited in 15 countries and showcased internationally at the Les Nuits Photographiques in Paris, China Central Academy of Fine Arts Museum, and NUS Museum.

Mr Chow and Ms Lin have been invited twice by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to exhibit and speak to government ministers and international organisations.

In 2019, the duo won the Science Breakthroughs of the Year Award at the Berlin Falling Walls Summit as the only Asian winners in the category. They scored another unprecedented win as the first Asians to be awarded the LUMA Foundation Rencontres Dummy Book Award Arles in 2019.

The University is pleased to confer the NUS Team (Alumni) Award on Mr Stefen Chow and Ms Lin Huiyi, in recognition of their creation of immersive and powerful art that delivers impactful messages to the world.

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ShopBack

Mr Henry Chan Hian Yi & Mr Joel Leong Yong Siang

A project incubated by NUS Enterprise, ShopBack has scaled to nine countries to provide a more rewarding shopping experience for its 30 million users. Founded by Mr Henry Chan Hian Yi and Mr Joel Leong Yong Siang, ShopBack is now the largest rewards and discovery platform in the Asia-Pacific region.

The platform which enables users to make better purchase decisions while delivering performance-based marketing with high return of investment to merchants has powered close to US\$3 billion in sales for over 5,000 merchant partners across Asia-Pacific in 2020.

Among many other accolades, the company was listed in the Financial Times' High-Growth Companies Asia-Pacific 2020 and LinkedIn's Top Startups Singapore 2020 and 2021.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr Chan and Mr Leong also demonstrated full support by opening up more internship and full-time positions at their company, as part of NUS Enterprise's initiative to provide assistance to new graduates.

The University is pleased to confer the NUS Team (Alumni) Award on Mr Henry Chan Hian Yi and Mr Joel Leong Yong Siang, in recognition of their innovation and stellar achievements in the e-commerce scene.

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