



A Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT

5 December 2019

Dear alumnus,

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (HEALTH INNOVATION & TRANSLATION)

Professor John Wong Eu-Li will assume a new position of Senior Vice President (Health Innovation & Translation) at NUS from 1 January 2020.

John, who is the Isabel Chan Professor in Medical Sciences, is a medical oncologist-haematologist who has played a vital role in advising the University on strategies to advance academic medicine, and developing synergies across the whole of NUS, including its health science schools - the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine), Faculty of Dentistry (FoD) and the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH) through the National University Health System (NUHS) to create peaks of global excellence.

In his new capacity, John will assist NUS Senior Deputy President and Provost with strategic recruitment in NUS and NUHS to support the University's research, translation, innovation and deployment in Health and Biomedical Sciences; and Deputy President (Research & Technology) with Health and Biomedical Sciences research and its positioning, locally and globally. He will also be the key liaison for NUS in NUHS' strategic projects such as Healthy Longevity and Precision Medicine, the Integrated General Hospital at the Alexandra Campus, Translational Hub at the Kent Ridge Campus, and Population Health through the Jurong Campus and Health District

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (HEALTH EDUCATION & RESOURCES)

Associate Professor Benjamin Ong Kian Chung will be appointed to a new position of Senior Vice President (Health Education & Resources) at NUS from 1 February 2020.

A neurologist with research interests in neuroimmunology and neuroepidemiology, Ben returns to NUS and NUHS after a leadership stint as the Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health (MOH) in the past six years. Prior to his secondment to MOH, Ben held various key leadership appointments in his 33-year career at NUH, such as Chief Executive of NUHS and the concurrent position of NUS Senior Vice

President (Health Affairs), Chairman of the NUH's Medical Board, as well as Chair of the Department of Medicine at NUS Medicine and NUH.

In his new appointment, Ben will assist NUS Senior Deputy President and Provost in managing regulatory issues for biomedical research and translation, work with NUS Medicine, FoD and SSHSPH to enhance continuing education in the healthcare arena, and also help NUS Medicine to develop and broaden the **scope of academic medicine**.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (HEALTH AFFAIRS)

Associate Professor Yeoh Khay Guan, who will be Chief Executive of NUHS from 1 January 2020, will be appointed NUS Senior Vice President (Health Affairs) concurrently. Khay Guan will take over the role from John, who held the latter appointment for six years.

Khay Guan is a distinguished clinician-scholar, educator and leader. He has held multiple leadership positions including as Dean (2011 to 2018) and Vice Dean (2002 to 2011) of NUS Medicine, as well as Deputy Director of the School's Division of Graduate Medical Studies (2002 to 2005). As Deputy Chief Executive of NUHS, he led the clinical care planning and health system transformation for NUHS.

DEAN, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND LIFELONG EDUCATION

Professor Susanna Leong will be appointed Dean, School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE) from 15 January 2020. She will also continue in her position as Vice Provost (Masters Programme & Lifelong Education).

Susanna is responsible for initiatives and programmes on continuous education and training in NUS. She has worked closely with our Faculties and Schools to review the quality of our graduate coursework offerings and improve them. She continues to work with colleagues from SCALE to promote and heighten interest in the NUS Lifelong Learners and NUS CET500 programmes which were first launched in August 2018. Susanna was instrumental in the launch of the new MSc Industry 4.0 in AY2019/20, and took the lead in organising the SkillsFuture Festival @ NUS 2019, which was well attended by members of the public.

The University would like to place on record our deep appreciation to **Professor Wei Kwok Kee**, who has served as Dean of SCALE for more than three years. Kwok Kee will be leaving the University in April 2020.

We would also like to convey our appreciation to Vice President (University and Global Relations) Professor Andrew Wee, who will be stepping down on 31 December 2019. Andrew will be returning to the Physics department at the Faculty of Science. **Professor Victor Shim**, Associate Vice President, Global Relations Office, will report to me directly on global relations matters.

We warmly welcome John, Ben, Khay Guan and Susanna to their new appointments at NUS; and we thank Kwok Kee and Andrew for their contributions and wish them well in their future pursuits.

You can read more about the new appointments in [NUS News](#).

With best wishes,

Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85)
NUS President