

Outstanding Service Award 2013 – Mr Ng Yat Chung

Mr Ng Yat Chung is the Group President and Chief Executive Officer of Neptune Orient Lines, NOL, the Singapore-based world leader in container shipping and logistics services. During this difficult time for the global maritime industry, he has been decisive and proactive in addressing the challenges faced by NOL. Prior to this position, he had been a Senior Managing Director at Temasek Holdings.

Previously as Singapore's 5th Chief of Defence Force, Mr Ng laid the transformational blueprint for the 3rd Generation SAF and oversaw its execution. He bolstered the SAF's full spectrum capabilities to meet new security challenges, such as terrorism and low intensity conflicts, more effectively carry out peacetime operations, and raised the SAF's capabilities for conventional operations. He commanded the deployment of the SAF in peace support operations in East Timor and in humanitarian and disaster relief operations under Operation Flying Eagle in Aceh and Phuket after the tsunami in 2004, as well as in Yogyakarta and Northern Thailand in 2006.

In addition, Mr Ng has helped broaden and deepen the SAF's extensive network of professional relationships with other armed forces, to further Singapore's role as a constructive partner in regional security.

Mr Ng is passionate about education. He has made invaluable contributions to NUS as an active member of its Board of Trustees and was appointed Chairman of its Campus Planning and Development Committee (CPDC) in 2006. During his 6-year tenure as CPDC Chair, he provided strong stewardship of the university campus precinct master process and enlightened oversight for the university's large and complex infrastructure enhancement programme. This included the construction of substantial new buildings and large-scale regularisation of existing spaces for teaching, research, housing, amenities and co-curricular activities. He oversaw the development of University Town which has transformed our education landscape, the Mochtar Riady Building at the Business School, Temasek Laboratory for research, Kent Vale 2 Staff Housing, and the Biomedical Complex.

As Chair, he provided critical support and guidance to the NUS management in planning for and executing this complex agenda as well as planning for future development .

He is now the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Singapore Institute of Technology. He is also a member of the Board of the World Shipping Council and a member of the International Advisory Panel of the Singapore Maritime Institute.

For his outstanding service to the country, Mr Ng was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) in 2007.

NUS is honoured to recognize the outstanding achievements of Mr Ng and his exceptional contributions to NUS, his strong commitment and support for higher education, and his extraordinary service to Singapore.