

CITATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LEE KOOI CHENG **OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD** 

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I am honoured to announce the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Educator Award – Associate Professor Lee Kooi Cheng.

Kooi Cheng is an accomplished teacher of English language communication who emphasises partnership, collaboration, and relationship-building, which she credits as the key to sustained learning. Over the years, her teaching has made an enduring impact on her students, who have appreciated her subject expertise, as well as the high level of empathy she brings to the classroom.

Kooi Cheng has played a key role at NUS not only as a mentor and educator to many, but in her remarkable contributions to literacy programmes, curriculum development, and educational leadership. Her various leadership positions include Master of King Edward VII Hall, Deputy Director of the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, Deputy Master of Tembusu College, and, currently, Director of the Centre for English Language Communication and Master of Helix House.

In these roles, Kooi Cheng has continually championed out-of-classroom learning to afford students holistic growth and greater autonomy in their time at NUS. Her efforts have centred on conceptualising, implementing, and studying the impact of living-learning programmes.

Please join me in congratulating Associate Professor Lee Kooi Cheng on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award.