



**CITATION FOR MR QUEK GIM PEW
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

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I am honoured to announce the second recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Service Award – Mr Quek Gim Pew.

We are delighted that Gim Pew could be here with us today to accept this award.

Gim Pew's association with the University started during his days as a student here. We are proud that he is an alumnus of our College of Design and Engineering, graduating 42 years ago, and recognised in 2014 with the NUS Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award.

During his illustrious career, Gim Pew has made significant contributions to the development of advanced defence technologies. He was CEO of DSO National Laboratories for 12 years until 2016; and then until 2021, served as Chief Defence Scientist at the Ministry of Defence. In these roles, he played a key part in shaping cutting-edge technological solutions that enhance Singapore's national security.

He has also developed Singapore's capabilities in space, quantum and digital technologies, and been a strong advocate for STEM education.

NUS has benefited from Gim Pew's generosity in giving his time and expertise to the leadership of scientific and educational organisations. His current roles include

Chairman of the National Supercomputing Centre Steering Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Office for Space Technology and Industry.

From 2016 to 2022, Gim Pew was Chairman of the Governing Board of the Centre for Quantum Technologies – CQT for short – hosted at NUS. Gim Pew quickly grasped the implications of this emerging field across various sectors. Bringing his negotiation skills, experience, and connections to the table, he succeeded in uniting different parties in a joint effort to ensure Singapore remains at the forefront of quantum technologies. Of note as well is his leadership in the transformation of Singapore's approach to quantum research, shifting the country's primary focus on fundamental research to a nationwide initiative that harnesses quantum technology to support economic and national imperatives.

Gim Pew also continues as Co-Chair of the National Quantum Steering Committee; Senior R&D Consultant to the Ministry of Defence; Adjunct Professor at NUS CDE's Dean's Office; and as a board member for many organisations including the Agency for Science, Technology and Research, and NUS High School.

We are very privileged this evening to be able to celebrate Gim Pew's achievements and contributions to the University and nation. Please join me in congratulating him on receiving the Outstanding Service Award.