



## **CITATION FOR PROFESSOR CHEONG KOON HEAN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

**Citation Reader: Professor Simon Chesterman**

It is my great pleasure this evening to announce the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Service Award—Professor Cheong Koon Hean.

Professor Cheong is a distinguished leader whose visionary work has profoundly shaped Singapore’s urban landscape and global discourse on sustainable development. As former CEO of both the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Housing & Development Board, she redefined the standards of city-making—spearheading transformative plans for Marina Bay and introducing new generations of public housing marked by inclusivity, biophilia and smart technologies.

Currently Chair of the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, she continues to influence national and international agendas on urban innovation and sustainability. Her contributions to NUS—as a former Board of Trustees member, Rector of NUS College, and on the advisory committees of the former NUS School

of Design and Environment and NUS Faculty of Engineering—reflect her deep commitment to education and institution building.

A Colombo Plan scholar with accolades from across the globe, Professor Cheong is a stateswoman of city planning and a champion of public service. Her leadership exemplifies the integration of academic excellence, policy insight and civic responsibility.

We are privileged to have Professor Cheong Koon Hean as a part of our community. Please join me in congratulating her on receiving the Outstanding Service Award.