

Citation for Prof S. Jayakumar

Outstanding Service Award

Professor S Jayakumar, a distinguished academician, lawyer, and statesman, is one of the most prominent and influential NUS alumni and faculty members. A graduate of its third Faculty of Law cohort (LL.B. '63), he joined the Law Faculty staff in 1964, rising to become Dean a decade later. While in NUS, he was tapped by the Government to serve as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations as well as to be a member of its delegation to the Conference on the Law of the Sea.

He took leave from 1980 to 2011 in order to enter politics, serving as Minister for Law, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Labour, as well as holding the positions of Deputy Prime Minister, Senior Minister, and Coordinating Minister for National Security. Upon Prof Jaya's retirement from Government in 2011, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong noted that his "contributions to Singapore's growth and international standing will remain with us for decades to come."

Prof Jaya returned to the Faculty of Law in October 2011. Waiving any remuneration, he chairs the NUS Law Advisory Council, serves as Patron to the NUS Centre for International Law (CIL), and chairs its International Advisory Panel. He co-chairs the CIL Fireside Chats Series with Professor Tommy Koh. He has also co-chaired major CIL conferences on the South China Sea (2013) and Transboundary Pollution (2014). Recently, the Government appointed him Co-Chair of the International Advisory Panel on Transboundary Pollution. Prof Jaya is the author of numerous books and articles on constitutional law, international law, and legal education, including *'Pedra Branca – The Road to the World Court'* (together with Prof Tommy Koh) and *'Diplomacy - A Singapore Experience'*.

Prof Jaya has played a key role in promoting NUS and its Faculty of Law, especially in the area of international law. His experiences overseeing the Pedra Branca and Reclamation

cases before international tribunals motivated him to support the setting up of CIL, which within a short time has become one of Asia's most influential international law centres.

The Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh, who hosted Prof Jaya in 2007 at an Indian diaspora conference in New Delhi, said of his chief guest: "His life and his work are a role model for younger generations."

The National University of Singapore is honoured to recognise Professor Jayakumar's outstanding service to NUS, to Singapore, and to the international community.