

Citation for Prof Victor J Dzau
Outstanding Service Award

Victor J Dzau, MD, is Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University and President and Chief Executive Officer for the Duke University Health System. Prof Dzau, the James B Duke Professor of Medicine, will be leaving Duke on June 30, 2014, and will become the President of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of the U.S., effective July 1, 2014.

Prof Dzau has played a truly pivotal role in the establishment of the Duke–National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School, and its success. He was a signatory to the historic agreement between Duke and NUS to set up the School. From its inception, he has been a major force in the leadership and development of the School and has been actively engaged with NUS, SingHealth, and the management and the board of Duke-NUS in defining its vision and guiding its programmes. Prof Dzau, a member of the Board of SingHealth, has played a very critical role in shaping the academic medicine partnership between Duke-NUS and SingHealth.

Prior to joining Duke where he oversaw a major expansion of the health system over almost a decade, Prof Dzau had chaired the Medicine Department at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and previously the Stanford University Department of Medicine. He has been the driving force behind the establishment of Duke institutes in global health, health innovation, cancer and translational medicine.

Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead said: "(Victor Dzau) has guided Duke Medicine through a rapidly changing health care landscape with strength, imagination and unflagging energy. He has been an outstanding citizen of the university, the city, and the region, and a major voice for health care innovation globally through the World Economic Forum."

Prof Dzau is recognised as an international expert and leader on academic health systems, national health policy, health care innovation and global health issues. He has served as an advisor to universities, corporations and foreign governments, and is a member of the Board of Health Governors and chair of the Global Agenda Council on Personalised and Precision Medicine for the World Economic Forum. His research work has earned numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including the Henry G Friesen International Prize in Health Research; the Gustav Nylin Medal from the Swedish Royal College of Medicine; the Polzer Prize from the European Academy of Sciences & Arts; the Ellis Island Medal of Honour; and the Distinguished Scientist Award of the American Heart Association.