



Citation for Associate Professor Ben Leong Wing Lup
Outstanding Educator Award

Associate Professor Ben Leong Wing Lup is an exemplary and award-winning teacher. Within his first four years of teaching at NUS, he won the Faculty Teaching Excellence Award and the Annual Teaching Excellence Award for three consecutive years each. In 2011, Ben was deservedly placed on the Annual Teaching Excellence Award honour roll.

Ben is a highly versatile teacher who excels in many aspects of teaching. He harnesses and combines diverse techniques, from peer teaching and gamification to case studies, to teach more effectively. Within his School, Ben has contributed significantly to curriculum development through several curriculum revision initiatives. Over the years, he developed four new modules, which were very well received by students. Some modules were even featured in the press for their innovative elements. It is thus not surprising that Ben's student feedback scores are consistently among the top in his School.

Ben is an avid user of technology to enhance pedagogy. His team developed Coursemology, an online gamified learning management system. This is a versatile and intuitive system which allows educators of any subject to add gamification elements to classroom assignments. Since its launch in 2013, Coursemology has been adopted for use by educators within and outside NUS and Singapore.

Ben's contributions extend beyond the classroom. In 2007, Ben started the student group Computing for Voluntary Welfare Organisations, or CVWO to develop IT systems for local volunteer welfare organisations. CVWO doubles as a platform for training students to work with people to benefit the less fortunate.

Ben is recognised as a prominent and trailblazing educator. In 2013, Ben was inducted into Facebook's Faculty Thought Leader Council. In 2014, Ben was appointed as founding Director of the Ministry of Education's Experimental Systems and Technology Laboratory. This evening, NUS is proud to honour Ben's innovative contributions and it gives me great pleasure to present him with the Outstanding Educator Award. My heartiest congratulations to Associate Professor Ben Leong.