

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Dr Christopher McMorran, from the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, is a skilled, versatile and dynamic educator. His teaching covers an impressive range: from high enrolment exposure modules, to small seminars; from within the classroom, to out in the field; from general introductions to his discipline of Japanese Studies and extending to more specialised studies on Political Economy. In every endeavour, his aim is to ensure that students become intrinsically motivated, that they would want to learn on their own and be empowered to do so.

To achieve his learning objectives, Christopher's strategy is to make students active in the co-production of knowledge. He does this through thoughtful and careful design of innovative methods, from extensive use of clickers, to formalised student peer review, to role-playing disaster response in Tokugawa Japan. Throughout his experiments with teaching techniques and technology, he constantly seeks to maximally integrate student engagement in every part of the learning process.

Christopher is also strongly committed to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning both as a practitioner and as a contributor to research in the area. Colleagues hold him in high

regard as a leader and good citizen of the NUS community who tirelessly shares his time and expertise with those who seek his advice.

For his commitment to assiduously improving student learning and his own teaching, and also to positively influence colleagues, Christopher stands out as a fine example for all of the NUS teaching community. Christopher is most deserving of the NUS Outstanding Educator Award.

My heartiest and sincere congratulations to Dr Christopher McMorran.