



CITATION FOR MR LIM CHUAN POH OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Mr Lim Chuan Poh's distinguished career has embraced outstanding contributions to peacekeeping and defence diplomacy; education; science and innovation. He is renowned as a longstanding advocate of collaboration, both domestically and internationally, and for the central role that he plays in leveraging science and technology for economic development and societal progress.

Following his illustrious 23-year career with the Singapore Armed Forces, Chuan Poh served as Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education (MOE) from July 2003 to March 2007. At MOE, he oversaw the transformation of the publicly funded universities into Autonomous Universities (AUs) to enable them to reach new peaks of excellence. He reviewed the university research framework that led to the creation of the Academic Research Council and Academic Research Funding Framework. A specific proposal arising from the review was the hosting of Research Centres of Excellence by the AUs to catalyse their evolution into research-intensive universities. He also oversaw the framework for the polytechnics to tie up with top foreign institutions to offer degree programmes in specialised areas. In addition, he guided the establishment of the Duke-NUS Medical School at Outram Campus.

Chuan Poh played a pivotal role in the launch of various initiatives between A*STAR and NUS including the schemes of A*STAR-Academia Pathways such as the Joint Appointment Scheme (Research and Academic Dual Career Track) and the Singapore International Graduate Award.

Under his leadership, A*STAR and NUS also established several research partnerships and joint research units such as the Clinical Imaging Research Centre;

the Singapore Institute for Neurotechnology; the Singapore Centre for Nutritional Sciences, Metabolic Disease and Human Development; the Translational Laboratory in Genetic Medicine; the Image and Pervasive Access Laboratory jointly with the National Centre for Scientific Research in France; the Ocean Basin facility; and five joint laboratories between NUS Faculty of Engineering and A*STAR's SIMTech. Chuan Poh was also an Adjunct Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy from 2013 to 2017.

Chuan Poh's invaluable leadership in the armed forces, education, and in science and technology, has advanced NUS, the nation and the international scientific community immensely.

We are, therefore, privileged this evening to be able to celebrate Mr Lim Chuan Poh's sterling service and achievements with the Outstanding Service Award, which he so richly deserves.