

CITATION FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HANS TAN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Assistant Professor Hans Tan is a talented professional designer who has developed an original approach based on the reinterpretation of the Asian traditional design using contemporary technique. His design process questions and challenges the nature of design, its value, meaning, relevance and potential. He actively contributes to the preservation of Asian culture and opens new opportunity to the craft.

His work won the Singapore President's Design Award: Design of the Year, in 2012 and 2015. Subsequently Hans received the President's Design Award: Designer of the Year, in 2018. He is also recognised internationally through invitation to exhibitions and some of his works have been acquired as permanent collections by prestigious international museums.

Hans' impactful teaching approach is directly related to his professional practice ethos. His teaching philosophy is guided by the belief that every individual is born with a unique measure of creativity which can be improved through training and practice. He places the highest priority on helping students improve their creative capacity through a learner centric and collaborative approach.

Please join me in congratulating Assistant Professor Hans Tan on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award this evening!