



CITATION FOR PROFESSOR BERNARD TAN CHENG YIAN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

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It is my great pleasure this evening to announce the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Service Award—Professor Bernard Tan Cheng Yian.

Professor Tan is a distinguished academic leader whose contributions have profoundly shaped the educational landscape of NUS, and Singapore.

As Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, he has steered the University's educational directions, policies and programmes, always demonstrating a deep commitment to the learning experience of our students.

His leadership has been instrumental in advancing major University-wide educational reforms, from interdisciplinary programmes and common

admissions to experiential learning, student financial aid, and, more recently, the integration of AI in education.

His collaborative approach has brought together our faculties and centres to strengthen educational systems and create new opportunities for generations of NUS students.

His influence extends beyond NUS. His leadership of initiatives by the Ministry of Education has brought together Singapore's autonomous universities to advance the thoughtful integration of AI and digital readiness in education.

Professor Tan's contributions are shaped by his earlier years with the NUS School of Computing. He served as Head of the Department of Information Systems and is deeply appreciated by colleagues and students alike. Internationally, he has made significant contributions to the Information Systems community, including serving as President and elected Fellow of the Association for Information Systems.

A renowned scholar, educator, mentor, and academic leader, Professor Tan exemplifies collegiality, institutional commitment and a lifelong dedication to the University.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Bernard Tan on receiving the Outstanding Service Award.