



**CITATION FOR  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN TAY EN RONG  
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

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I am honoured to announce the recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award, Associate Professor Stephen Tay En Rong.

Stephen is an exceptional educator who empowers students to become active learners, critical thinkers, and future leaders. Believing meaningful learning requires active participation, he developed CLEAR, which stands for Contextualised Learning via Enquiring, Answering, and Reflecting. With this approach, students design questions and answers around authentic scenarios for peer learning, transforming them into confident learners who think critically, collaborate effectively, and take ownership of their learning. Beyond NUS, the CLEAR approach has secured internal grants in universities at home and abroad.

Stephen's impact extends far beyond the classroom. He works to engage students in real-world projects, including collaborations with government agencies that demonstrate the benefits of green energy and sustainability.

As Acting Deputy Director for Continuing Education in the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, he has mentored fellow educators, shaped curricula, and strengthened professional development across the University. His efforts have enriched the learning experiences of countless students, inspired colleagues to innovate in teaching, and advanced the culture of educational excellence at NUS.

Please join me in congratulating Associate Professor Stephen Tay En Rong on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award.