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NTU LAUNCHES INAUGURAL NANYANG AWARDS

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has launched the inaugural Nanyang Awards in recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and contributions of faculty, staff and students. The awards honour members of the NTU community who exemplify the Nantah spirit, broadly defined as the pursuit and delivery of excellence even under the most adverse conditions. It is this spirit and energy that has inspired us to set new benchmarks in the areas of research, service, teamwork and humanity.

The winners of the four categories of awards are as follows:

Research and Innovation
Associate Professor Sun Changqing
School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Assoc Prof Sun Changqing has recently been conferred a fellowship (FInstP) by the prestigious Institute of Physics, UK. He was recognised for his decade’s dedication in originating and applying two comprehensive theories regarding chemical bond formation, bond relaxation and their consequences on performance of materials and surfaces. This contributes to the understanding of low-dimensional physics and chemistry. As the authority of the original theories, his work has been highly cited and acclaimed by peers.

Service
NTU Centre of Educational Development
Audio Visual Engineering Team

The team of six technical officers is recognised for their dedication, excellent service and support to the entire teaching community.

Teamwork
Team Fuzion

The group comprising 243 student performers from 16 sub-groups of the NTU Cultural Activities Club exemplified teamwork at its best when they galvanised into action to put up a
seamless medley of impressive performances for NTU’s 50th Anniversary celebrations. The short timeframe of two months spoke volumes of the exemplary co-operation required.

**Humanity**

(1) Adrian Yeo Piah Song  
*PhD student from the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Adrian Yeo’s invention of the hand-pumped membrane filter played an important part in easing the shortage of drinking water for many tsunami victims in Aceh, Indonesia. A testimony of his ingenuity and enterprising spirit, he personally delivered 6,000 to 8,000 litres of drinking water to Aceh and trained the locals to use the equipment.

(2) NIE Service Learning Club T-team (SLC)

The SLC T-team’s 6-month international service-learning project at the tsunami-affected southern Sri Lanka demonstrated humanitarian compassion and outstanding teamwork. The team raised funds and helped the victims rebuild their homes and schools. The impact of the team’s project rippled through schools in Singapore.

(Please see Annex for the detailed descriptions of the awards)

The awards are launched this year in conjunction with NTU’s 50th anniversary celebrations. The design of the Nanyang Award trophy is inspired by the outspread wings of an eagle in flight. The majesty, grace and power of the soaring eagle represent our desire to fulfil our mission in a borderless domain. The design conveys the winners’ sense of passion and resolve to overcome obstacles and achieve excellence.

The winners will receive their trophies and certificates from Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Education and Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU at the annual staff dinner on 25 November 2005.

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**About Nanyang Technological University**

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established tertiary institution with 12 Schools, including three new schools - the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

NTU has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 in the world. Our strength in science and engineering is acknowledged globally. We have a business school with an MBA programme that is among the top 100 in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism.

Our New Undergraduate Experience featuring a holistic education including residential living and international experience has received external endorsement for its comprehensive curriculum featuring a rich selection of minors.

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Nanyang Awards

Nanyang Award for Research & Innovation

To give the highest recognition to individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions in scientific knowledge through research breakthrough, and significant innovations on the world stage.

Nanyang Award for Service

To give the highest recognition to individuals and teams whose outstanding contributions exemplify the high standards of quality service expected by the University.

Nanyang Award for Teamwork

To give the highest recognition to teams whose outstanding teamwork in a major University project or event brought success and honour to the University.

Nanyang Award for Humanity

To give the highest recognition to individuals and teams who displayed outstanding personal qualities of compassion and sacrifice in serving the needs of the University community or beyond.