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NTU celebrates the outstanding achievements of faculty, staff and students

Nanyang Technological University will be presenting the Nanyang Awards this Friday, 27 October, to recognise and celebrate 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.

This year, a new category, the Excellence in Teaching Award, has been added to the original four. These five categories represent the efforts that NTU holds dear – excellence in teaching, research and innovation, service, teamwork and humanitarian efforts.

The winners are as follow:

Research and Innovation

Associate Professor Daniel Lau Shiu Ping and Associate Professor Yu Shiu Fung

Associate Professors Daniel Lau and Yu Shiu Fung have made significant advances in designing and fabricating several innovative zinc oxide (ZnO) based ultraviolet laser structures on silicon and plastic substrates. They were among the first in the world to achieve electrically pumped zinc oxide-based UV laser diode. Owing to the ground-breaking innovation, their work received high citation rates in international scientific journals and also received funding from agencies in Japan, United States and Korea.

Service

Associate Professor Vilma D’Rozario

Sub-Dean, Student Development & Liaison Foundation Programmes Office, NIE
Associate Professor Vilma D’Rozario’s numerous contributions to community development stretch beyond geographical boundaries. She has been actively involved in the NIE Service Learning Club since 2003, and has made immense efforts to empower student leaders to take on Youth Expedition Projects (YEP) overseas to work with communities in need of development and assistance.

Vilma also runs the Psychology Clinic with her colleagues at NIE, and is active as a volunteer outside NIE, serving three centres under the Student Care Services Board.

**Teamwork**

*China Strategy Group*

The China Strategy Group under the President’s Office plays strategic roles in shaping and coordinating the University’s China-related educational activities. The Group’s pioneer endeavour at coordinating the University’s first Convocation ceremony in China was a resounding success, in terms of generating publicity and projecting NTU as a strongly-grounded educational institution which maintains close ties with its alumni locally and overseas. The team’s cohesiveness and synergy were clearly exemplified in their ability to overcome difficulties to successfully execute the event.

**Humanity**

(1) *Chan Soon Keng and the Red Cross Humanitarian Network NTU Chapter*

Chan Soon Keng is the founder and adviser of NTU’s Red Cross Humanitarian Network NTU Chapter, and a Council Member of the Singapore Red Cross Society since 2000. She has dedicated herself to humanitarian work, and together with the members of the Red Cross Humanitarian Network NTU Chapter, she successfully initiated and conducted the NTU Blood Donation Drive thrice yearly on campus. In 2006, NTU was awarded the Gold certificate and trophy at the Blood Donor Award Ceremony.

Soon Keng also initiated and ran the *Operation Moving Hearts I, II and III* movements in three consecutive years in response to the 2004 tsunami disaster in the regional countries, the 2005 earthquake in India and Pakistan, and the 2006 earthquake in Central Java.

(2) *NTU Welfare Services Club*

The NTU Welfare Services Club has been committed to doing voluntary work to help the less fortunate in society. The Club has been conferred numerous awards, including the Singapore Youth Award (SYA) for Community and Youth Services in 1999; and the Singapore Youth Award, Medal of Commendation in 2006.

Other awards won by the NTU Welfare Services Club include the Commonwealth Youth Gold Award in 2004, in recognition of the Club’s annual project with hearing-impaired youths, “Campus Reach”. It was also the recipient of the Outstanding MCYS
Volunteer Award in 2006 for having contributed significantly to community development and voluntary service.

**Excellence in Teaching**
*(Please refer to Annex A for the list of 15 recipients of this award.)*

The prestigious Nanyang Awards were launched in 2005, in conjunction with NTU's 50th Anniversary celebrations, to recognise and honour outstanding contributions in diverse fields of endeavour.

The winners will receive their trophies and certificates from Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman of the NTU Board of Trustees and Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, at the Nanyang Awards and staff event held on 27 Oct 2006.

*(Please refer to Annex B for detailed descriptions of the awards.)*

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**About Nanyang Technological University**

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has 4 colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore's life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world's top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities and Arts boasts Singapore's first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, will be inaugurated in 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism.

NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore's only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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Categories of Awards

Nanyang Award for Excellence in Teaching
To give the highest recognition to individual faculty who have exhibited excellent teaching practice and enriched the learning experiences of their students through their enthusiasm, care and close rapport.

Nanyang Award for Research & Innovation
To give the highest recognition to individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions in scientific knowledge through research breakthroughs, and significant technological 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.