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NTU dons conferred Honorary Fellowships by regional engineering organisation

Two Nanyang Technological University (NTU) dons have been conferred the prestigious ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisation (AFEO) Honorary Fellowship Award.

Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU Acting Provost, and Associate Professor Foo Say Wei, faculty from NTU School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and former President of the Institution of Engineers Singapore, received their awards at the 24th AFEO Conference Opening Ceremony on 30 November 2006.

AFEO is a non-governmental body affiliated with the ASEAN Secretariat. It comprises the national engineering organisation of each of the 10 ASEAN countries as members. The AFEO Honorary Fellowship Award is given out annually to a limited number of distinguished individuals from the member countries in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the engineering profession.

Professor Er and Assoc Professor Foo were made Honorary Fellows in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the engineering profession in Singapore and the region.

Professor Er was Dean of NTU School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering from 1996 to 2005, and played a significant role in the development of the school into one of the largest engineering schools in the world. His research interests include satellite communications, array signal processing, computer vision and optimization techniques. One of his key achievements is putting the first Singapore-designed communications payload in space in 1999. Professor Er has published more than 250 technical papers...
in international journals and conference proceedings and holds five patents. Professor Er also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Singapore Polytechnic and Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies and the Board of Directors of Singapore Technologies Electronics Limited, NTUV Pte Ltd, DSO National Laboratories and Centre of Strategic Infocomm Technologies. He was the first Singaporean and the first academic in Asia to be conferred the prestigious title of Honorary Fellowship by the London-based Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) in 2005 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to engineering research, education and public service.

Assoc Professor Foo has served in various capacities in the Institution of Engineers Singapore and was its President from 2004-2006. He is also a board member of the Professional Engineers Board (Singapore) and a member of the Asean Academy of Engineering and Technology. He has also served in various capacities in the Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Singapore including as chairman of its Engineering Management Chapter. He is currently a member of the Digital Signal Processing Technical Committee of IEEE Circuits and Systems Society. His current research interests include speech and audio signal processing and technology management.

Says Professor Er, “It is a great honour for me to be conferred this prestigious AFEO Honorary Fellowship. I would like to share this award with my colleagues in NTU and Singapore. I look forward to continue working with my colleagues to further advance the field of engineering in Singapore and beyond.”

Says Er. Tan Seng Chuan, IES President: “I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the three recipients of the AFEO Honorary Fellowship Award. Indeed it is heartening to see our fellow engineers being recognized for their outstanding achievements and selfless service to the engineering profession and Singapore. We are proud of them and share in their joy on this special occasion.”

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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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