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S Chandra Das appointed Pro-Chancellor of NTU

The Chancellor of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), President S R Nathan, has appointed Mr S Chandra Das as the Pro-Chancellor of the university.

As Pro-Chancellor of NTU, Mr Das will preside at the annual university convocation ceremonies and other functions as may be delegated by the Chancellor.

Mr Chandra Das, 68, is currently the Managing Director of NUR Investment & Trading Pte. Ltd, Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Turkey and Life Trustee of SINDA.

He is Chairman of Southern Africa Investments Pte Ltd, subsidiary of Temasek Holdings. Concurrently, Mr Das serves as a Director in NM Rothschild & Sons (Singapore) Ltd and several other companies involved in trading and manufacturing as well as several Public Listed Companies – Nera Telecommunications Ltd, Yeo Hiap Seng Ltd and The Ascott Group Ltd.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr Das also held numerous high-profile positions. Mr Das was a Member of Parliament from 1980 to 1996 and served as Singapore’s Trade Representative to the Soviet Union from 1970 to 1971.

He was Chairman of Trade Development Board from 1983 to 1986 and several Public Companies including The Polyolefin Company (S) Pte Ltd (TPC), Jurong Shipyard Ltd and Jurong Engineering Ltd and Chairman of NTUC Fairprice Co-operative (1993-2005).

For his distinguished service to the community, Mr Das has received a number of awards and accolades over the years. These include Golden Cross of Merit of Poland in 1991, President's Medal – by Singapore Australian Business Council in 2000 and Distinguished Service (Star) Award – by National Trades Union Congress in 2005.

“It is a great honour for me to be appointed as Pro-Chancellor of NTU,” said Mr Das. “I would like to thank the Chancellor and all at NTU for giving me this privilege.”

Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, commented: “Mr Das is an iconic figure who has been serving the public and the business community with distinction throughout his illustrious career.”
He brings to NTU a wealth of experience and expertise which will benefit the University in many ways."

Dr Su also pointed out that having served as Chairman of S Rajaratnam School of International Studies Endowment Fund since the School was inaugurated in January 2007, Mr Das has been closely associated with NTU.

“We are delighted with his appointment and we look forward to the many significant contributions he will make to NTU,” Dr Su added.

Mr Das’ appointment takes effect from 21 November 2007 and he joins three other NTU Pro-Chancellors – Mr Wee Cho Yaw, Mr Hsuan Owyang, and Mr Herman R Hochstadt.
of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, 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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