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## 2003 SARS Hero Joins NTU Singapore As Dean Of Medicine

Named an Asian Hero by TIME Magazine in 2003, Joseph Sung's research interests range from the prevention and early diagnosis of gastric disorders and cancers to SARS and infectious diseases.



*AsianScientist* (Aug. 12, 2020) – Professor Joseph Sung, a Hong Kong-based gastroenterologist, will join Singapore's Nanyang Technological University (NTU) as the new dean of its medical school from April 1, 2021.

Sung will be concurrently appointed as senior vice president (health and life sciences) and given the tenured faculty rank of Distinguished University Professor, the highest faculty rank at the university. He will succeed the current dean, Professor James Best, who will be retiring after nearly seven years at the helm.

“I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKC Medicine) and to join the current senior leadership team to contribute to the university-wide development of activities that will improve healthcare in Singapore, the region and across the globe,” Sung said.

Named an Asian Hero by TIME Magazine for his role in Hong Kong’s response to the 2003 severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak, Sung was vice-chancellor and president of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) from 2010 to 2017, and currently serves as director of two CUHK research entities, the Institute of Digestive Disease and the Stanley Ho Big Data Decision Analytics Research Center.

The youngest of Singapore’s three medical schools, LKC Medicine was established in 2010 as a partnership between NTU and Imperial College London to help meet Singapore’s growing healthcare needs. It graduated its first batch of doctors in 2018.