2012 RECIPIENT SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA EMINENT ALUMNI AWARD

Dr TAN Chin Nam

Chair of the Media Development Authority International Advisory Panel

Dr TAN Chin Nam is one of Singapore’s most distinguished public servants. He served for 33 years in top leadership roles in the Singapore Public Service before retiring in 2007 as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts.

His previous appointments also include Chairman of Singapore Mint; National Computer Systems; EDB Ventures and Singapore Broadcasting Authority. Deputy Chairman Hitachi Electronic Devices(S); Director, Singapore Aerospace; Singapore Telecommunications; EDB Investments; Jurong Town Corporation; Sentosa Development Corporation; Singapore Computer Systems; Chartered Industries of Singapore; Telecommunication Authority of Singapore; Totalisator Board; The Esplanade Company; National Arts Council; Singapore Symphonia Co; Singapore Dance Theatre; International Advisory Board of Economic Development Board Rotterdam and Singapore Governor to the Asia – Europe Foundation.

Dr TAN is currently the Chair of the Media Development Authority International Advisory Panel. He holds directorships in a number of companies including Stamford Land Corporation Ltd; Yeo Hiap Seng Ltd; Raffles Education Corporation; Gallant Venture Ltd; PSA International Pte Ltd and Temasek Management Services Pte Ltd.

Dr TAN is a Senior Advisor of Salim Group, Litmus Group and Hexagon Development Advisors and a Trustee of Bankinter Board of Innovation (Spain). He is
also a Principal Member of Green Finance Corporation. Dr TAN continues to make a major contribution to the ongoing national development of Singapore and to international relations.

During his successful career Dr TAN received four Public Administration Medals from the Government of Singapore. These Public Administration Medals included a (bronze) in 1979 for his contribution to defence computerisation; a (silver) in 1982 and (gold) in 1987 for bringing together the inter-agency efforts to exploit IT for economic growth and a (gold) in 2002 for making Singapore’s libraries more accessible and user friendly through the use of technology and better customer service.

Dr TAN was also made an Honorary Fellow of the Singapore Computer Society in 1987 and in 1995 was named an Eisenhower Fellow.

Dr TAN completed a Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1973 and a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) degree in 1974 at the University of Newcastle. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Newcastle in 1998 for the great honour he has brought to the University, through his professional endeavours, and his continuing contributions and expertise to the development of the strong relationship between Singapore and Australia, and to broader advisory work in the international context.
Minister KHAW Boon Wan is a remarkable alumnus of the University of Newcastle, who has gained national and international distinction as an outstanding member of the Singaporean Government, in particular, for his achievements in the role of Minister for Health. Mr KHAW was elected as a Member of Parliament on 3 November 2001.

He began working in the Ministry of Health formulating health policies and was instrumental in the restructuring of public hospitals, and was appointed as Health Minister on 12 August 2004.

Minister KHAW was praised for his handling of the National Kidney Foundation Singapore scandal and restored public confidence in the charities sector. He also played a key role in successfully combating the SARS outbreak.

In 2005, in his role as the Minister for Health, he reformed ‘MediShield’ and saved money for many patients with large hospital bills. Prior to becoming the Minister for Health, Mr KHAW was the Prime Minister Goh Chok Thong’s Principle Private Secretary from 1992 until 1995. He was then appointed to the role of Permanent Secretary within the Ministry of Trade until late 2001.

Minister KHAW is a Colombo Plan Scholar from 1973, and graduated from the University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Engineering (1978), and Bachelor of Commerce (1978). The University awarded Minister KHAW an Honorary degree PhD Engineering in 2002 in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements in civic service to Singapore and its people.

Minister KHAW is a highly respected Patron of the University of Newcastle’s Alumni Chapter in Singapore.
2011 RECIPIENT SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr Bill CHUA

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Global Markets and Investment Management at United Overseas Banking Group

Mr Bill CHUA is an esteemed alumnus who has given much time and dedication to the University of Newcastle, and in particular, the support of the University's Alumni in Singapore and the development of its Alumni Chapter. His ongoing commitment through this Chapter, and to the Colombo Plan Scholars, has significantly enriched the alumni activity in Singapore and the University of Newcastle. Mr CHUA is a worthy nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Mr CHUA is currently the Executive Vice President (since 2002), and Chief Operating Officer for Global Markets and Investment Management at United Overseas Banking Group, which he joined in August 2000 as Senior Vice President and Head of Operations.

Mr CHUA was part of the original group of University of Newcastle Alumni who gathered returning graduates to form an alumni group of the University. In 2003, he was responsible for spearheading the formal registration of the University of Newcastle Alumni (Singapore) Chapter with the Registrar of Societies in Singapore and became the elected inaugural President – a leadership position he held until 2008.

During 2008 he participated in a leadership role for the University’s first Leadership Summit of Alumni Chapter Presidents - a forum which was hosted in Singapore. At the end of 2008, Mr CHUA resigned due to the increasing responsibilities at the
bank. His work entailed much travelling but he continued to play a mentor role with the incoming President of the Alumni.

Mr CHUA was invited in 2008 by the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University, Professor Nicholas Saunders, to become a Patron of the University's Chapter in Singapore. He continues to play leadership and mentoring role to the present time.
2011 RECIPIENT SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Associate Professor Dr Peter Waring

Deputy CEO at the University of Newcastle, Singapore

Associate Professor Dr Peter Waring is an alumnus under 40 years old, is an Australian working and living in Singapore. He has brought honour to the University of Newcastle by excelling in institutional management, and being recognised for his work in academia. Dr Waring is a father, husband, teacher, lawyer, senior lecturer and is a worthy candidate for the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

A few of his greatest accomplishments to date in his career; he was awarded his PhD when he was only 26 years old, and ten years later at age 36 he was promoted to the title of Associate Professor. Both of which are major achievements.

Dr Waring is the Deputy CEO at the University of Newcastle, Singapore, a senior management role of the University of Newcastle. In this role, working with the CEO, he has helped improve the business’ financial position and profitability. He also helped developed a new partnership with the Singapore Accountancy Academy.

Dr Waring is the co-author of three books including the best selling Employment Relations textbook in Australia published by McGraw-Hill. He has also published more than forty refereed book chapters and academic articles in leading international journals such as The Journal of Business Ethics, Corporate Governance: An International Review, Employee Relations, Corporate Governance and Personnel Review. Dr Waring has also been successful in winning over AUD $300,000 in competitive research grants including an Australian Research Council Discovery grant in 2003.