

# S Jayakumar, Victor Dzau among individuals recognised with top NUS honours

A famous jade carving of a Chinese cabbage at the Taiwan National Palace museum has been captivating visitors with its exquisite delicate details, said NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan in his speech at the NUS University Awards 2014. Few realise that it was initially considered flawed due to the original jade's variegated colour, cracks and opaque patches. However, through the mastery of the artist, the cracks in the jade were shaped into leafy edges, and the opaque patches appeared as frost on the white stalk.

The unknown craftsman showed a keen eye for the possible, with great imagination and boldness to break away from convention, said Prof Tan. In the same way, the recipients of the University Awards 2014 too have demonstrated such qualities with their imagination, creativity and unique ability to recognise potential to create remarkable and lasting value, he highlighted at the awards ceremony on 9 May.

This year, nine notable individuals were accorded the highest NUS honours for their excellent achievements in education, research and service to Singapore and the community.

The Outstanding Service Award went to two recipients who have made sustained and exceptional contributions towards the development of the University, Singapore and globally: Professor S Jayakumar, Chairman of the NUS Faculty of Law Advisory Council and the Centre for International Law (CIL) International Advisory Panel; and Professor Victor J Dzau, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore Governing Board Member.

Prof S Jayakumar, a pre-eminent academician, lawyer and statesman, is one of NUS' most prominent and influential alumni and faculty members. Graduating from the third cohort of the University's Faculty of Law, he joined the Law Faculty in 1964 and became Dean 10 years later.

He entered politics in 1980, taking on various positions over three decades as Singapore's Minister for Law, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs

and Labour, as well as Deputy Prime Minister, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security. He returned to the Faculty of Law in 2011 after retiring from politics.

Prof S Jayakumar has played a key role in promoting NUS and its Faculty of Law, particularly in the area of international law. Concurrently serving as Patron of CIL, he was instrumental in the establishment of CIL and its development into one of Asia's most influential international law centres. He was recently appointed by the Government as Co-Chair of the International Advisory Panel on Transboundary Pollution. (see page 11).

Prof Dzau, Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Duke University Health System, is a world-renowned expert and leader on academic health systems, national health policy, healthcare innovation and global health. He was the initial proponent behind the creation of the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore, and also played a pivotal role in fostering the academic medicine partnership between Duke-NUS and the Singapore Health Services.

Prof Dzau has served as an advisor to universities, corporations and foreign governments. A trailblazer in cardiovascular translational research, his seminal work has garnered numerous prestigious awards and accolades internationally. He will become the President of the US Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, effective 1 July 2014.

NUS also conferred the title of Emeritus Professor on four faculty members, acknowledging their distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the University. Three other outstanding faculty members too were recognised for their teaching and research achievements.

Prof Tan lauded the award recipients: "They were able to look beyond the obvious or even apparent flaws, and through imagination and the creative exercise of their talents, made pioneering discoveries in their research, discovered and developed the potential of our students, and made a real difference to society."



Prof Jayakumar (left) and Prof Dzau were recipients of NUS' highest honours for their outstanding service to the University and society

## Outstanding Service Award

Honours individuals who have distinguished themselves by their sustained contributions in serving the University and society

- **Professor S Jayakumar**  
NUS Faculty of Law Advisory Council
- **Professor Victor J Dzau**  
Governing Board, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore

## Outstanding Educator Award

Acknowledges faculty members who have excelled in engaging and inspiring students in their quest for knowledge

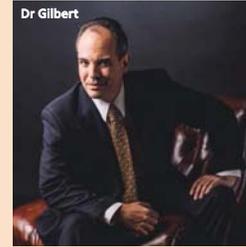
- **Dr Susan Ang Wan-Ling**  
Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



## Young Researcher Award

Commends researchers whose works show promise in extending the frontiers of knowledge in their respective fields

- **Dr Seth Gilbert**  
Department of Computer Science, School of Computing



## Outstanding Researcher Award

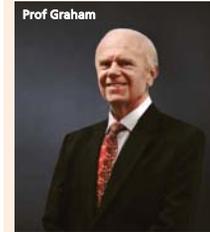
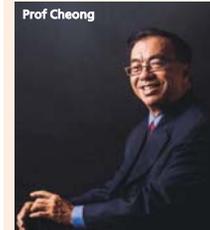
Recognises researchers whose works have impacted and advanced the frontiers of knowledge, and positioned NUS at the forefront of their areas of expertise

- **Professor Lim Chwee Teck**  
Department of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering



## Emeritus Professor

Conferred in recognition of distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the University

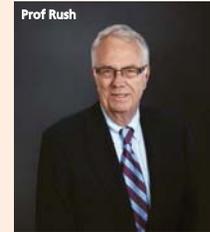


- **Professor Cheong Hin Fatt**  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Well-known for illuminating research on applying probabilistic analyses to hydraulic phenomena in the area of stochastic hydraulics

- **Professor Doyle G Graham**  
Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore

Directed an active research laboratory that made contributions to understanding Parkinson's disease



- **Professor P Gopalakrishnakone**  
Department of Anatomy, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

Internationally recognised as a leading expert in the characterisation of animal toxins, promising new leads for treating diseases such as arthritis, cancer and neurodegeneration

- **Professor Augustus John Rush**  
Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore

An internationally renowned clinician-scientist accomplished in the development and testing of innovative treatments for mood disorders