

# **Dutch Prime Minister inaugurates Centre for Aquatic Science Research**

THE ROAD leading to the Centre for Aquatic Science Research (CASR) near Sungei Ulu Pandan is now named Albert Winsemius Lane in honour of the late Dutch economist's contributions to Singapore. Dr Winsemius had for 25 years, worked for the Singapore's Government without pay, helping to draw up 10-year development plans that transformed the island into today's high-technology, high value-added industrial hub.

The late economist typified Singapore's many links with Netherlands. On 23 October 2009, Dr Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of Netherlands, guest of honour at the inauguration ceremony of the Centre, officially named the road after Dr Winsemius.

The Centre is a tie up with Singapore Delft Water Alliance hosted at NUS Faculty of Engineering, Public Utilities Board and Dutch company Delft Hydraulics. The Centre, a result of the synergy of Singaporean and Dutch know-how in water management, is expected to be completed by mid 2010. Distinguished guests at the ceremony included RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Acting Minister, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Said Dr Balkenende who was on an official visit from 22 to 24 October 2009: "This alliance embodies the spirit of collaboration between our two nations, two countries both left uncertain by water issues."



*Dutch Prime Minister Dr Balkenende (left) and NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Chairman, NUS Board of Trustees, Mr Wong Ngit Liong (right) launching CASR. Looking on (extreme left) is Assoc Prof Vladan Babovic, Director, Singapore-Delft Water Alliance.*



*RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Acting Minister, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts, touring the research exhibits with Engineering Dean, Prof Chan Eng Soon at the inauguration ceremony of CASR.*