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## Recognising the achievements and contributions of NUS Engineering alumni



NUS Engineering Dean Prof Chua Kee Chaing delivering the welcome address at the NUS Engineering Alumni Gala Dinner 2016 held on 2 September 2016.

THE NUS Engineering Alumni Gala Dinner 2016, held at the Kent Ridge Guild House, is an annual occasion for renewing ties and strengthening the NUS Engineering bond, as well as celebrating the achievements of the Faculty, as a family.

Through the years, the alumni strength has grown. Today, there are more than 51,000 NUS Engineering alumni. Many have done well in their careers, and in their contributions to the nation and society. Our recipients of the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award (DEAA) and the Engineering Alumni Service Honours (EASH) are notable examples.

As with tradition, the key honours – DEAA and EASH - are presented to alumni recognised for their accomplishments in various aspects of Engineering, and for their significant contributions and support to the University and society.

The 2016 DEAA recipient, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, graduated from the National University of Singapore with First

Class Honours in Electrical Engineering in 1988, and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1994. He began his career with Singapore Telecommunications Limited in 1988, and subsequently became the Chief Executive Officer of SingTel Global Offices.

Minister Masagos believes in doing things with a heart, taking a keen interest in the welfare of Singaporeans. He joined the Public Service in 2006, where he could focus on his interest and passion. Minister Masagos is actively involved in Muslim community affairs, as well as in grassroots activities, where he tirelessly engages residents in Tampines as advisor to Tampines Grassroots Organisations. He also played a key role in the formation of Mercy Relief, which has since evolved into one of the organisations at the forefront of relief for disasters in the region.

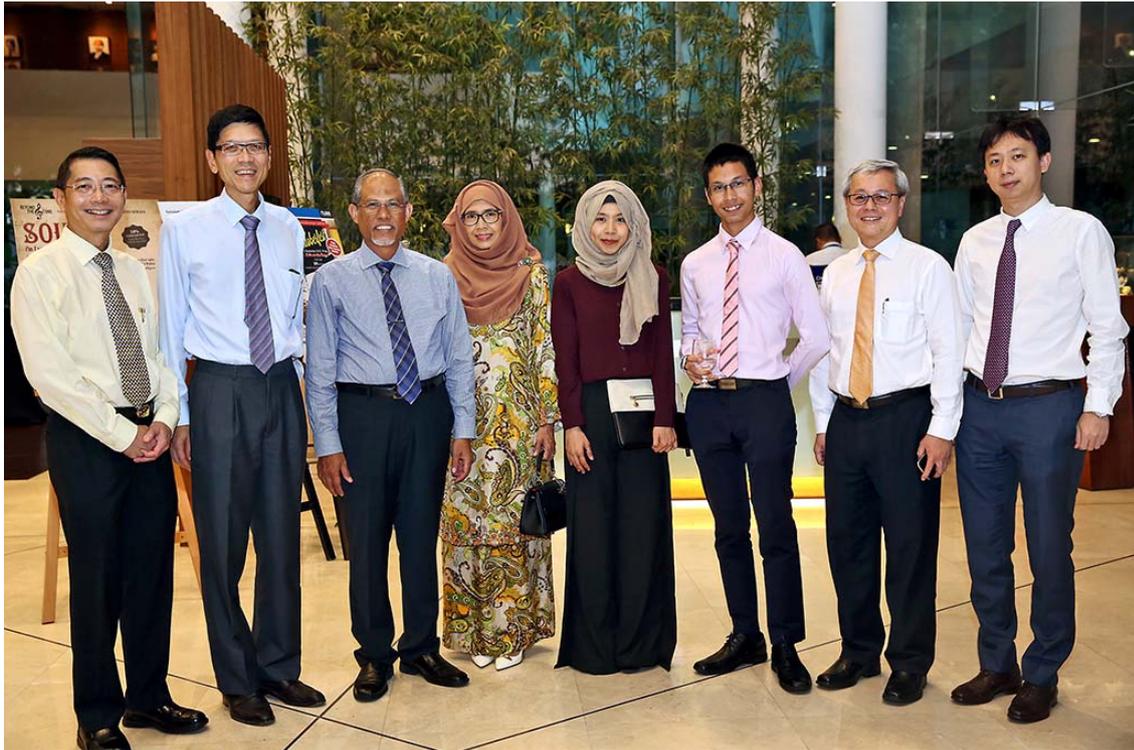
Mr Leong Yue Wing, who hails from the Mechanical Engineering Class of 1976, is this year's EASH recipient. Mr Leong has held top senior management positions in Philips Consumer Electronics and TCL Multimedia Technology Holdings Ltd, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He was instrumental in their global business development and management. Today, Mr Leong is an independent company director in the TCL Group, and spends time mentoring young chief executives of midsize enterprises and mid-career managers on how to globalise their businesses.

Mr Leong also serves and engages the NUS alumni community with untiring passion. He led a group of alumni from Engineering Class of 1976 to collectively establish a Faculty-level endowed bursary fund, known as the 'Engineering Class of 1976 Bursary Fund', to provide financial assistance to needy full-time undergraduates. Today, the bursary fund stands at more than S\$900,000, and has benefited 24 NUS Engineering students. Mr Leong and his class alumni committee also initiated the popular "Class of 1976" weekly walking sessions, and are currently organising their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion to be held next month.

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NUS Engineering alumni bonding with one another over pre-dinner cocktails.



The 2016 DEAA recipient, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (third from left), with his family, as well as NUS Senior Management – Prof Victor Shim, Vice Dean (External Relations & Outreach) (first from left); NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan (second from left); NUS Engineering Dean Prof Chua Kee Chaing (second from right) - and Mr Victor Nian, President of the Engineering Alumni Singapore (EAS).



Minister Masagos and wife enjoying a light hearted discussion with NUS Engineering Dean Prof Chua Kee Chaing (on right) and Prof Victor Shim, Vice Dean (External Relations & Outreach) (on left).



Mr Leong Yue Wing, 2016 EASH recipient (second from right), and Class of 1976 alumni with Prof Chua Kee Chaing, NUS Engineering Dean (second from left), and Prof Victor Shim, Vice Dean (External Relations & Outreach) (first from right).



Minister Masagos (on left) and NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan enjoying themselves at the Alumni Gala Dinner.



Mr Leong Yue Wing (right) receiving the Engineering Alumni Service Honours (EASH) from Prof Chua Kee Chaing, NUS Engineering Dean.

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