

Tan Chorh Chuan

2008 - 2017

Professor Tan Chorh Chuan was appointed President of the National University of Singapore in December 2008. He previously held the positions of NUS Provost, then Senior Deputy President from 2004 to 2008.

Prof Tan played a key role in setting up the Duke-NUS Medical School, in his capacity as Deputy Chairman of the Governing Board from 2005 to 2008. As the inaugural Chief Executive of the National University Health System in 2008, he brought the NUS Medical and Dental Schools and the National University Hospital under single governance.

Prof Tan is a key leader in Singapore's Biomedical Sciences Initiative since its inception in 2000. He had played an instrumental role in leading the public health response to the 2003 SARS epidemic in his capacity as the Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health. He is also the first Singaporean to be elected as an international member of the US National Academy of Medicine.



Education

- MBBS (National University of Singapore)
- Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford

Career

- 1997 - 2000 Dean, NUS Faculty of Medicine
- 2000 - 2004 Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health
- 2004 - 2008 Provost and Senior Deputy President, National University of Singapore
- 2008 - 2017 President, National University of Singapore

Offices/Memberships held

- Chairman, National University Health System
- Chairman, CPF Advisory Panel to study possible enhancements to the CPF System
- Deputy Chairman, Agency for Science, Technology and Research
- Director, National University Health Services Group Pte Ltd
- Member, Board of Directors, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Member, Board of Directors, Mandai Park Holdings Pte Ltd
- CREATE Governing Council, Executive Committee
- Member, Steering Committee of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities
- Member, US National Academy of Medicine
- Member of the World Economic Forum's Global University Leaders Forum (GULF) since 2008
- Chair of GULF from 2014 to 2016
- Chairperson of the International Alliance of Research Universities from 2008 – 2012

Honours

- 1989-1990 Commonwealth Medical Fellowship, Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK
- 1990 Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 1991 Wellcome Fellow, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 1995 Elected Fellow, Royal Geographical Society, United Kingdom
- 1996 Fellow, Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)
- 1996 Fellow, Academy of Medicine, Singapore
- 1996 Singapore Youth Award
- 1998 Fellow, Royal College of Physicians (London)
- 1999 Fellow, American College of Physicians
- 1999 Elected Fellow, Polish Academy of Medicine
- 1999 Albert Schweitzer Gold Medal from the Polish Academy of Medicine
- 2003 Achievement Medal from the Singapore Society of Nephrology
- 2003 Public Service Star
- 2004 Public Administration Gold Medal
- 2008 National Science and Technology Medal
- 2009 Honorary Doctor of Science from Loughborough University
- 2011 Honorary Doctor of Science from Duke University
- 2012 Dr John Yu Medal from the George Institute for Global Health, Australia
- 2012 Honorary Doctor of Medicine from King's College
- 2014 Winner of the Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attayah
- 2015 Meritorious Service Medal
- 2016 Fellow, Singapore National Academy of Science
- 2016 Asia-Pacific Leadership Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education

Key Speeches

- [Commencement Speech 2017](#)
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- [University Awards 2017](#)
April 2017
- [Empowering for the Age of Empowerment](#)
State of the University Address 2016 | November 2016
- [Another 110 \(%\)](#)
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