

# Former Singapore DPM S Jayakumar and international health leader Victor Dzau among individuals awarded top NUS honours

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Recipients of the NUS University Awards 2014

NUS honoured nine exceptional educators, researchers and leading professionals at its University Awards 2014 held on 9 May. The annual Awards recognise individuals who have contributed to the University's mission through their notable achievements in education, research and service to Singapore and the community.

Professor S Jayakumar, Chairman of the NUS Faculty of Law Advisory Council and the Centre for International Law (CIL) Advisory Panel; and Professor Victor J Dzau, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore (Duke-NUS) Governing Board Member, were presented the Outstanding Service Award for their sustained meritorious service to the University as well as national and global communities.

Prof Jayakumar, a distinguished academician, lawyer and statesman, is one of NUS' most prominent and influential alumni and faculty members. A graduate of the third NUS Law cohort (LL.B. '63), he joined the Faculty of Law in 1964 and became its Dean 10 years later.

In 1980, he entered politics and over three decades took on various portfolios, including Singapore's Minister for Law, Home Affairs and Labour; and subsequently Deputy Prime Minister, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Prof Jayakumar rejoined NUS Faculty of Law in 2011 and is currently also the Patron of CIL at NUS. The Singapore Government recently appointed him Co-Chair of the International Advisory Panel on Transboundary Pollution. Having played an instrumental role in promoting NUS and its

Faculty of Law, especially in the area of international law, he was also a key driver in the setting up of CIL and its development into one of the region's most influential international law centres.

Prof S Jayakumar said of the honour bestowed on him: "To get an award from one's alma mater is something very special."

Prof Dzau from Duke-NUS is concurrently Duke University's Chancellor for Health Affairs and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Duke University Health System. In addition to these roles, he will become President of the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academies from 1 July this year.

Prof Dzau was the initial proponent and force behind the establishment of Duke-NUS, and was the signatory in the historic agreement between Duke University and NUS. He played a crucial role in shaping the academic medicine partnership between Duke-NUS and the Singapore Health Services.

He is an international expert and leader on academic health systems, national health policy, healthcare innovation and global health, and has served as an advisor to universities, corporations and foreign governments. As a researcher, Prof Dzau specialises in cardiovascular translational research and has won numerous awards and accolades for his work over the years.

He said: "I'm deeply honoured to be recognised with this award as I consider the successful collaboration between Duke and NUS that created the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School one of the most significant achievements in my time at Duke."



Prof Jayakumar (left) and Prof Dzau received the highest honours for their outstanding service to NUS, Singapore and the international community

Four faculty members were also conferred the title of Emeritus Professor, in recognition of their distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the University. They were Professor Cheong Hin Fatt from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering; Professor P Gopalakrishnakone from the Department of Anatomy at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine; as well as Professor Doyle G Graham and Professor Augustus John Rush from Duke-NUS.

NUS also presented awards to three other outstanding faculty members: Dr Susan Ang Wan-Ling from the Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, who received the Outstanding Educator Award; Professor Lim Chwee Teck from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering, who received the Outstanding Researcher Award; and Dr Seth Gilbert from the Department of Computer Science at the School of Computing, who received the Young Researcher Award.

Congratulating the award recipients, NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan said: "They stand out as role models of excellence who have made outstanding contributions and served the University and society with passion, energy and creativity in their respective fields of expertise. Collectively, their achievements will inspire us to scale new heights as NUS strives to be an even more distinguished academic institution."

[Seven new Fellows](#) were also inducted into the NUS Teaching Academy this year at the Awards ceremony. The Academy seeks to enhance the teaching environment and promote excellence in teaching and learning at the University, as well as foster a balanced culture of educational and research excellence.

To view the webcast and details of the NUS University Awards 2014, please click [here](#).