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## DR TONY TAN FIRST RECIPIENT OF DISTINGUISHED AUSTRALIAN ALUMNUS AWARD

AAS Patron, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, became the first recipient of the Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award. The Award was given by Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS).



Dr Tony Tan, Chairman of Singapore Press Holdings Ltd, received the award at the AAS 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner at the Sheraton Towers Singapore on 6 November 2010. Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence, who was the Guest-of-Honour, presented the award to Dr Tan.

The hotel's Grand Ballroom was packed to full capacity as 420 alumni members and guests mingled and cherished the evening's programme.

In reading out the citation, HE Mr Doug Chester, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, said:

**"This very special award recognises the accomplishments of the Australian Alumnus in Singapore who has achieved a distinguished career, who has contributed significantly to society both locally and internationally, and who has also contributed to the Australian alumni community."**





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Mr Chester, who is the other AAS Patron, continued: “Dr Tan had his early education at St Patrick’s School and St Joseph’s Institution before pursuing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Singapore, a Master of Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States, and a PhD at The University of Adelaide in Australia. Dr Tan has accomplished a distinguished career holding various important positions in both the public and the private sectors. Dr Tan’s commitments to society and alumni, in conjunction with his distinguished professional achievements, confirm that he is indeed a worthy recipient of the Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award”.

Before stepping down from the Cabinet, Dr Tan had served as Minister for Education, Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister for Finance, and Deputy Prime Minister.

**In his speech, Dr Ng said Dr Tan’s achievements “are too numerous to cite... if I confine myself to just an educational perspective, he was schooled and graduated in the Singapore education system, after which he obtained his Masters degree in the United States and then his PhD in Australia. His own exposure to different systems from around the world must have helped lay the foundations for a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. In fact he has been instrumental in putting in place many of the sound educational policies we have in our schools today.”**



For excerpts of the Award Presentation, please click on these links:

[www.razor.tv/site/servelet/segment/main/90/5](http://www.razor.tv/site/servelet/segment/main/90/5) search alumni award

<http://www.youtube.com/pasirrisstreet51#p/u/NLW096Ujfk>

News of Dr Tony Tan’s Award was warmly received by all AAS members, particularly the Adelaide University Alumni Association Singapore and The University of Adelaide Australia which jointly published a Congratulatory Message in the Singapore Sunday Times on 7 November 2010. HE Robert Hill, Chancellor of The University of Adelaide, flew in to celebrate the happy occasion with us.

**Report by Peggy Tan**



AAS President Loh Hoon Sun with Dr Ng, Dr Tony Tan and HE Doug Chester



Address by Dr Tony Tan, first recipient of Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award



## AAS 55<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA DINNER ON 6 NOVEMBER 2010

The 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS) was celebrated in style with a Gala Dinner at the Sheraton Towers Singapore on 6 November 2010. The hotel's Grand Ballroom was packed to its maximum capacity of 420 guests.

Our Guest-of-Honour was Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs (Dr) Ivy Ng. Guests at the main VIP Table hosted by President Loh Hoon Sun and his wife, Brenda, include our AAS Patrons, HE Mr Doug Chester, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, and Dr Tony Tan, Chairman of Singapore Press Holdings Limited, and his wife, Mrs Mary Tan, YB Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem, Special Adviser to Chief Minister of Sarawak, HE Robert Hill, Chancellor of Adelaide University, and Mr George Huang, President of the Singapore Manufacturers' Federation (SMa).

On top of the usual alumni reunion and networking expected at such gatherings, guests also witnessed the following events:

- 1 Presentation of the Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award to Dr Tony Tan by Guest-of-Honour, Minister Ng Eng Hen.

Please see pages 1 & 2 and <http://www.aas.org.sg/dr-tony-tan-first-recipient-of-distinguished-australian-alumnus-award>)

- 2 Signing of the Collaboration Agreement between AAS and SMa  
[http://www.sma.edu.sg/MOU\\_AAS.asp](http://www.sma.edu.sg/MOU_AAS.asp)



Mr George Wong (seated centre left) & Mr Loh Hoon Sun (centre right) signing the Agreement as Dr Ng & AAS Patrons look on

With this collaboration, AAS in addition to having a more permanent secretariat and office, can expect an exponential rise in membership numbers as graduates of SMa Institute graduates come on board. AAS can look forward to more exciting collaborative activities and networking sessions with SMa especially in the area of educational and business networking.



### 3 Launch of new AAS Social Media Website and Commemorative Book by Minister Ng Eng Hen



The Australian Alumni Singapore's website has been officially changed to: [Http://www.aas.org.sg](http://www.aas.org.sg)

### 4 Cutting of the Anniversary Cake



President and members of the AAS Management Committee and Anniversary Celebration Committee joined Minister and AAS Patrons for the Cake Cutting Ceremony.

### 5 Photography Exhibition and Charity Sale in aid of The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund (TSTSPMF).

A total of \$12,800 was raised for The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund. The Photography Exhibition and Charity Sale was organised by Mr Simon Ho, Immediate Past President of AAS.



The cheque was presented by Mr Loh Hoon Sun to TSTSPMF representative, Ms Shahrena Hassan, at a separate event, the AAS Appreciation High-Tea @ Hilton held on 4 December 2010.





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## More Photos of the Gala Dinner



Supporters from the Adelaide University Alumni Association



Supporters from Sarawak Australian Graduates Alumni and Malaysia Australia Federation with VVIPs



Supporters from Alumni International Singapore



The Welcoming party with VVIPs



Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Australian Alumni Singapore!

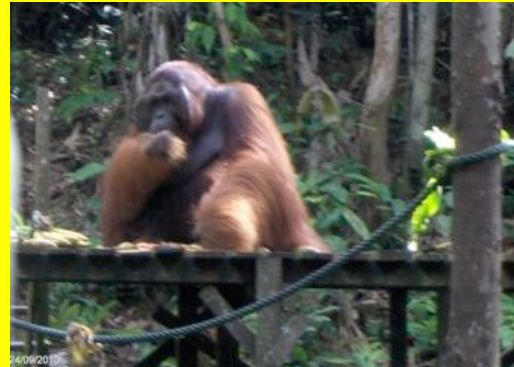




## Trip to Kuching

The AAS Business Committee chaired by Mr Michael Yap organised a very successful business and networking trip to Kuching, Sarawak, from 24 to 26 September 2010. The 12-member delegation led by President Loh Hoon Sun, had a packed and interesting programme in those 2 short days, thanks to our gracious and generous host, Datuk Dr Philip Ting, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Malaysia-Australia Foundation (MAF), Vice-Patron of the Sarawak-Australian Graduates' Association (SAGA) and Vice-President of the Sarawak Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

On arrival at noon on Friday, we were received at the airport, checked into the hotel and treated to lunch by Dr Ting. After lunch, those of us who were interested were brought to the Semenggok Orang-utan Sanctuary where we came up close with the orang-utan in their natural habitat. The other members went shopping.



No prize for guessing – which is the real orang-utan

In the evening, Dr Ting hosted a sumptuous seafood dinner where he arranged for us to meet the President of SAGA, Mr Louis Ng and members, as well as members of the Malaysia Australian Alumni Council (MAAC). The MAAC delegation led by Puan Sri Dr Susan Cheah had arrived from KL to attend a Sunway College event and the Swinburne Sarawak 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Kuching. Dr Ting's family members also joined us at this reunion gathering where we re-connected with good friends from SAGA and also met some of Dr Ting's business associates. After dinner, we adjourned to the home of Mr Dennis Lee, a prominent businessman in Kuching, for fellowship and drinks.



Pro VC Prof Helmut Lueckenhausen (tallest) and faculty staff of Swinburne Sarawak with some invited guests





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The next morning, we attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Swinburne Sarawak at its 16.5 acre campus. The Guest-of-Honour was Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr Alfred Jabu, Deputy Chief Minister, who represented the Chief Minister of Sarawak as he was unable to be present. At the lunch, Mr Loh Hoon Sun presented a crystal paperweight as a Congratulatory Gift from AAS to Pro Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Professor Helmut Lueckenhausen. Our party adjourned to the Sarawak Club where there was further networking with other members of SAGA and staff of Swinburne and Sunway College over coffee and drinks.



Mr Loh presenting Token of Appreciation from AAS to Datuk Dr Philip Ting



With Mr Abdul Ghani, Export Development Manager of State Govt of Victoria in KL

The evening meal was held at Lot 101 where we were introduced to authentic local Kuching delights. With light breezes blowing, the setting was perfect for the outdoor feast. We sampled all the different types of noodles from “kolo mee” to “Sarawak laksa”, different varieties of “pangang fish”, BBQ chicken, satay, rojak and ended with “buboh cha-cha” and “yuan” dessert. We had been eating non-stop since our arrival. We wrapped up the evening with karaoke at a social club. All too soon, we had to take our leave as we had an early flight to catch the next morning.



Fellowship at the Sarawak Club



Food, glorious food..... Busy tucking-in

To Datuk Dr Philip Ting and SAGA friends, many thanks for your warm hospitality and the memorable experience, albeit short. Let's hear it from our participants.

“ A quick note to you to say what a great weekend I had, both professionally & socially. I enjoyed both your company & fellowship”

Dr Angelo Venardos, Member, AAS Management Committee

“Michael, thanks very much for all the coordination efforts (emails, calls, background work etc) in getting this trip successfully organised. Hoon Sun & team, congratulations once again on another successful event organised by the AAS. I can say (as of today) that AAS is the most active Alumni Association in Singapore (that does not have a full time secretariat staff). Keep it up!”

Mohan Balagopal, President/AIS, Associate Member/AAS

By Peggy Tan, Vice-President, AAS



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## AAS PARTICIPATION IN THE MALAYSIA-INTERNATIONAL CHINESE BUSINESS FORUM 1– 3 December 2010, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Mr Loh Hoon Sun (President of AAS) led a group of 5 AAS members (Michael Yap, Tang Shiu Ying, Elaine Wong and Liaw Wee Tong), to join the 25-member delegation of the Singapore Manufacturers' Federation (SMA), to attend the Malaysia-International Business Forum (MIBF) on 1-3 December 2010 in Kuala Lumpur. As a "Collaborative Partner" of SMA, AAS was invited as part of their contingent, led by SMA President, Mr George Huang.

This MIBF event was organised by the Association of Malaysian Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCCI), supported by the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA) and other government agencies. The 3-day event provided opportunities for overseas participants to network with its counterparts in Malaysia and attracted more than 400 business delegates from China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Singapore. The Malaysian Minister of Trade and Industry was the Guest-of-Honour at the official opening of the Forum and other Ministers, Senior Government Officials and many prominent Malaysian businessmen were also present.

AAS members had the opportunity to make many business contacts from Malaysia and overseas.

By Michael Yap, Chair, Business Committee

From left: Wee Tong, Shiu Ying, Hoon Sun (AAS President), Y.B. Dato' Sri Mustapa bin Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia, George Huang (SMA President), Elaine and Michael



Mr Aaron Thong (5<sup>th</sup> from left) next to AAS President, Mr Loh Hoon Sun and Ms Ng Jia Ying (5<sup>th</sup> from right) with AAS Members

## Citigold Experience: Wine Tasting Event with Profifers Citigold

AAS members and friends were treated to an exclusive Citigold Experience: Wine tasting event with Profifers on 31 August 2010 at the MacDonal House Citi Gold Centre, Orchard Road Branch. Members had a relaxing evening, catching up with one another while sipping four varieties of wine in between savouring healthy salads and sandwiches.

Citibank's Relationship Manager, Ms Ng Jia Ying, gave a brief introduction on the types of products that Citigold currently offers prior to Mr Aaron Thong's presentation. A Senior Wine Broker from Profifers, Aaron shared tips from how to select a bottle of wine to the pouring, evaluating and storing of wine. He also touched briefly on wine investment. Besides the opportunity for networking, participants walked away with some insights on the various options that may enhance their current financial portfolio. Two happy participants won a bottle of wine each in the lucky draw.

AAS would like to thank Citibank and Profifers Wine for co-hosting the event with AAS.





## Review of AAS Activities in 2010

For the whole of 2010, AAS had organised close to 20 events and published 3 issues of e-Newsletter and a commemorative book, making this the most active and busiest year in its 55 years of history. This was only possible because of Mr Loh Hoon Sun's strong leadership as AAS President and the dedication of his hardworking team of volunteer Management Committee members whose names are reflected on the front page. Collectively, they have successfully organised the following activities:

- **Dialogue with Women MPS**  
2 February 2010
- **AAS 55<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
24 March 2010
- **AAS-PMC Seminar**  
24 May 2010
- **Property Talk by Courtesy of Far East Organisation**  
17 June 2010
- **An Evening In The Bar With Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS)**  
25 June 2010
- **A Day at Outward Bound Singapore**  
17 July 2010
- **Talk on Investment by Mr Arun Abey**  
28 July 2010
- **Citigold Experience: Wine Tasting Event with Profifers**  
31 August 2010
- **Trip to Kuching**  
24-26 September 2010
- **AAS 55 Anniversary Gala Dinner**
  - Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award
  - Signing of Collaboration Agreement between AAS and SMA
  - Photography Exhibition and Charity Sale
  - Launch of new AAS Interactive Website6 November 2010
- **AAS Participation in the Malaysia-International Chinese Business Forum**  
1 December 2010
- **Cheque Presentation to The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund cum High Tea**  
4 December 2010
- **Seminar on Medical Care without Borders**  
14 December 2010

Two thousand and ten (2010) was a memorable year as Dr Tony Tan became our first-ever local Patron. A double first was created when Dr Tony Tan received the first-ever Distinguished Australian Alumnus Award given by AAS, at the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner on 6 November 2010. Another significant milestone was the signing of the Collaboration Agreement between AAS and the Singapore Manufacturers' Association (SMa). With this collaboration, AAS not only has a permanent premise to operate from but can look forward to greater membership growth and more business networking opportunities and activities for its members.

AAS would not have accomplished all these without you, our loyal members, supporters and friends. We thank you sincerely and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.



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## Seminar on Medical Care without Borders

Thanks to fellow alumnus Dr Kevin Chan, AAS members and friends had the privilege of hearing and learning from an illustrious team of very busy medical and surgical specialists at the Novena Medical Centre Boardroom on 14 December 2010. Dr Chan, who runs the *Flinders World Wide Emergency Medical Assistance and FEMA Clinic & Surgery*, was also one of the speakers.



Dr Chan spoke on Emergency Medical Assistance in the local, regional and international settings, and Air Ambulance Patient Transfers (Emergency Medical Evacuations) using ICU Air Ambulance, Commercial Air Ambulance, Heli ambulance, Sea Ambulance and Patient Repatriation. The other speakers were Dr See Ju Yaw, who cited acute appendicectomy as an example of a Surgical Emergency, Dr Raymond Lee, who spoke on Cardiac Emergencies, Dr Tommy Tan on Psychiatric Emergencies, Dr Asha Karunakaran on Dental Emergencies, Dr K O Chan on ENT Emergencies and Dr Khoo Boo Peng on Dermatological Emergencies.

One of the event sponsors, Mr Marc-Alexis Remond from Polycom Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, demonstrated the use of remote monitoring equipment RISC and WWEMA for Local and Regional patients. Participants not only had a better understanding of the World Wide Emergency Medical Assistance (WWEMA) Programme but also a snapshot of Remote Integrative Specialist Consultations (RISC) in Medical Care without Borders.

Participants had the opportunity to tour the Novena Surgery and an Emergency Ambulance to complete their knowledge of an emergency outfit. And, of course, they had delicious buffet dinner and wine tasting from Cornerstones Wine to end a very interesting, informative and educational evening.

By Peggy Tan

**AAS President & Management Committee Members  
wish all readers a Merry Christmas and Happy 2011**



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