

# Celebrating our Faculty's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Faculty of Science turned 85 in 2014 and in celebration of this special occasion, a series of events and activities was held throughout the year. The celebrations culminated with the 85th anniversary celebration gala dinner on 8 November 2014. The dinner was graced by President Tony Tan Keng Yam, NUS Board of Trustees Chairman Mr Wong Ngit Liong, NUS Deputy President and Provost Professor Tan Eng Chye, current and past Deans of Science, together with about 300 distinguished guests, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

One of the highlights of the evening was a spectacular performance by our very own Professor Koh Khee Meng, who belted out two tunes on stage, accompanied in duet with his wife.

It was a wonderful occasion and a night of reminiscence for our staff, alumni and ex-colleagues, with the dinner leaving yet another fond memory for many of us.



*A/P Leung Ka Hin, Prof Ling San, Dr Cheng Kai Nah  
and Prof Lee Seng Luan*



*Staff and alumni*



*Prof Koh in duet with his wife*

Another highlight of the dinner was the presentation ceremony for this year's recipients for the Faculty's Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Alumni awards. The department congratulates our alumni for receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award 2014.



**Dr Hang Kim Hoo**

*BSc (Hons) 1983, MSc 1999, PhD 2007*

*Principal  
NUS High School of Mathematics and  
Science*



**Dr Koh Khee Meng**

*BSc 1968*

*Former Professor  
Department of Mathematics, NUS*



**Prof John K.-H. Quah**

*BSc (Hons) 1986*

*Professor, Economic Theory  
Oxford University*

# Welcome Aboard!



**Dr Zhang Lei** joined the department as Assistant Professor on 21 July 2014.

Dr Zhang completed his Ph.D in Mathematics at the University of Minnesota in 2011 under the supervision of Prof. Dihua Jiang. Prior to joining us, Dr. Zhang was a postdoc at Boston College working with Prof. Solomon Friedberg. His research interests include Number Theory and Representation Theory. In particular, he is working on Automorphic representations, Representations theory of reductive groups, and Multivariable Dirichlet Series.



**Prof Dinh Tien Cuong** joined the department as Professor on 11 August 2014.

Prof Dinh received his PhD degree in mathematics from the University of Paris 6 in 1997. He was an Associate Professor at the University of Paris 11 (1998-2005) and became a Professor at the University of Paris 6 (2005-2014). His research interest is in complex dynamics in several variables. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Institute of Mathematics of Jussieu (since 2006), *Mathematische Zeitschrift* (since 2009), *Panoramas et Synthèses* (since 2008), *Acta Mathematica Vietnamica* (since 2011).

# Promotion & Tenure

## Congratulations to our faculty members!

**Dr Sun Rongfeng**, for his promotion to Associate Professor with tenure, from 1 July 2014. Dr Sun works in the area of probability theory.



**Prof Yang Yue**, for his promotion to Professor with tenure, from 1 July 2014. Prof Yang's research interests are in recursion theory and mathematical logic.



# Staff and Student Accolades

★ Congrats to the winners of the Faculty Teaching, Research and Service Awards 2014!

## Faculty Teaching Excellence Award

Recipients of this award have been carefully determined by the Faculty Teaching Excellence Committee, from a list of nominees submitted by their departments. The process includes a rigorous examination of student feedback and peer reviews. Only 10% of the faculty's academic population are selected each year for this award.

- ~ A/Prof Victor Tan
- ~ Dr Ng Kah Loon

## Honour Roll

The Honour Roll Award gives recognition to staff who have contributed significantly to the teaching community and they were the winners of our Faculty Teaching Excellence Award for the past three years.

- ~ Prof Chan Heng Huat
- ~ Dr Ku Cheng Yeaw

## Outstanding Scientist Award 2014

The Outstanding Scientist Award is awarded to faculty members undertaking research, based on their impact and strong research track records in their areas of expertise. The successful researcher must have consistently achieved peaks of research excellence over a period of time and should be recognised by the academic community as having achieved significant breakthroughs or outstanding accomplishments in his or her field.

- ~ Prof Chong Chi Tat
- ~ Prof Yang Yue

## Outstanding Service Award 2014

The Outstanding Service Award serves to honour Executive and Professional as well as Non-Academic staff in the Faculty of Science who have gone the extra mile in providing outstanding administrative support and have exhibited superior commitment in his or her work.

- ~ Mdm Rubiah Bte Tukimin

## Staff and Student Accolades

★ The Singapore National Day Awards recognise various forms of merit and service to the nation. Congratulations to our staff members who have received the honours this year!

### The Public Administration Medal (Gold)

~ Prof Tan Eng Chye,  
Deputy President (Academic Affairs) & Provost, NUS

### The Long Service Medal

~ A/Prof Leung Ka Hin  
~ A/Prof Ma Siu Lun  
~ Prof Brett McInnes  
~ A/Prof Wong Yan Loi

★ Congratulations to the students from the class of 2014 who received the following university level medals and prizes at Commencement 2014!

~ **Miss Chen Yuling**, *Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal*

~ **Miss Cheng Yi**, *Lijen Industrial Development Medal*

~ **Mr Alistair Andrew Gill**, *Lijen Industrial Development Medal*

~ **Mr Lim Yi Yong**, *The Ven Dr. D. D. Chelliah Gold Medal, Tan Teck Chwee Book Prize*

~ **Mr Lin Mingyan Simon**, *Leong Teng Kiang Memorial Prize in Mathematics*

~ **Mr Luo Yusheng**, *Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal, Singapore Mathematical Society Medal and Prize, Sugar Industry of Singapore Book Prize, Tan Teck Chwee Book Prize*

~ **Mr Zhang Jing**, *Lijen Industrial Development Medal*

★ The Department also congratulates its class of 2013 PhD student, Mr Tang Qinglin for winning the Student Paper Prize (Second Prize) at the 10th East Asia SIAM Conference (EASIAM 2014), held in Thailand.