

**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2005
MEDAL OF COMMENDATION**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (INDIVIDUAL)

DR KONG HWAI LOONG

“The future of a society, or any organization for that matter, is heavily determined by the quality of its youths. We owe it to them, and indeed to ourselves, to ensure that their full potential is realized.”



Dr Kong Hwai Loong was conferred the Singapore Youth Award for Science and Technology in 1999 for his groundbreaking work in the development of novel cancer therapies.

Since then, he has continued to play a pivotal role as a medical oncologist and cancer researcher. In 2000, he founded the Singapore Genomics Programme. In 2002, he became A*STAR's Deputy Managing Director (Integrative Sciences), and in 2003 the Executive Director of the Biomedical Research Council (BMRC). Dr. Kong was responsible for the planning and funding of biomedical research at the national level. He was instrumental in the establishment of Biopolis and the Centre for Molecular



Medicine, which have attracted prominent scientific talent from all over the world.

Dr Kong has forged strong partnerships with top international universities and research institutes. These partnerships have raised the international visibility of Singapore's biomedical research. In partnership with the National Medical Research Council, Dr Kong founded the Clinician Scientist Investigatorship Award, bridging scientific research with clinical applications.

In addition to his medical and research expertise, Dr. Kong also obtained an MBA degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, in

2002. Dr Kong's expertise and contributions to the development of Singapore's biomedical research scene were recognised both locally and internationally, including his election as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) in October 2004.

Dr Kong is particularly passionate about science outreach efforts to the school students. He actively mentors young scientists, scholars and students. He has also given numerous lectures to the scientific and the lay communities.



Dr Kong now sits on the Board of Directors of the Health Sciences Authority, Ministry of Health, and the Board of Governors for Raffles Girls' School. He is also a Visiting Senior Consultant Oncologist to the National University Hospital and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine to the National University of Singapore.

For his achievements and contributions to biomedical research and his inspiration to our youth, Dr Kong Hwai Loong is conferred the Medal of Commendation 2005.