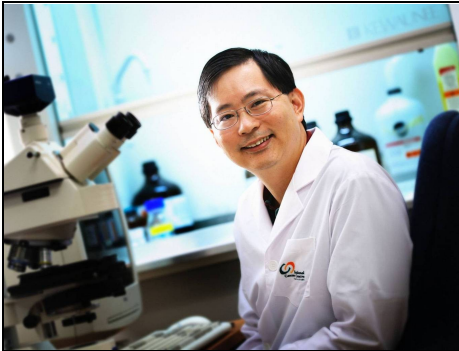


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DR PATRICK TAN BOON OOI

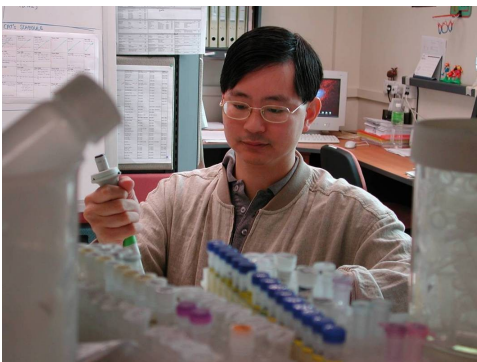


“Life is defined not by peaks and valleys, but how one lives from day-to-day.”

Dr Patrick Tan was conferred the Singapore Youth Award (SYA) for Science and Technology in 2002 for his outstanding achievements as a young researcher in the life sciences and for being an excellent role model for young scientists.

Since then, he has continued to excel in his research expertise whilst devoting more time in the area of graduate teaching and training, making a strong, personal impact in nurturing future scientists.

As Group Leader of the Genome Institute of Singapore, Dr Tan has led his group to make significant contributions in the areas of cancer genomics and infectious disease. He has been the Principal Investigator for numerous local research grants worth over S\$11 million collectively. In 2004, he was awarded the inaugural SingHealth Investigator Excellence Award for developing a technology platform for analysing gene expression information. A pioneer in the use of DNA microarray technology in Singapore, he was granted a patent on breast cancer microarray signatures in 2006.



Dr Tan serves on numerous international and local scientific committees, and is the only Singaporean scientist to serve as an Associate Editor of Cancer Research, a prestigious international research journal.

Dr Tan's recent appointment as a pioneer faculty member of the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore marks a milestone achievement in his scientific leadership. He also designed the basic science curriculum for Singapore's newest US-style medical school, playing an important role in charting the course of Singapore's medical education.



Dr Tan continues to inspire and mentor graduate students, many of whom have gone on to establish successful research-oriented careers related to the work they performed in his lab.

For his continual achievements and for being an inspiring young scientist at significantly higher levels after being awarded the SYA, Dr Patrick Tan is conferred the Medal of Commendation 2008.