

**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2008
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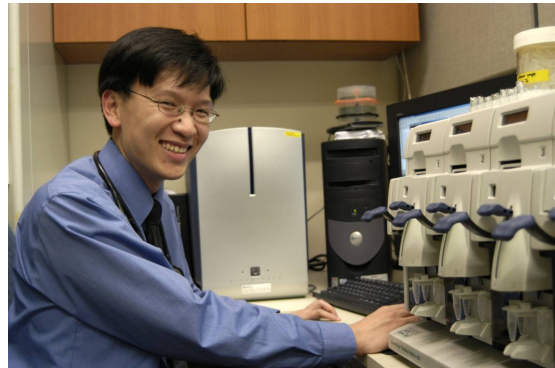
DR TAN MIN-HAN



“Some wish for serenity to accept things that cannot be changed, the courage to change things that can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Fortunately for us all, the difference is often only determination.”

A clinician-scientist dedicated to cancer research, Dr Tan Min-Han’s key scientific breakthrough lies in the development of a novel method using gene chips to predict survival outcomes in patients with kidney cancer.

Driven by a belief that research would enable him to reach out to patients who needed more than what medicine could provide, Dr Tan undertook a cancer genetics research fellowship at the Van Andel Research Institute in the United States in 2003. In 2005 and 2006, he was bestowed the prestigious American Society of Clinical Oncology Merit Award for his contributions to kidney cancer research. Being the second Singaporean recipient in the award’s 23-year history, he also achieved a rare feat in being honoured twice in consecutive years.



Dr Tan has co-authored 17 overseas and two local publications in journals including Nature and Cancer Research. His track record has secured him research support totalling S\$470,000 from the Singapore Millennium Foundation, the National Kidney Foundation, Singapore Health Services and the Singapore Cancer Society. He has spoken at international

scientific conferences on kidney cancer and reviews for three major journals published by the American Association of Cancer Research.

Dr Tan is also a medical oncologist who sees patients with urological cancers at the National Cancer Centre. His dedicated service to patients



was recognised with an Excellent Service Award in 2006. In addition, he has voluntarily devoted time to guide and educate junior physicians, medical students as well as junior college students. As a young physician, Dr Tan was involved in voluntary humanitarian work in Afghanistan as part of the Singapore Afghan Refugee Relief Mission in 2002.

For his scientific excellence, his passion in the medical field and his ability to inspire the next generation, Dr Tan Min-Han is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2008.