

About the Honorary Citizen Award

The title of Honorary Citizen is a national award conferred by the Singapore Government since 2003 to recognise and acknowledge the contributions of foreigners who have rendered extensive and valuable services to Singapore and its people, or who have made a significant impact in the areas of business, science and technology, information communications, education, health, arts and culture, sports, tourism and community services or security.

The Honorary Citizen Award is the highest form of national recognition for a non-Singaporean and ranks ahead of existing awards – the Public Service Star (Distinguished Friends of Singapore) Award and the Public Service Medal (Friends of Singapore) Award.

The title of Honorary Citizen is conferred for life.

Past Honorary Citizen Award Recipients

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| 2003 | <p>Dr. Sydney Brenner (UK) Scientific Advisor to Ministers / Senior Fellow, A*STAR</p> <p>Dr Pasquale Pistorio (Italy) President & Chief Executive, STMicroelectronics</p> |
| 2004 | <p>Sir Richard Brook Sykes (UK) Chairman, GlaxoSmith Kline PLC (2000-2002)</p> <p>Mr. Lodewijk Christiaan Van Wachem (Netherlands) Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company (Shell) (1992-2002)</p> |
| 2005 | <p>Dr Tsutomu Kanai (Japan) Chairman of the Board & Director of Hitachi Ltd</p> <p>Professor Robert A Brown (US) Provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1998-2005)</p> |
| 2006 | <p>Mr Lee R. Raymond (US) Chairman and CEO, ExxonMobil (1999-2006)</p> |
| 2007 | <p>Dr Heinrich von Peirer (German) Chairman, Supervisory Board of Siemens AG</p> |
| 2008 | <p>Mr Ratan Tata (India) Chairman, Tata Group</p> <p>Tan Sri Frank Tsao Wen-King (Malaysia) Senior Chairman, IMC Group Chairman, Suntec City Development</p> |

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| 2010 | Mr Jeroen van der Veer (Netherlands) Chief Executive, Royal Dutch Shell (2004-2009) Vice-Chairman, Supervisory Board of ING |
| 2011 | Professor Edward Holmes (US) Deputy Chairman, Translational and Clinical Science Group, Biomedical Research Council, A*STAR Executive Chairman of the National Medical Research Council, MOH |
| 2012 | Lord Ronald Oxburgh (UK) Co-chairman of A*STAR Science & Technology Advisory Committee (2011) Deputy Chairman, Board of the A*STAR Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) |
| 2014 | Mr Hiromasa Yonekura (Japan) Chairman, Sumitomo Chemical Member, International Advisory Council, A*Star (2007-2011) |
| 2015 | Professor Sir George Radda (UK) Chairman of Biomedical Research Council (BMRC), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) Emeritus Professor of Molecular Cardiology, University of Oxford Dr Joan Bray Rose (US) Chairperson, PUB External Audit Panel Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research and Co-Director, Center for Water Sciences and Center for Advancing Microbial Risk Assessment, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University, USA |
| 2016 | Dr Tadataka Yamada (US) Venture Partner, Frazier Healthcare Partners Member, Biomedical Sciences International Advisory Council (BMS IAC) |

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