

## PROVOST'S MESSAGE

In this past year, the University has continued to innovate its distinctive education portfolio and make considerable advances in strengthening its world-class research.

The University has launched an Industry Practice Masters of Digital Economy for adult learners taking its SkillsFuture courses in the SMU Academy. Catering for the specific learning needs of adults, it offers two flexible routes (Data Protection and Data Governance, and Digital Supply Chain Intelligence) by stacking relevant modules.

In anticipation of the changing needs of Singapore and of businesses and other organisations throughout Asia, the University has further extended and deepened its inter-disciplinary education with the launch of two Colleges – its seventh and eighth Schools. For undergraduates, the College of Integrative Studies offers an Individualised Major within the Bachelor of Integrative Studies, which is a first in Singapore. The College prepares students for a fast-changing world and equips them with the skills to identify unprecedented solutions that will have meaningful impact on the world around them. The College for Graduate Research Studies facilitates and enhances the development and delivery of inter-disciplinary intellectual content through inter-disciplinary degree programmes and a series of inter-disciplinary courses, workshops and seminars,

which will support cohort building, thus strengthening the postgraduate research community.

The University has also launched the Co-Curricular Transcript, which demonstrates SMU's fundamental commitment to an education that integrates the curricular with the co-curricular. The Co-Curricular Transcript compliments the academic transcript, enabling students to reflect on their co-curricular experiences and outline the learning they have achieved for future employers.

SMU has further strengthened research partnerships by establishing a Joint Research Collaboration programme with SUTD. SMU also signed a Collaboration Agreement with the University of Toronto to conduct joint research in urban sustainability, mobility and infrastructure, and sustainability and climate change mitigation.

Our gifted faculty have continued to win prestigious awards in recognition of their impactful research. David Lo was awarded a National Research Foundation (NRF) Investigatorship, and Jacinth Tan was awarded the Social Science and Humanities Research Fellowship.

It has been an enormous pleasure to welcome many new, talented faculty to the University and see the accomplishments of existing faculty recognised through promotion.



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