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### **SMUAA Honorary Alumnus Award**

**Andrew Phang**

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This evening, it is a pleasure to honour Justice Andrew Phang with this SMU Alumni Association Honorary Alumnus Award for exemplary contributions to Singapore Management University.

Justice Phang received his LL.B from the then University of Singapore and later attained his LL.M and S.J.D from Harvard University.

He was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 2005 and Judge of Appeal in 2006. He is currently the Judge of Appeal on the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is one of the leading authorities of contract law in Singapore, and one of the pioneering academics to be conferred the title of Senior Counsel.

Justice Phang's involvement with SMU was both meaningful and plentiful. He played a key role in the early years of the university and was instrumental in the development of the SMU School of Law. In 2000, he was appointed Professor of Law of the Singapore Management University, and in 2001, he was made Chair of the Department of Law at the University's School of Business. He ensured that the curriculum and classes were of the highest quality. Justice Phang laid the foundations for the current SMU School of Law.

More importantly, Justice Phang was an inspiring mentor to the students he taught and was always approachable. He engaged his students in meaningful ways and SMU students invariably looked forward to his classes. Not only was he interested in imparting legal knowledge to his students, he was also concerned with their character development. He frequently stressed that education was not just about studying and getting good grades, and that integrity and compassion were equally important.

Justice Phang further demonstrated his dedication to SMU by kindly agreeing to serve on the SMU School of Law Advisory Board. He provides advice regarding the School of Law academic programmes of study and related activities.

Justice Phang, today, we join the SMU alumni, as well as faculty and staff, in thanking and applauding you for your commitment to SMU, its mission and its community.

It is a privilege to honour you, Justice Phang, and welcome you formally into the SMU alumni family.