

PRESS RELEASE

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NUS Confers Honorary Doctor Of Laws On Sultan And Sovereign Ruler Of The State And Territories Of Johor Darul Ta'zim

The National University of Singapore (NUS) will confer the Honorary Doctor of Laws on His Majesty Sultan Iskandar Ibni Almarhum Sultan Ismail, Sultan and Sovereign Ruler of the State and Territories of Johor Darul Ta'zim in an award ceremony to be held on 12th April 2007 at the University Cultural Centre.

The award will be given in recognition of His Majesty's integral and unique role in nurturing the development and prosperity of the state of Johor, Singapore's closest neighbour and strategic partner; as well as his enduring contribution to the longstanding bilateral relations between Singapore and Malaysia and those of Singapore and Johor.

The conferment of NUS' highly prestigious honorary degrees are approved by the University's Senate and conferred on persons who have rendered distinguished service to the University or the community, in the advancement of learning or knowledge. The degree may also be conferred on persons who are worthy of such a degree or academic award for outstanding human endeavour or devotion to the greater good of mankind. The Doctor of Laws degree is one of the two main honorary degrees conferred by the University. The other honorary degree is the Doctor of Letters.

Presiding at the ceremony will be Singapore's President and NUS Chancellor, His Excellency President S R Nathan. Members of the Johor Royal Family, Singapore cabinet ministers and senior government officials from both Singapore and Malaysia will also be present.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS MAJESTY SULTAN ISKANDAR OF JOHOR

HM Sultan Iskandar's rule has been distinguished by his affection for his people. In times of difficulty, he has provided comfort and relief to his subjects and is also patron to many voluntary organisations that work for the benefit of Johoreans.

Under the guidance of HM Sultan Iskandar, there has been significant improvement in Johor's economy which has in turn resulted in greater prosperity to the State and improvement to the lives of its people. Under HE Sultan Iskandar's leadership, the close friendship between Johor and Singapore has grown deeper and this close cooperation between Johor and Singapore has enhanced stability, security and growth for both sides.

Johor is today one of the key engines of growth in Malaysia, with the launch of the Iskandar Development Region, aptly named after His Majesty, opening up a new chapter in Johor's economic development.

Other noteworthy recipients of the Doctor of Laws degree include Mr. Paul John Keating, former Prime Minister of Australia; General Prem Tinsulanonda, former Thailand Prime Minister and Defence Minister; Dr. David Saul Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore; and His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam.