



NUS Chua Thian Poh Community Leadership Centre

FROM PROGRAMME TO CENTRE:
A 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

15 Years of Impact: Reflections and Horizons



19 September 2026 | 9.00am to 2.00pm
NUS UTown Auditorium 1



15 YEARS OF IMPACT: REFLECTIONS AND HORIZONS

Reflection: From a Pioneering Vision to Transformative Growth

Established in 2011 through the generous support of Dr Chua Thian Poh, the *Chua Thian Poh Community Leadership Programme (CTPCLP)* began as a leadership initiative for 40 fellows under founding Director Associate Professor Albert Teo. Created to bridge academic learning with meaningful social action, CTPCLP quickly became a catalyst for applied community research, driven by its annual Community Leadership Symposia and the HeartBeats research publication.

In 2017, the programme transitioned into the *Chua Thian Poh Community Leadership Centre (CTPCLC)* housed at University Town, pioneering credit-bearing community development courses. Under the leadership of Associate Professor Chng Huang Hoon (Director since 2019), the Centre launched Singapore's only Minor (degree) in Community Development and Leadership. Today, CTPCLC unites undergraduates across diverse disciplines—from Arts and Business to Computing, Engineering, and Science—blending multi-disciplinary theory with praxis-rich community practicums.

Horizons: Cultivating Leaders for Tomorrow's Communities

Over 15 years, CTPCLC has empowered generations of students at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and community partners to co-create solutions addressing key social issues—from active ageing and early childhood literacy to migrant worker integration and digital inclusion.

CTPCLC continues to broaden its horizons by embedding community engagement as a core dimension of the NUS undergraduate experience. Celebrating our crystal anniversary in 2026, CTPCLC takes to the stage to express our profound gratitude to the Chua Foundation, NUS Senior Management, students, alumni, colleagues and community partners. Together, your steadfast support continues to sustain our mission to inspire and nurture community-focused changemakers for Singapore and beyond.

Programme

- 9.00am Registration
- 9.30am All guests to be seated
- 9.55am Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
- Director's Welcome
Associate Professor Chng Huang Hoon
Director, Chua Tian Poh Community Leadership Centre (CTPCLC), NUS
- Opening Remarks by Guest-of-Honour
Mr Chan Chun Sing
Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence
- 10.15am Reflections: Personal, Academic and Professional Journeys
Professor Albert Teo
Founding Director, CTPCLC
- 10.35am Tribute to Dr Chua Tian Poh & Chua Foundation
- 10.50am Graduation Ceremony for CTPCLC Class of 2026
Group photo with Guest-of-Honour and special guests
- 10.55am Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to the Guest-of-Honour and special guests
- 11.00am Break
- 11.10am Insights and Reflections by CTPCLC Graduates of =DREAMS Project
- 11.25am Our Journey in Community Engagement and Leadership: Alumni Reflections
Panellists: Adriana Rasip (2016), Cheong Ming Fang (2021), Jerome Lim (2021)
Moderator: Myat Thu Kyaw (2021)
- 12.25pm Lunch Reception @ Level 2, CREATE Tower
- Posters Display
- 2.00pm End of event

HONOUREE

Dr Chua Tian Poh

Founder and Executive Chairman
Ho Bee Land Limited

Dr Chua Tian Poh is the founder of Ho Bee Group. He was appointed as the Group's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 1999 and was redesignated as Executive Chairman on 1 January 2022.

Dr Chua has held several public appointments, such as Non-Resident Ambassador of Singapore to the Republic of Maldives (2015 – 2019), a member of Constitutional Commission for the review of Elected Presidency (2016), and a full member of the Council of Presidential Advisers (2019).

An active community leader, Dr Chua holds the position of Honorary President of the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations and Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan, Honorary Chairman of Ren Ci Hospital, and Board Chairman of Ho Bee Foundation.

In July 2019, Dr Chua was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters by the National University of Singapore, and was appointed as Pro-Chancellor at Nanyang Technological University in May 2026. His other recognitions include the Public Service Star (2004), Justice of the Peace (2005 – 2020), and Distinguished Service Order (2014).

GUEST-OF-HONOUR

Mr Chan Chun Sing
Coordinating Minister for
Public Services and
Minister for Defence



SPECIAL GUESTS

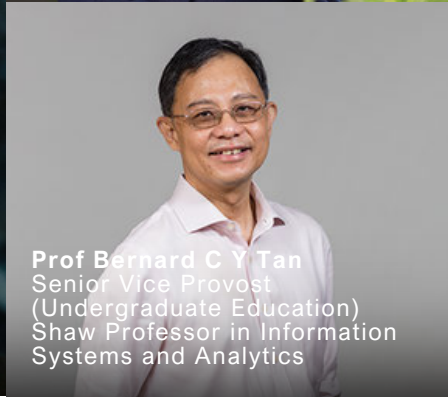
Ms Chua Weiling
Chief Executive Officer,
One Hill Capital Pte Ltd
and Executive Director,
Chua Foundation



Prof Aaron Thean
Deputy President
(Academic Affairs) and Provost



Prof Bernard C Y Tan
Senior Vice Provost
(Undergraduate Education)
Shaw Professor in Information
Systems and Analytics





DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

Prof Albert Teo

Dean of School of Management, Tung Wah College
Founding Director of Chua Thian Poh Community
Leadership Centre

Professor Albert Teo joined Tung Wah College in January 2019 and is currently the Dean of the School of Management. Previously, he was an Associate Professor at the NUS Business School, where he also held leadership roles, including Founding Director of the CTPCLC and the Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy.

Albert is committed to community engagement and currently serves on the regional council of the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia. He has conducted workshops and advised non-profit organisations, philanthropic foundations, and social enterprises on social impact assessment across Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines. His ongoing research focuses on evaluating the social impact of non-profit organisations and social enterprises in Hong Kong and Asia.

Before moving to Hong Kong, he led a volunteer group serving patients in the HIV/AIDS and geriatric wards at Tan Tock Seng Hospital and served on various Singapore government committees overseeing programme funding in the social services sector.



VALEDICTORIAN 2026

Lee Houjie, Joshua

FASS, Psychology (Honours)

About Joshua

Joshua was that classmate who wouldn't stop clicking his pen or shaking his leg during lectures. It was this itching to do something that brought him to CTPCLC: a place where he got to channel his restless energy and classroom discussions into actual ground work with communities. This same eagerness has currently whisked him away to bridge and bond survivors in the cancer community.

Joshua's Reflection

The horizon – where the heavens meet the earth or, perhaps, where our ideals and the reality of our circumstances kiss.

Community development is exactly that. It is the liminal space where the dreams and hopes of a community are breathed into the rubble of reality. It is the space we have chosen to take root in.

Thank you, Chua Thian Poh Community Leadership Centre, for modelling what it means to live upon the horizon: not as a far-off vision, but as the active, ongoing work of developing the communities we find ourselves in. Thank you, friends and families, for being our first experiences of community; for sticking with and uplifting us all this while.

As we graduate, may we take the lessons learnt not as lofty theories, but as real tools to shrink the gap between the horizon and our lives.

“Love does not thrive on moderation” – Ven. Fulton Sheen

Congratulations to Class of 2026

Minor Degree in Community Development & Leadership

Ang Wei Cai

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS), Chinese Studies (Honours)

Christine Devina Wibisono

FASS, Sociology (Honours)

Edice Koh Ying En

FASS, Social Work (Honours)

Lee Houjie, Joshua

FASS, Psychology (Honours)

Lim Wei Jie

FASS, Political Science (Honours)

Seah Jie Hui

FASS, Geography (Honours)

Megan Wang May-En

FASS, Social Work (Honours)

Yew Shi Min, Chermaine

FASS, Social Work (Honours)

Evaluating Youths' Progress through =DREAMS Scholarship

Partnering with =DREAMS Singapore, this CTPCLC student research project examines the impact of a unique weekday boarding model on youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. Join the team as they share some key findings, and discuss how their project experiences shape their approach to community work in the future.

Project Supervisor: Ms Kuah Ting Ting



Ang Wei Cai
FASS '26

A fresh graduate who majored in Chinese Studies with a minor in Community Development and Leadership, Wei Cai found an interest in community service and development since his youth whilst volunteering in his neighbourhood Residents' Network. He is passionate towards issues pertaining to education and cultural heritage, and seeks to connect with people from all walks of life to work together towards the betterment of society by contributing and exchanging relevant insights.



**Christine Devina
Wibisono**
FASS '26

Christine Devina Wibisono is a Sociology graduate from NUS with a minor in Community Development and Leadership at CTPCLC. She currently works as an Academic Executive and spends her time outside of work serving youths and supporting peer initiatives at her local community centre. Through her experiences with different communities, Christine hopes to keep learning from others while finding meaningful ways to give back. Outside work, she enjoys reading and experimenting with nail art.



Edice Koh Ying En
FASS '26

Edice is a recent NUS graduate, majoring in Social Work, with a minor in Sociology and Community Development and Leadership. Her favourite part about community work is listening to the stories of people, because what a privilege it is to be walking alongside someone and being able to enter their lives. Edice has started her career as a social worker in a Family Service Centre, and is excited to journey with people through the highs and lows.



Megan Wang May-En
FASS '26

Megan Wang graduated with a major in Social Work, minoring in Community Development and Leadership which was a choice driven by her desire to complement individual and family casework with a broader understanding of community. Through this minor's wider exploration of the Singaporean community, she hopes to better understand and build towards greater impact in the future. Outside of work, Megan treasures time with friends and family, and enjoys baking and crafting, always keeping her hands busy.

Our Journey in Community Engagement and Leadership: Alumni Reflections



MODERATOR

Myat Thu Kyaw

Assistant Manager at
Pharmaceutical Society of
Singapore
CTPCLC Alumnus '21

Myat Thu Kyaw is a pharmacist and community development practitioner who graduated from the CTPCLC minor programme in 2021. The programme shaped his belief that communities should be engaged with respect, dignity and humility, and that people thrive when supported to exercise their own agency and autonomy.

In his current role at the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore, Myat develops professional education programmes, builds partnerships and supports initiatives that strengthen healthcare communities. He remains deeply interested in social impact, community wellbeing and creating inclusive systems where people can flourish.



PANELLIST

Adriana Rasip

Assistant Director at
Singapore Children's Society
and Co-Founder and
Board Chair of Empowered
Families Initiative
CTPCLC Alumna '16

Adriana Rasip is a community development practitioner with a decade of experience working alongside less-resourced families and communities. An alumna of CTPCLC, her journey has been shaped by a belief that families and communities are agents of change rather than passive recipients.

She is currently an Assistant Director at Singapore Children's Society and Co-Founder and Board Chair of Empowered Families Initiative, an initiative that invests in the aspirations of less-resourced families through grants, savings matching and peer support collectives. Across her work in family services, community development and social innovation, Adriana is passionate about creating spaces where communities have a stronger voice in shaping solutions that affect their lives.

**PANELLIST****Cheong Ming Fang**

Senior Manager at The
Majority Trust
CTPCLC Alumna '21

Ming Fang is a Senior Manager at The Majority Trust, an IPC philanthropic organisation that seeks to work with donors, social impact partners and communities to build a thriving Singapore for all. She co-designed the organisation's place-based philanthropic efforts through the Thriving Communities Initiative, working with ground-up initiatives and community partners to strengthen local ecosystems and enable communities to thrive.

Trained as a Social Worker, Ming Fang studied Social Work at NUS and was a recipient of the National Council of Social Service's Social Service Scholarship. Ming Fang also teaches part-time at NUS Department of Social Work, is Chairperson of the Paya Lebar Zone '5' Residents' Network in her neighbourhood, and co-hosts the podcast Social Work Made Accessible. Her practice is grounded in asset-based and participatory approaches.

**PANELLIST****Jerome Lim**

Strategy Manager at
Accenture
CTPCLC Alumnus '21

Jerome is a Strategy Manager at Accenture, where he focuses on organisational transformation by working with executive teams across Asia-Pacific to align strategy, people and execution.

His time at NUS and CTPCLC shaped his belief that lasting change begins by recognising existing strengths and applying one's skills in service of others, a perspective that continues to influence both his career and community service.



Understanding the needs of individuals and families affected by alcohol use in Singapore by Miao Yu & Seah Jie Hui

This research aims to understand how community-based organisations in Singapore's Western region support clients with Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD). The study utilises a mixed-method exploratory study design. Semi-structured interviews (n=6) were conducted with community practitioners, while an online questionnaire (n=59) was sent to various healthcare and social services stakeholders located in the West. Thematic analysis was then conducted on the collected data.

Partner Organisation:
Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore Family Service Centre (FRCSFSC)

Project Supervisor:
Dr Kevin S.Y. Yan, CTPCLC Lecturer



The Foundry: Experiences, Partnerships, and Relationships among Residents, Enablers, and Ecosystem Partners by Zoa Soh Ying Xin & Lim Jia Hui

This study explores the experiences, partnerships, and working relationships of residents within The Foundry—a three-storey shared workspace that serves as a hub for social impact organisations. Using qualitative methods, including ethnographic observation and in-depth interviews, the research examines how individuals experience the space and how collaboration and partnership-building are enacted in practice.

Partner Organisation:
The Majority Trust

Project Supervisor:
Dr Joy Wang Xin Yuan, CTPCLC Lecturer

Seah Jie Hui
FASS '26



Miao Yu
Nursing '27



Jie Hui recently graduated with a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Geography with a minor in Community Development and Leadership, as well as Urban Studies. His grassroots volunteering sparked an interest in courses at the CTPCLC. In partnership with the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore, his practicum with Miao Yu examined the challenges that practitioners face in addressing alcohol use disorder.

He is passionate about conducting fieldwork to understand how people experience and negotiate the intersections of policy, community, and identity in everyday life.

Miao Yu is pursuing a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Hons) at the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS with a minor in Community Development and Leadership at the CTPCLC. Inspired by her earlier minor in Global Readiness at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, she joined CTPCLC to deepen her commitment to community engagement.

A student volunteer at the CTPCLC Annual Symposium 2024, she is delighted to return as an emcee alongside Jie Hui. She believes understanding community needs complements nursing practice by enabling more holistic, person-centered care both in clinical settings and within the community.

How we are celebrating our 15th Anniversary

WALL MURAL



#HUMANSOFCTPCLC

Scan QR to learn more about these remarkable individuals!





This mural is a collection of reflections, well wishes, and aspirations for CTPCLC as part of its 15th anniversary celebration.

Designed and painted by the Centre's students, staff, and alumni, this scene of a playground, a quintessential feature in Singapore, embodies our shared vision of a harmonious and inclusive society.

By student artists: Yeow Zong Wei FOS '27, Yap Yu En FOS '26 and Tan Kia Shuang FASS '28

We would like to thank:

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence for gracing our event as the Guest-of-Honour

and

Dr Chua Thian Poh and Ms Chua Weiling for their generous support in enabling our students to pursue their interest in community development

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