

## **Creativity: The Vital Link in Arts, Science and Technology**

### **-- Renowned speakers discuss creativity at the Forum on Creativity in Arts, Science and Technology from 17 to 18 November**

26 October 2006, Singapore – Eight prominent local and international speakers will present their opinions on creativity from 17-18 November at the Forum on Creativity in the Arts, Science and Technology. Jointly organised by the Tan Kah Kee Foundation (TKKF), National Arts Council (NAC) and the Singapore National Academy of Science (SNAS), the speakers will speak on the importance and examples of creativity in their respective disciplines.

Among the various eminent speakers are Professor Gerard't Hooft, a Nobel Laureate in Physics; Ms Lien Siaou-Sze, a business leader who has been listed in Fortune Magazine's 50 Most Powerful Women outside the US; well-known craniofacial surgeon Woffles Wu; and Singapore writer Catherine Lim.

The Forum is open to the public and admission to the Forum is priced at \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, inclusive of lunch and refreshments for the two days. The primary objective of the event is to showcase creativity transcending the borders of arts, science and technology, as well as foster interaction between teachers and practitioners in these disciplines.

Some of the speakers at the event are:

1. Professor Gerard 't Hooft, Nobel Laureate in Physics (1999)
2. Ms. Lien Siaou-Sze, Business Leader; Listed In Fortune Magazine's "50 Most Powerful Women outside US"
3. Dr. William S W Lim, Independent Theorist and Writer
4. Dr. Catherine Lim, Writer; Author of "The Bondmaid"
5. Dr Woffles Wu, Craniofacial Surgeon, Woffles Wu Aesthetic Surgery & Laser Centre
6. Professor Lim Hock, Director, Temasek Laboratories, National University of Singapore

7. Madam Fang Yuan, Musician and Educator, Principal, School of Young Talents, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
8. Assoc Professor Kwek Leong Chuan, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University

Other presenters will be as follows:

1. Mr. Ong Peng Tsin, Chairman and Founder, Encenstate
2. Dr Scott Hessels, Nanyang Technological University
3. Students from Bukit Panjang Government High School and Raffles Institution will present novel and innovative projects that exhibit the synthesis of arts, science and technology.

This event was inaugurated in 2001 and draws about 400 participants comprising teachers and students from educational institutions, parents and members of the public. For general enquiries about the event, please contact Linda Lau, Olive Consulting Group, at Tel: 6325 6040 or email [linda@olivegrp.com](mailto:linda@olivegrp.com).

Please refer to Annexes attached separately for details.

Annex A – Fact sheet

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### **About the Tan Kah Kee Foundation**

When Mr. Tan Kah Kee, a well-known philanthropist and an outstanding Chinese leader in Southeast Asia, passed away in Beijing on 12 August 1961, the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Mr. Tan Kah Kee's educational spirit with the donations from the 5,000 attendees at his memorial service. In April 1968, the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Trust Fund was established to offer scholarship to students. In February 1982, the Tan Kah Kee Foundation was set up and was granted the Institution of Public Character status by the government

The mission of the Foundation is to foster the Tan Kah Kee spirit in entrepreneurship and dedication to education. Through the years, the Foundation has been actively engaged in promoting education and culture. Today, its influence has been extended beyond the Chinese community in Singapore and has begun to reach out to the region.

### **About National Arts Council**

Established in September 1991, the **National Arts Council (NAC)** is a statutory board under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts. Its mission is to nurture the arts and make it an integral part of life in Singapore. Eight divisions within NAC - Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Literary Arts, Resource Development, Audience Development, Planning, Market Development and Corporate Communications, and Corporate Services - work in synergy to implement strategies, programmes and initiatives to help develop the arts in Singapore.

### **About Singapore National Academy of Science**

The Singapore National Academy of Science is an umbrella organization for the premier scientific societies in Singapore. Established in 1967, its principal mission objective is the promotion of science and technology in Singapore.

The nine scientific societies under the aegis of the Academy are: Institute of Physics Singapore; Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science; Singapore Institute of Biology; Singapore Mathematical Society; Singapore National Institute of Chemistry; Singapore Institute of Statistics; Singapore Society for Microbiology & Biotechnology; Singapore Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; and Science Teachers Association of Singapore.