

# Selected Staff and Student Achievements



**Dandella**  
GPS Tracking Device  
Designers: Priscilla Lui Sik Peng, Tan Yong Kai



**LeapFrog**  
Assistive Walking Aid  
Designer: Donn Koh

## DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

### Assoc Prof Chan Yew Lih

Honorable Mention, The UNESCO Asia Pacific 2007 Heritage Awards, 16 August 2007, Bangkok. The project, "Old St Andrew's School", was praised for maintaining the integrity and character of the austere missionary school by adhering to a policy of maximum retention of the original building fabric and features.

### Design Incubation Centre (DIC), Department of Architecture

Dandella, a hand-held GPS tracking device designed by Tan Yong Kai and Priscilla Lui, designers with the DIC, beat 424 other entries to win the Gold Prize (Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Prize)

at the International Design Competition Osaka 2006, on 2 February 2007. The competition is organised by Japan Design Foundation with the aim of raising public awareness of design values and providing a gateway for bridging design with business. Several manufacturing firms have expressed interest in collaborating with DIC to commercialize Dandella.

### Donn Koh (BAID)

Winner, BraunPrize 2007, 13 September 2007, Kronberg (Germany). 907 entries from 54 countries participated in this international design competition to foster, develop and inspire young talented designers. Leapfrog is Donn's BA ID final year thesis project on innovative walking aid for children with impaired mobility. Leapfrog is also a winner of the iF Concept Award 2008 at Hannover and Winner of Red Dot Award: Design Concept 2007.

### Prime Tambayong (BA Arch 4)

Master Award Winner (Student Category), FuturArc Prize 2008 Design Competition, 22 February 2008. There were close to 50 entries world-wide. The FuturArc Prize was established by BCI Asia (publisher of FuturArc Journal) to inspire architects and other building professionals to draft innovative designs for green buildings on sites in the Asia-Pacific.

### Chen Yuxun, Tan Ruixiang, Eugene Aw, Grace Chen, Heng Yinghui (BA Arch 4)

3rd Prize, 6th IAHH International Student Design Competition 2008 at the 10th Conference of the International Association of Humane Habitat (IAHH), 25-27 January 2008, Mumbai, India. The NUS team was selected out of 87 schemes submitted by 20 countries from Asia, Middle East, Europe, North and South America. The entry was part of the students' coursework on housing in Kolkata under the tutelage of Assoc Prof Joseph Lim.

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING

### Assoc Prof Tham Kwok Wai

Elected President of the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate Society (ISIAQ). The ISIAQ is the foremost organisation of researchers on the science and technology of the indoor environment as it relates to indoor environment design, construction, operation and maintenance, air quality measurement and health sciences.

### Vincent Ng,

#### MSc (Construction Law & Arbitration) 2nd year

Won the President's Prize from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK; with the highest mark among all candidates for the Kings-NUS award-writing examination in both Singapore and London. The award-writing examination is a supplement to the main M.Sc. programme. Students who are successful in this examination are exempted from the examination requirements of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

### Dr Henry C. Willem

Recipient of the Ralph G. Nevins Physiology and Human Environment Award, 20 February 2008. He was also conferred the Yaglou Award by the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate in Copenhagen, Denmark in August 2008. The purpose of the Yaglou Award is to acknowledge outstanding work of young promising researchers within the indoor air sciences and to encourage them to continue their career in this field.

### Assoc Prof David Cheong

Appointed to the Board of Directors of the World Society of Sustainable Energy Technologies (WS-SET), UK on 21 June 2008. Invited to join the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate (ISIAQ) Academy of Fellows on 25 July 2008. The Academy is an international, independent, multidisciplinary, scientific, non-profit organization that promotes international scientific cooperation in the field of indoor air sciences. Academy membership is by invitation, following nomination and election procedures, and in recognition of research, practice, and/or outstanding service.

## DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

### NUS ranks 18th globally in real estate research.

#### Ranks 2nd in subperiod from 2001 - 2006.

A paper in the Journal of Real Estate Research (Vol. 30, No. 1, 2008) entitled "The Internationalization of Real Estate Research" shows that NUS ranks 18th globally based on publications from 9 broad real estate journals over the period 1990-2006. By the most recent subperiod from 2001-2006, however, NUS ranks 2nd. Going by a narrower set of journals - the core real estate journals - NUS's ranking is 14th for 1990-2006 and 2nd from 2001-2006. A number of real estate faculties are cited as being in the top 100 real estate researchers.



### Real estate students viz Lim Wenjie, Cheok Shan Min Charmaine, Yip Zhi Yuan Mervyn and three Business School students win International Real Estate Case Competition.

The NUS team comprising three students from Department of Real Estate and three students from Business School emerged as the champion at the 3rd Annual International Real Estate Case competition conducted by the Marshall School of Business at University of Southern California, from 14-18 April 2008. Seven teams from University of British Columbia, University of Texas, University of Wisconsin, University of Colorado, University of Southern California, University of Auckland and National University of Singapore participated in the competition.

### Prof Ong Seow Eng

Elected on the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) board for a term of three years from 2008-2010. This is the first time an academic from a non-North American university is on the AREUEA board.

### Assoc Prof Joseph Ooi

Recipient of the prestigious International Real Estate Society (IRES) Achievement Award for 2008. The IRES is a federation of regional real estate societies such as the American Real Estate Society (ARES), European Real Estate Society (ERES), Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES), Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES), etc. Each year, IRES presents this prestigious award to a real estate academic who has made an outstanding contribution to real estate research, education and practice at the international level.