

# PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



The COVID-19 pandemic has transformed the world economy. Admst these unprecedented times, science and technology is more important than ever as a critical enabler for Singapore to remain globally competitive. Today, we have many innovative products and technologies that are uniquely made-in-Singapore. Such innovations will allow us to emerge stronger from the competition and drive the next lap of growth.

This is only possible because of Singapore's continued investments in science and technology capabilities over many decades. Our strong fundamentals have served us well, and we are committed to strengthening our innovation ecosystem and developing our talent pipeline so that we can be well-positioned to seize new opportunities in a post-COVID world.

The President's Science and Technology Awards (PSTA) recognise Singapore's top research talents who have pushed the frontiers in the fields of physical, engineering and life sciences. This year, we honour individuals and teams for their exceptional scientific achievements to advance healthcare, infectious diseases, cancer diagnostics and materials research.

Our young scientists have also done us proud. This year's recipients of the Young Scientist Awards (YSA) have made breakthroughs in the study of brain and body interaction, building of quantum computers, and the fundamental algorithms of Artificial Intelligence.

Congratulations to all recipients of the 2021 PSTA and YSA. Your dedication to innovation has translated into positive economic, societal and health outcomes that will enable Singapore to bolster our position as a Global-Asia hub for technology, innovation and enterprise. I wish all of you continued success, and hope that your achievements will inspire future generations of Singaporeans in the science and technology field.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Halimah Yacob".

HALIMAH YACOB  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE