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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

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PROF LING SAN APPOINTED AS THE NEXT NTU PROVOST



Our warmest congratulations to Prof Ling San on his new appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academics of NTU! He will officially take up the position on 1 January 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The School would like to congratulate Robin Chi (top left) and Yu Ting (top right) on their promotion to Full Professors, and Rei Kinjo (bottom left) and Thomas Peyrin on their promotion to Associate Professors with tenure.

We wish to also congratulate the following PhD award winners at the recent convocation:

Award	Name of Awardee
Dr and Mrs Alex Tan Pang Kee Gold Medal	Moo Guo Sheng James (Doctor of Philosophy)
The Materials Research Society of Singapore Medal for Best PhD Research in Physics	Kwong Chang Chi (Doctor of Philosophy)
Singapore Mathematical Society Medal in Mathematical Sciences	Han Xiao (Doctor of Philosophy)

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SPMS FRESHMEN ORIENTATION



On 8 August, we welcomed our latest class of undergraduates and postgraduates to our SPMS family. They participated in an exciting 2- to 3-day orientation programme held in the school and outdoors. The programme this year was split into two segments (**O'week** and **SuPreMeS**).

On the first day, about 440 undergraduates were treated to an entertaining scientifically inspired 'magic' show, performed by our very own faculty members and school seniors. The freshmen later participated in a series of orientation activities planned by the seniors that helped to foster teamwork and friendship among them. The highlight of **SuPreMeS** was the **Amazing Race**, which was even bigger and better this year. The **Amazing Race** sent freshmen on a food hunt around Singapore to look for famous hawker food.

SJChO AWARD CEREMONY AT SPMS



On 11 August, SPMS played host to the Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad (SJChO) Award Ceremony, which saw about 150 upper secondary students participating in the event. After the ceremony, the students toured SPMS, visiting the chemistry and physics labs to learn more about the research being conducted in SPMS.

SJChO is a competition organised by the Singapore National Institute of Chemistry (SNIC) since 2010 in partnership with NUS High School of Math & Science, Nanyang Polytechnic and supported by the Ministry of Education and the National University of Singapore. It serves as a platform for upper secondary (or equivalent levels) students to challenge themselves in their chemical knowledge and skills, and also seeks to promote the excitement in learning and doing chemistry as well as to identify and develop chemistry talents. Prof Tan Choon Hong chairs the Scientific Sub-committee of SJChO, which Dr Alessandra Bonnani is also a member of.

KONAN UNIVERSITY JAPAN VISITS SPMS



We were delighted to host the students and professors from Konan University Japan who visited us on 22 August. They took a tour around the school, visiting the teaching labs, chemical biology research labs and synthetic chemistry research labs. After lunch, they were introduced to the research work conducted at the Spin and Nanostructures Lab.

