## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Twenty-five years ago, then-Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Tony Tan, invited me to create Singapore's third university. It was therefore with a poignant sense of coming full circle that the institution which we started together conferred on Dr Tan the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) in 2022.

Since we opened our doors to our first cohort of just over three hundred business management undergraduate students in 2000, we have grown to more than 12,000 students and over 34,000 alumni. We are fortunate to have a world-class campus in the heart of Singapore's city centre, with our schools offering a range of both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes as well as many other postgraduate professional, executive education and continuing education programmes.

Today, our graduates are highly sought after by employers; our alumni have become valuable members of society; our faculty members have proven themselves to be highly accomplished educators and researchers; and the dedication and achievements of our staff have been recognised and awarded.

I am therefore delighted that as a result of all their hard work and accomplishments, as well as the generous support of donors and the benevolence of the government, this year we launched the College of Integrative Studies and College of Graduate Research Studies – our seventh and eighth schools respectively. We also opened the ninth building on our 100 per cent green-certified campus.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's chapter in the continuing story of SMU's growth and progress.

