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MEDIA RELEASE

NIE HONOURS E.W. BARKER'S LIFE IN PAGES; LAUNCH OF E.W. BARKER BURSARY

To commemorate the legacy of Mr E.W. Barker, the Barker family and the Physical Education and Sports Science (PESS) Academic Group will be launching a commemorative book to reflect past achievements and efforts for the future.

The E.W. Barker Commemorative Book provides readers with the significant milestones in Mr. Barker's life. It inspires readers to see how one person's dedication to sports can have an enduring impact on the development and advancement of sports in Singapore.

The book chronicles the collective impact of the professorship, scholarship and provides useful insights into the sports environment in Singapore, through the 'lenses' of the ten former E.W. Barker professors and past scholarship holders. We will also be celebrating the book launch together with eight Sport Science and Management (SSM) students who are the recipients of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 E.W Barker Scholarship Awards (Please refer to **Annex B** for the list of scholarship award winners).

The book launch is also a timely and meaningful occasion to mark the introduction of the E.W. Barker Bursary. The E.W. Barker Bursary is introduced with the aim of nurturing talented and committed individuals in the pursuit of their undergraduate study in the areas of sport management and sport and exercise science.

When asked on the launch of the commemorate book, Associate Professor Koh Koon Teck, Head of PESS shared that "We hope this book will inspire readers to see how one person's dedication can have a lasting legacy and impact on sports development and advancement in Singapore. It will also give readers insight into the E.W. Barker Professors' contributions and Singapore's current and future sports and PE scenes, as well as reading about E.W. Barker Scholarship holders' contributions to the development of sports and PE in Singapore, despite their diverse backgrounds and interests."

ABOUT MR. EDMUND WILLIAM BARKER AND THE E.W. BARKER PROFESSORSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Edmund William (E.W.) Barker (1 Dec 1920 – 12 April 2001) was an outstanding politician and lawyer in Singapore. He was a brilliant student at Raffles Institution and studied law at Cambridge University on a Queen's scholarship. One of the People's Action Party's key pioneer leaders, his Cabinet portfolio included Minister for Labour, National Development, Home Affairs, Environment, Science and Technology. As President of the Singapore National Olympic Council, he was also the first Singaporean to receive the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee in 1986 for his outstanding merit in the cause of world sport and faithfulness to the Olympic ideal.

In honour of Mr. Edmund William (E.W) Barker and his contribution as a statesman, scholar, sportsman and supporter of sports, the E.W. Barker Professorship and Scholarship Fund were established on 27th August 2002 and was launched by the late President S.R Nathan.

The E.W. Barker Professorship Scheme was introduced to promote and enhance physical education (PE) and sports in Singapore. The aim was to develop the academic study and the application of this area of expertise to athletes, educators, coaches, parents who wish to engage in physical play with their children, as well as sports aficionados.

The E.W. Barker Scholarship Scheme was enacted to nurture the next generation of scholars in growing the sports knowledge pool in Singapore. Many of the award recipients have been making notable contributions to the local sports scene and to the community.

MEDIA INVITATION

Date/Time : Tuesday, 12 October 2021 / 1.45 PM
(Please refer to the programme at **Annex A**)

Please RSVP by 11 October 2021.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NIE), SINGAPORE

The National Institute of Education, an autonomous institute of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NIE), is among the world's top education institutes renowned for its excellence in teacher education and educational research. Founded in 1950, NIE has played a key and pivotal role in shaping and developing Singapore's teaching workforce.

With the vision to be an institute of distinction that leads the future of education in a dynamic milieu, NIE prepares teachers with the requisite values, skills and knowledge to meet the evolving demands of present and future learners. The quality of NIE's programmes is based on evidence-informed reviews and enhancement, and delivered using innovative pedagogies in digitally-mediated learning spaces. There is a keen focus on linking theory to practice and on developing students with a global and inquiring mindset for lifelong learning.

Our degree, higher degree and professional development programmes offer global perspectives through international practical and semester exchanges, while future-ready pedagogies, multidisciplinary curricula and service-learning initiatives help us to develop the holistic reflective practitioner and school leader. NIE is ranked among top institutions for research impact and excellence in the field of Education. Our research philosophy is focused on impacting school practices, enhancing programmes, informing policy formation and ultimately, improving student learning outcomes. Our vibrant research culture has seen us ranked consistently among the top in the Bibliometric Indicators of Publications in Education and in the QS World University Rankings for Education as a discipline in recent years.

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LAUNCH OF THE E.W. BARKER COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

PROGRAMME

- 1.45 PM** Guests are invited to be seated
- 2.00 PM** Arrival of the Guest-of-Honour (GOH), Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security
- 2.05 PM** Welcome and Introduction by Emcee
- 2.10 PM** Welcome Address by Professor Ling San, NTU Deputy President and Provost
- 2.15 PM** Speech by E.W. Barker's Family
- 2.20 PM** Speech by GOH
- 2.30 PM** Book Launch
- 2.35 PM** Book Presentation to GOH by NTU Deputy President and Provost
- 2.40 PM** Presentation of 2019, 2020 and 2021, E.W Barker Scholarship Awards
*(Please refer to **Annex B** for the profiles of the Scholarship Award recipients)*
- 3.00 PM** Departure of GOH
- End of event

PROFILES OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Year	Recipient	Profile
2019	Miss Foo Zhi Xin Year 3 Sport Science and Management	The scholarship has helped Foo Zhi Xin and her family to tide through the tough financial challenges posed by COVID-19. It has also helped her to take a step further in pursuing her passion for sports. After graduation, she wishes to be able to help others like herself who benefited from sports and the values they taught.
	Miss Rachelle Sim Yahn Yee Year 3 Sport Science and Management	Declined to be interviewed.
	Miss Tan Yi Jie Year 3 Sport Science and Management	This scholarship has eased the financial burden on Tan Yi Jie's family in this pandemic, allowing her to put her mind at ease, to pursue her education and sporting career in the national netball team, without having to worry about finance. Upon graduation, she hopes to use her knowledge and skills to ignite the sporting passion in Singaporeans.
2020	Miss Lim Jia Hui Kerine Year 2 Sport Science and Management	Kerine Lim's education journey has been long but fulfilling. This scholarship has assisted her in terms of allowing her to maximise her college experience without the need to worry about repaying a study debt. This course allowed her to gain sport management skills, to run a sports business in future. She has plans to nurture young talents by being a full-time swimming coach upon graduation.
	Miss Lim Wan Jun Nicole Kristen Year 2 Sport Science and Management	The scholarship has allowed her to strive for national representation in the Singapore Women's Waterpolo national team without having to worry about the finances required for her undergraduate degree, and she hopes to contribute back to the sporting industry by developing young talents in the future.
	Mr Tan Jun Kai Ryan Year 2 Sport Science and Management	This scholarship has served as a constant motivation for Ryan Tan to push himself to greater heights in both academics and in football. With his huge passion for football, he hopes to be involved in the football industry upon graduating to give back to the sport that has helped shaped him into the person that he is today.
2021	Miss Chin Dao Zhen Ckrystal Year 1 Sport Science and Management	Ckrystal Chin has been participating competitively in Taekwondo for nine years and her dream is to represent NTU in the World University Games and ultimately, to represent Singapore in big games such as the S.E.A. Games. Ckrystal comes from a family of five with a low

		monthly household income for years. The scholarship will greatly help with her school fees and daily expenses, allowing her to dedicate more time to focus on both her studies and training. After graduation, Ckrystal is considering becoming a PE teacher, or a career in the local sporting scene so that she can contribute back to society and grow the sporting scene in Singapore.
	Miss S Nurathirah S Jumat Year 1 Sport Science and Management	Receiving this scholarship has turned into a personal incentive and motivation for Nurathirah to continuously strive harder in her studies and allow her to perform excellently in sports. She is always keeping her options opened and exploring new skills and interests along the way. She would like to change the pre-conceived notion that the sports industry is a not a path associated with success in one's future and possibly touch individual's hearts through her contributions in the industry.

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