

## Deputy V-C receives award from alma mater

UCSI University deputy vice-chancellor (Research and Postgraduate Studies) Prof Dr Ooi Keng Boon (*pic*) has received the Highly Commended Award for Research and Academic Pursuit from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), his alma mater.

This is to mark his scholastic contributions in the fields of information technology and industrial management.

To date, Prof Ooi has authored over 100 research papers and around 70 have been published in the Thomson ISI-indexed journals. He has received more than 3,800 citations to date, earning him a Harzing H-index score of 38.

"This award means a lot to me as I've always wanted to teach; to create and disseminate knowledge," said Prof Ooi at USQ's 2016 Alumnus of the Year Awards ceremony in Toowoomba, Australia.

"My career allows me to live that dream and it is gratifying when you empower others with knowledge.

"My time at USQ taught me that success has to be earned and effort is a prerequisite in every successful endeavour. Hard work will always pay off," he added.

Prof Ooi, who also serves as dean of UCSI's Faculty of Business

and Information Sciences, was one of the 12 standout USQ alumni at the ceremony. His fellow achievers hail from Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, UAE and the United Kingdom.

Held annually, the USQ Alumni of the Year Awards formally recognises outstanding alumni in a broad spectrum of achievements including in their professional careers, academic excellence, or individuals who made a major contribution in community service or overcame significant personal adversity.

The founding editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Modelling in Operations Management*, Prof Ooi also serves on the editorial advisory and review boards of numerous Thomson ISI-ranked journals from reputable publishers like Elsevier, Emerald, Inderscience, as well as Taylor and Francis.

He has been inducted thrice in 2011, 2014 and 2016 into the Emerald Literati Club

Award for Excellence, a distinction that recognises the outstanding contributions of authors and reviewers to scholarly research.

Prof Ooi says the award means a lot to him.

