Professor Lee Sing Kong (1951-2017) was a widely respected academic and passionate educator known for his contributions towards Singapore’s teaching system. At Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore), Professor Lee served in various leadership positions that included Director of National Institute of Education (NIE), Vice President of Education Strategies, Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Learning (CRADLE), and Vice President of Alumni & Advancement.

As a horticulturist, Professor Lee played a leading role in the greening of Singapore. His contributions to the preservation and development of the country’s national parks and greenery helped to realise the late founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew’s vision of a Garden City.

Beyond his long list of careers and achievements, Professor Lee was known to many of his colleagues and students as a visionary leader with a heart, a selfless mentor and a great teacher. In honour of Professor Lee’s contributions towards education and Singapore, the University has launched the Lee Sing Kong Endowment Fund, which will carry on his vision and passion for education by supporting professorships in Early Childhood Education as well as NTU Bursaries for underprivileged students.
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The Lee Sing Kong Professorship in Early Childhood is intended to be a visiting professorship at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore for outstanding professors of international standing in the field of Early Childhood and Early Childhood Education. Whilst at the NIE/NTU Singapore, professors will be expected to deliver public lectures/seminars/workshops and engage with the NIE/NTU community and all stakeholders in Early Childhood education in Singapore.

Lee Sing Kong Bursary Award

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“ [...] education and farming share a very strong parallel – they involve the process of nurturing and the goals are to help unleash the potential of either a plant or a child.”

- Professor Lee Sing Kong


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