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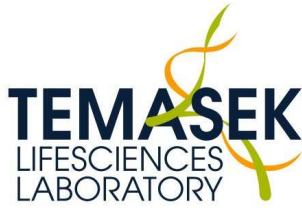
Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory Appoints Prof Yu Hao as Executive Director

31 December 2014, Singapore - Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL) is pleased to announce that Professor Yu Hao has been appointed the Executive Director of TLL with effect from 1st January 2015. He will succeed Professor Chan Soh Ha to oversee the research and development activities at TLL and will continue with his appointment as Temasek Senior Investigator.

Prof Yu Hao is currently the Vice Dean for Graduate Studies at the Faculty of Science at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and a Professor with the Department of Biological Sciences at the Faculty. Prof Yu has previously held several key administrative positions in NUS, such as Deputy Head in the Department of Biological Sciences from 2009 to 2012.

Prof Yu joined TLL in 2004 and since then, he has trained more than 45 students at all levels. His Ph.D. students have consistently won prestigious awards such as the International Society of Plant Molecular Biology (ISPMB) Gold Medal for the most outstanding research work done in "Plant Sciences" in 2011 and 2013, Wang Gungwu Medal and Prize for the best Ph.D. thesis in "Natural Sciences" in 2010, Chua Toh Hua Memorial Gold Medal for the best Ph.D. thesis in "Life Sciences" in 2010 and 2011, Top Graduate Research Award in Faculty of Science, NUS in 2009 and the Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad in 2008.

Prof Yu Hao graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University and received his Ph.D. from NUS in 2001. After his stint as a Research Fellow in the NUS Department of



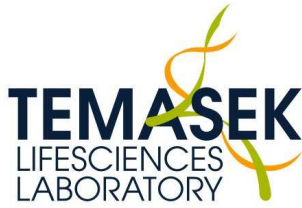
Biological Sciences, he joined the California Institute of Technology as a Post-doctoral Fellow. In 2004, he joined TLL as a Principal Investigator and was promoted to Temasek Senior Investigator as a result of his strong research and academic achievements as recognized by peers and international panel of advisors.

Prof Yu Hao said, “Prof Chan has supported many of our young scientists and provided guidance for them to excel in their own fields. This contributes to the making of a new generation of scientists and research entrepreneurs. It is my honour and privilege to be appointed the new Executive Director of TLL. I will work closely with the Board of Directors to build upon these achievements. I am very excited by the upcoming developments in TLL and look forward to working with the TLL community to bring about success for the institution and to achieve TLL’s mission.”

Mr Teo Ming Kian, Chairman of TLL said, “We are pleased to have Prof Yu Hao appointed as TLL’s Executive Director. With his outstanding scientific achievements and leadership experience, we believe that he will be able to spur our researchers to give off their best to realize TLL’s mission, foster even more collaborations internally and externally with local and international partners, leading the institution to greater heights.”

Prof Yu Hao is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and accolades such as the President’s Science Award in 2013, the Outstanding Scientist Award and Dean’s Chair Professorship from the NUS Faculty of Science in 2011, the Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2009, the Singapore Youth Award for Science and Technology in 2007 and the Singapore National Academy of Science Young Scientist Award in 2006.

Prof Yu’s appointment in TLL runs concurrently with his academic portfolio in NUS.



About Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL)

TLL is a non-profit organisation established in 2002 to undertake cutting-edge research in molecular biology and genetics utilising a broad range of model organisms. TLL is affiliated to the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. Our vision is to create an environment which can attract the brightest young minds worldwide, support their research and challenge them to be leaders in their own fields.

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