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File photo: Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Group. (AFP/File - Fabrice Coffrini)

SINGAPORE: The former chairman of Tata Group, Mr Ratan Tata, was conferred an honorary degree by the Singapore Management University (SMU) on Monday.

Presenting the award to one of India's top businessman was Education Minister Heng Swee Keat.

The Doctor of Business Honoris Causa degree is the university's highest honour.

Chairman of SMU's Board Ho Kwon Ping in his citation described Mr Tata as an "eminent individual who has exhibited true distinction in business and philanthropy".

He noted that during Mr Tata's tenure, the Tata Group's revenues grew more than tenfold.

Mr Tata had also received the Honorary Citizen award from the Singapore government in 2008.

The award is the highest form of recognition given to global talent for outstanding contributions to Singapore's growth and development.

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Mr Ho said: "He (Mr Tata) is an innovative international businessman who gave momentum to India's resurgence as a global economic power. And as Chairman of the Tata Groups charitable trusts, he is warmly admired for his philanthropy and support for advances in technology and higher education."