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SMU Chairman Ho Kwon Ping announces the Honorary Doctor of Letters degree awarded to former President S R Nathan. (Photo: SMU)



Professor Katherine Schipper received an Honorary Doctor of Accountancy degree from Social and Family Development Minister Chan Chung Sing. (Photo: SMU)

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SINGAPORE: The Singapore Management University (SMU) conferred honorary doctorates to two individuals on Tuesday (July 15), describing them as "extraordinaire personalities".

Former President S R Nathan was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree in recognition of his outstanding contribution and support to the university, as well as for his lifetime of exemplary service as one of Singapore's most distinguished public servants.

However, Mr Nathan was down with the flu and was unable to attend the ceremony.

Professor Katherine Schipper also received an honorary degree for Accountancy from Social and Family Development Minister Chan Chung Sing. The award was in recognition of her academic papers in the areas of accounting thought and practice.

For the first time, all 2,149 graduates from SMU celebrated their commencement in a single ceremony. It is the university's largest batch of graduates since it opened in 2000.

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