

CITY & GUILDS HONOURS KEY STATESMAN



City & Guilds, the leading awarding body for vocational education, has awarded Singaporean politician and businessman, Mr Wee Siew Kim (pictured left), with a fellowship. He joins a list of prestigious fellows including the former British Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Sir John Major, as well as Ireland's President, Mary McAleese.

Mr Wee Siew Kim has been a Member of Parliament in Singapore since 2001 and is currently Deputy CEO and President (Defence Business) at Singapore Technologies Engineering. He has an affiliation with City & Guilds, having graduated with a first class honours degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Imperial College London, a City & Guilds college.

Michael Howard HonFCGI, Chairman of City & Guilds, said: 'We are honoured to confer this special award to Mr Wee Siew Kim in recognition of his outstanding professional and personal achievements and in appreciation of his commitment to vocational education and training. This is the first time that this prestigious accolade, reserved for 'persons of distinction' who have made outstanding achievements in their field, has been awarded in Singapore.'

Mr Wee said: 'The Fellowship is indeed a great honour. At the same time, it is humbling as there are so many more distinguished Fellows of City & Guilds. Hence, this conferment should be seen as a recognition of the collective contributions of many of my contemporaries in Singapore who saw engineering as a worthwhile pursuit, and hopefully, for generations of young Singaporeans to come, some motivation that engineering is a worthwhile career.'

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Fellows of City & Guilds are permitted to use the letter FCGI after their names and are eligible for election to the Council and to contribute towards City & Guilds' policy.

City & Guilds headquarters are located in London and the company has branches and representatives in 80 countries. Its qualifications are portable and recognised by employers and educational institutions worldwide.

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