

## APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU DINNER FOR FORMER PRESIDENT S R NATHAN

The National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council organised an Appreciation and Thank You Dinner for former President of the Republic of Singapore, Mr S R Nathan, on Tuesday evening, 1 November 2011 at the Galleria Ballroom, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The event was hosted by Mah Bow Tan, former Minister for National Development and Chairman, NYAA Advisory Board.

The Thank You Dinner was held to show appreciation of Mr Nathan, who played a pivotal role in the NYAA's youth leadership development work during his presidency.

The NYAA Advisory Board, Council and Gold Award Holders' Alumni (GAHA) thanked Mr Nathan for his support and patronage of NYAA, which serves as a holistic platform for young people aged 14 to 25 years old to maximize their potential to serve the community.

Mr Mah and Natalie Morris, Deputy Chairman of GAHA, delivered thank you messages to Mr Nathan for his contributions to the NYAA's youth development programme.



**Members of Parliament, NYAA Advisory Board and Council Members making a toast to Mr S R Nathan during the thank you dinner.**

make a difference in the community.

Showing his support for the NYAA, President Nathan graced the annual NYAA Gold Award Presentation Ceremonies, which honoured those youth who have reached their full potential to become active and responsible community leaders. Since 2000, President Nathan personally presented the NYAA Gold Awards to more than 1,600 recipients.

During NYAA-organised events such as the APEC Voices of the Future (Youth Summit) and exchange programmes in Singapore, President Nathan also hosted receptions at the Istana for overseas participants and guests.



**Former President S R Nathan delivering an impromptu speech at the thank you dinner. He said he was "overwhelmed" by the appreciation he received.**

Invited guests including Members of Parliament, business and community leaders, NYAA Advisory Board and Council Members, and GAHA members attended the thank you dinner.

Over the last 12 years, President Nathan provided equal opportunity for many young people from all levels of society to excel through the NYAA programme. Through his office, he spearheaded many projects that developed youth's talents and potentials. Among these projects, which benefited the NYAA Gold Awardees, are the annual President Challenge and the Trees of the Istana Project, which allowed NYAA participants to utilize their skills to