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## TTSH Doctor Attains Overseas Recognition

Dr Gerald Tan, Associate Consultant, Division of Surgery, Department of Urology, TTSH, has been awarded the Ferdinand C. Valentine Fellowship in Urologic Research from the New York Academy of Medicine. This is the first time a non-American trained urologist is presented this award in its 45-year history.



The Ferdinand C. Valentine Fellowship is a very prestigious and competitive award in the United States, on par with the AUA Foundation and NIH Research Scholarships. Every year, up to two awards of USD 50,000 each are given out.

Dr Gerald Tan also received two other awards at the 2008 International College of Surgeons Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada – the International College of Surgeons Research Essay Award (Grand Prize) and the International College of Surgeons Research Scholarship Award which consists of USD1500 prize money.

Currently, he is on a two-year fellowship at Cornell University, New York, working on a clinical and translational research in prostate cancer. This research addresses the increasing concern of preserving potency after treatment for prostate cancer and will be presented at the Asian Congress of Urology in New Dehli and the World Congress of Endourology in Shanghai this October and November respectively. He will also be involved in hands-on clinical in robotic surgery and male fertility.

“I am very grateful to Prof Chia Sing Joo and the department for supporting my fellowship training here. This research exposure has been very life-changing for me. I will be able to contribute much more to the research and surgical capabilities of our department when I return,” said Dr Tan.