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Speaker | Board Director | Educator | Musician | Medical Doctor

A Short Biography

Yvonne is an inspirational speaker, businesswoman, educator, musician, medical specialist and more.

She is the first woman in Victoria and the first Australian woman of Asian heritage to be dually qualified as a radiologist and nuclear medicine specialist, both male-dominated medical specialties. She is also the first woman radiologist to be Director of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR).

As a medical doctor in her fields of specialty, she has extensive experience in diagnosing and treating diseases and in medical research nationally and internationally. Her expertise lies in her ability to do so via cutting-edge, non-invasive imaging techniques. Her achievements include research in imaging of articular cartilage, including post-cartilage transplantation imaging, to ensure patient quality of life is maintained. She has contributed to medical imaging availability internationally by pioneering the Fellowship of the RANZCR radiodiagnosis training beyond its traditional boundaries with a colleague, Professor SC Wang. She was also pivotal in introducing PET-CT imaging to Singapore.

Yvonne is unique because she has an established parallel career in music. She obtained her music qualifications when she was still at school, and has been a music educator ever since. She established Charteris Music School which innovates music education, with a vision of high quality fun learning. She unites our communities in music and song, with enjoyable ensembles and lively choirs. More recently, she has also become the Director of Emmanuel Healthcare.

In 2015, Yvonne was awarded Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, and is the first Malaysian-born woman to receive this honour. The Order of Australia, instituted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, is an Australian society of honour to recognise Australian citizens for their achievements or meritorious service.

She is also a winner of the 2014 Australia Awards and an inductee of the 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women for her many ground-breaking accomplishments.

She is an Australia Day Ambassador for the Victorian Government.

She serves on various Boards, Councils and committees of Australian public organisations, is an expert advisor to the Commonwealth Government of Australia, and the co-founder of an international marketing firm.

Some of Yvonne's passions are (1) to inspire our next generation, particularly women and minority groups, to equal workforce participation and to Australia's top leadership roles and (2) to encourage lifelong community engagement of people of the Third-Age.

She speaks publicly at wide-ranging events, gives media presentations and publishes on various topics.