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## For Immediate Release

### **Announcement of the 4<sup>th</sup> S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore**

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce its appointment of Mr Lim Siong Guan as the 4<sup>th</sup> S R Nathan Fellow for the first semester of 2017/2018 Academic Year (August - December 2017).

As S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore, Mr Lim will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore. He will deliver a series of IPS-Nathan Lectures during his term at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Thereafter, Mr Lim's lectures will be compiled and published in a book.

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all. Held at NUS, they enrich the vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus by advancing public understanding and discourse on issues of national interest. Details of Mr Lim's lectures will be published on the [IPS website](#).

Currently Advisor to the Group Executive Committee of GIC Private Limited, Mr Lim has had an illustrious career in public service, spanning several decades. He has served as Head of Civil Service (1999 – 2005), Chairman of the Economic Development Board (2006 – 2009) and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Finance, Education, and the Prime Minister's Office. Mr Lim has also written extensively on matters of leadership, governance, and success in life, family and work. He is the Founding Chairman of Honour (Singapore), a charity whose mission is to promote a culture of honour and honouring for the well-being of the nation. Mr Lim's CV is provided herewith.

### **About the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore**

The S R Nathan Fellowship was announced in 2013 at IPS' 25th anniversary gala dinner. IPS wanted to recognise the unique contributions of Mr S R Nathan – Singapore's sixth and longest serving President – to public service and the development of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised around S\$5.9 million (including a matching government grant) to endow the annual fellowship.

The S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore serves to further IPS' core mission: to research and analyse policy issues and challenges, build bridges between key thought leaders, and communicate the Institute's work to a wider audience.

**Mr Lim Siong Guan**

Advisor to Group Executive Committee, GIC Private Limited



**LIM** Siong Guan is a Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, instructing on leadership and change management, as well as a Senior Fellow of the Singapore Civil Service College, since 2006.

He was the Group President of GIC from 2007 to 2016. The GIC manages the financial reserves of the Singapore government.

He was Chairman of the Singapore Economic Development Board from 2006 to 2009. Siong Guan was the Head of the Singapore Civil Service from 1999 to 2005. Over a span of 22 years from 1994 to 2006, he has been the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance.

Mr Lim has co-authored with Joanne H. Lim two books: *The Leader, The Teacher & You – Leadership Through the Third Generation*, a best-selling book on leadership and governance, and *Winning With Honour in Relationships, Family, Organisations, Leadership, and Life*, a book on success in life, family and work. He is a member of the SwissRe Advisory Panel and of the International Board of the stars Foundation, a Swiss foundation that promotes leadership development for leaders of the next generation. He chairs the Board of Directors of Honour (Singapore), a charity that seeks to promote the culture of honour and honouring for the well-being of the nation.

### **About the Institute of Policy Studies**

The [Institute of Policy Studies \(IPS\)](#) was established in 1988 as an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. Today, IPS is an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. The Institute continues to advance its core mission: to analyse public policy; build bridges between thought leaders; and communicate research findings to a wide audience. IPS examines domestic policy challenges across a variety of fields and studies the attitudes of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analysis and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research.

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