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**SINGAPORE AND A RISING ASIA: LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
HOLDS 10th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

Eminent guest speakers to explore the Lion City's future role in the region

SINGAPORE – New York Times columnist Roger Cohen and China Economic Quarterly co-founder Joe Studwell will be among the distinguished speakers giving their views on Singapore and Asia at an upcoming conference to mark the 10th anniversary of the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP).

Other speakers at the Oct 17 conference, to be held at LKYSPP's Bukit Timah campus in Singapore, will include Mr Lawrence Wong, Singapore's Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and its Second Minister for Communications and Information, and Mr George Yeo, formerly Singapore's Foreign Affairs Minister.

Ahead of Singapore's 50th birthday in 2015, the conference will feature discussions on what the next 50 years will hold for the island nation and its role in the region. "The conference will explore Singapore's place in a rising Asia," said Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of LKYSPP.

Titled *Singapore and a Rising Asia*, the full-day conference will consist of nine morning talks held in parallel and a series of three plenary sessions in the afternoon.

The morning talks will be conducted by speakers including Mr Lim Siong Guan, Group President of GIC - the sovereign wealth fund established by the Singapore Government to manage the country's foreign reserves – and Mr Lam Chuan Leong, an Ambassador-at-Large for Singapore. Mr Lim will discuss whether Singapore's public service is future-ready while Mr Lam, along with LKYSPP economist Dodo Thampapillai, will examine the role of economics in public policy.

In the first plenary session, Mr Yeo, a visiting scholar at LKYSPP, will address whether Singapore has already enjoyed its best years or if better times still lie ahead for the country.

During the second plenary, Mr Cohen will speak about how the United States can continue to be a benign, stabilising force in Asia, while Mr Studwell will discuss how China's economy has managed to grow a staggering 10 percent a year on average for more than 30 years despite lacking a conventional governance framework.

In the third plenary, Mr Wong, who is also the conference's guest of honour, will launch two books: LKYSPP's 10th anniversary book and *The Big Ideas of Mr Lee Kuan Yew*.

Established in 2004, LKYSPP has a research-strong global faculty and a diverse student body of over 400 students spanning 50 countries. Over the last decade, it has become the third-best endowed school of public policy in the world, and the first to introduce a fully-integrated multidisciplinary curriculum.

"Our goal is to bring together the best of the East and the best of the West, enriching the educational experience of our graduate programmes," said Prof Mahbubani.

The school has also played host to dozens of eminent speakers from around the globe, including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Rwanda President Paul Kagame, former World Bank president Robert Zoellick and Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen, Douglass North, Elinor Ostrom and Kofi Annan.

In addition, the school has an extensive network of international partners, which include the Harvard Kennedy School, the London School of Economics and the University of Tokyo.

In 2007, LKYSPP became the first Asian school to join the prestigious Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) established by the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs in the United States, the London School of Economics in Britain and France's Sciences Po.

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About Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Part of the National University of Singapore, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy was established in 2004 with the mission of educating and inspiring current and future generations of leaders to raise the standards of governance in Asia, improve the lives of its people and contribute to the transformation of the region.

With over 400 students spanning 70 countries, the School's unique Asian focus allows students to experience public policy education in a distinctively global environment. The School has a number of research centres and institutes that contribute both to scholarly inquiry as well as policymaking, and frequently plays host to distinguished speakers and visiting scholars. For more information about the School, visit www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg.

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