

## **SINGAPORE'S LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY TO LAUNCH NEW EDUCATION CENTRE IN SUZHOU, CHINA**

*Satellite campus to offer unique Chinese-language executive education and postgraduate degree courses to Chinese officials*

SUZHOU – The National University of Singapore (NUS) Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY School) will open its first overseas education centre in Suzhou, China, in 2014 - in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) project and the 11<sup>th</sup> China-Singapore Joint Council for Bilateral Cooperation meeting. NUS and SIP signed a Framework Agreement for the project on 27 October 2014.

2            This deepening of the relationship between NUS and SIP is symbolic of the longstanding friendship between China and Singapore, and integral to ongoing efforts to broaden the reach of the National University of Singapore Suzhou Research Institute (NUSRI). The growing partnership also includes the launch of a new NUS Business School China Business Centre and Institute of Real Estate Studies (IRES) Global Logistic Properties Research Centre.

3            The LKY School Suzhou Centre will offer an array of executive education and postgraduate degree courses, including a new Executive Master in Public Administration (EMPA) programme, with the aim to equip Chinese officials with the most up-to-date knowledge skills required by China's developmental needs. "The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy has provided world class public policy education to hundreds of Chinese officials and citizens in its Singapore campus. We look forward to doing the same and more in our new Suzhou Centre. We are confident that this public policy education will bring significant benefits to China and to its people," said Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the LKY School.

4 To better cater to the needs of Chinese students, all courses at the LKY School Suzhou Centre will be conducted in Chinese, and taught in a modular fashion by both full-time and adjunct faculty from the LKY School. The new EMPA programme is a part-time programme for Chinese officials which differs significantly from the LKY School's existing course offerings, drawing on numerous case studies from both Singapore and China. Many experienced Singapore officials who have worked on SIP will also be on-hand to provide valuable and exclusive insight to students.

5 In addition, the LKY School will work closely with Suzhou Township Development Pte Ltd, SIP officials and the Singapore Government to offer short-term executive programmes in social management, urbanisation, sustainable development, and environment and water management. The centre will also serve as a resource for students enrolled in the LKY School's English programmes, who will benefit from study trips and other curriculum innovations leveraging on the school's presence in China. The centre will also serve as a research hub for the LKY School's students and faculty.

6 The Suzhou centre will build on the LKY School's proven track record of successfully engaging senior Chinese officials and state-owned enterprise (SOE) executives through training and education. Since 2010, more than 500 Chinese participants have enrolled in the school's postgraduate programmes, while nearly 3000 have enrolled in its executive education programmes. The school counts numerous prominent Chinese officials and SOE executives among its distinguished alumni.

7 Established in 2004, the LKY School boasts a distinguished faculty strong in research, and a diverse student body spanning 70 countries. The school has played host to distinguished 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.

8           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, the LKY School 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.

## **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](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg).

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