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A student of philosophy and history, Kishore Mahbubani has had the good fortune of enjoying a career in government and, at the same time, in writing on public issues. With the Singapore Foreign Service from 1971 to 2004, he had postings in Cambodia (where he served during the war in 1973-74), Malaysia, Washington DC and New York, where he served two stints as Singapore's Ambassador to the UN and as President of the UN Security Council in January 2001 and May 2002. He was Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Ministry from 1993 to 1998. Currently, he is the Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) of the National University of Singapore. Concurrently, Prof Mahbubani continues to serve in Boards and Councils of several institutions in Singapore, Europe and North America, including the Yale President's Council on International Activities (PCIA), Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, Indian Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council, University of Bocconi International Advisory Committee, World Economic Forum - Global Agenda Council on China and Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Nominating Committee. In the world of ideas, Prof Mahbubani has spoken and published globally. His articles have appeared in a wide range of journals and newspapers, including Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the Washington Quarterly, Survival, American Interest, the National Interest, Time, Newsweek, the Financial Times and New York Times. He has also been profiled in the Economist and in Time Magazine. He is the author of Can Asians Think? (published and translated in Singapore, Canada, US, Mexico, India, China Myanmar, Turkey and Malaysia), Beyond The Age Of Innocence: Rebuilding Trust between America and the World (published and translated in the US and China), and The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible Shift of Global Power to the East (published and translated in the US, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Egypt, China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Italy, Taiwan and Vietnam). His new book is The Great Convergence: Asia, The West and the Logic of One World (published and translated in the US, the Netherlands and China). More information on his writings can be found on www.mahbubani.net. Prof Mahbubani was awarded the President's Scholarship in 1967. He graduated with a First Class honours degree in Philosophy from the University of Singapore in 1971. From Dalhousie University, Canada, he received a Masters degree in Philosophy in 1976 and an honorary doctorate in 1995. He spent a year as a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University from 1991 to 1992. He was conferred The Public Administration Medal (Gold) by the Singapore Government in 1998. The Foreign Policy Association Medal was awarded to him in New York in June 2004 with the following opening words in the citation: "A gifted diplomat, a student of history and philosophy, a provocative writer and an intuitive thinker". Prof Mahbubani was also listed as one of the top 100 public intellectuals in the world by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines in September 2005, and included in the March 2009 Financial Times list of Top 50 individuals (including Obama, Wen Jiabao and Sarkozy) who would shape the debate on the future of capitalism. Most recently, Prof Mahbubani was selected as one of Foreign Policy's Top Global Thinkers in 2010 and 2011. In 2011, he was described as "the muse of the Asian century."

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Singapore Press Holdings, Mendaki, StarHub, Capital Land and Great Eastern Life on policies concerning financial, fiscal, trade, tourism, industrial clusters, public housing, labor, telecommunication, tourism, liveable cities, creative industry, media, community development, insurance, airport and seaport activities. He has also served as a consultant to international agencies such as the Asian Development Bank, Asian Development Bank Institute, United Nations Industrial Development Group, World Gold Council, ASEAN Secretariat, Central Policy Unit of Hong Kong, Kerzner International, Las Vegas Sands. Dr Tan has published in internationally refereed journals including Applied Economics, Asian Economic Papers, Competitiveness Review, Journal of Business and Economics, Review of Pacific Basin Financial Markets and Policies, in the area of capital flows, economic forecasting, financial sector liberalization and macroeconomic competitiveness. His current research interests include econometric forecasting, financial reforms and liberalization of ASEAN 10 + 5 economies, global liveable cities Index, competitiveness analysis on 34 Greater China economies, 35 states of India, 33 Indonesian provinces and Asean-10 economies. Dr Tan was Deputy President of the Singapore Economic Society, 2004. He served in the 2002 Economic Review Committee (ERC), served as Chairman of the Task Force on Portable Medical Benefits (PMB), served as the Deputy Chairman of the IPS Forum for Economic Restructuring (IFER) in 2003 and served as a member of the Resource Panel of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Transport and Government Parliamentary Committee for Finance and Trade since 2007. Dr Tan has extensively advised and guided multi-national corporations leading to public listings especially those companies from Mainland China and Taiwan. He is also currently an Independent Director of the publicly listed Forterra, Artivision, Breadtalk Group Limited and TEE Land. He is also a Board Member of Human Capital Singapore.

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Mahesh VYAS

Mahesh Vyas has been running the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) for the past two decades. He began his career with the CMIE in 1980 and has been its CEO since 1996. He conceptualised and played the lead role in building the largest database on the Indian economy. This includes the largest database of the financial performance of Indian companies, the largest database of new investments and the largest database of the financials of Indian households. Mahesh Vyas also played the lead role in creating successful information services that delivered these databases to clients. His research work has focussed on integration of these large micro databases along with publicly available data into an integrated macro-economic framework. His current works include the building a forecasting system for the Indian

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