

## KAI HONG PHUA



Dr Phua holds a tenured appointment in Health and Social Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He was previously Associate Professor and Head, Health Services Research at the Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore. He teaches health policy and management, health economics and global health in the various graduate programs in public policy and public administration. He graduated with honors *cum laude* at Harvard University and received graduate degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health (Master in Health Services Administration & Population Sciences) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (PhD in Social Administration, specializing in Health Economics). He was the recipient of a Harvard College Scholarship, the Sigma Scholarship from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, and the National University of Singapore Overseas Graduate Scholarship. He had served as President of the London School of Economics Alumni Association in Singapore, and on the Executive Committee of the Harvard Club of Singapore as Treasurer and Editor. He was a past President of the Malaysia-Singapore Students Association in Boston USA, Senior Under-Officer at the Royal Military College in Malaysia and won many prizes and College Colours for sports achievements. He was also a King's Scout and received a merit award at the Outward Bound School, Malaysia.

Dr Phua has produced over 200 publications and papers in the field of health policy & management and related areas including the history of health services, population ageing and health policy, health economics and financing. He leads the health systems component of a Rockefeller Foundation-funded project on Trends Monitoring in Asia and is co-lead author of the overview for the Lancet series on *Health in Southeast Asia* and a forthcoming book on *Health and Health Systems in Southeast Asia*. He is active as founding member of the Asian Health Systems Reform Network (DRAGONET); and was past Chair, Executive Board of Asia-Pacific Health Economics Network; and past Associate Editor of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health and Singapore Economic Review. He delivered the 2012 ST Lee Lecture at the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, University of Sydney and the Australian National University.

Dr Phua received The Outstanding Young Person of Singapore award in 1992 for his contributions to health policy and community service. He is a past Vice-Chairman of the Singapore Red Cross and Chair, International Services Committee, having served as its Director of Welfare and chairman of various humanitarian projects and medical missions throughout the region. He served on the Board of Management of the Home Nursing Foundation and was a founder Council Member and Chairman, Resource Committee of the Gerontological Society. He was Chairman of the Task Force on Social Services 2015, to develop a strategic plan for the National Council of Social Service. He was appointed on many national advisory committees, including the Singapore Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) Resource Panel on Health (1989-2013), National Advisory Council on the Family and Aged (1989-1994), Review Committee on National Health Policies (1991-1992), and Health Advisory Council, (1989-1992).

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