Dr Yap Mui Teng was officially promoted to Principal Research Fellow on 15 May 2015. This is the first promotion to the position at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). Dr Yap joined IPS in 1989, after stints as a statistician in two government agencies, and as a researcher at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In congratulating Dr Yap on her promotion, IPS Director Janadas Devan described Dr Yap as “one of the most well-known demographers in Singapore — indeed, in this part of the world”.

Dr Yap heads the Demography and Family research cluster at IPS. She is also an Associate of the Changing Family in Asia cluster at the Asia Research Institute (ARI) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Dr Yap’s research interests include policy responses to low fertility in Singapore and elsewhere, policies on the aged, migration policies, and health and social policies in ageing societies.

Her most recent publications include Migration and Integration in Singapore: Policies and Practice, a book published by Routledge, which she co-edited with IPS Senior Research Fellow Gillian Koh and Research Associate Debbie Soon. Dr Yap and Research Fellow Christopher Gee co-edited the IPS Exchange publication, Population Outcomes: Singapore 2050 which was published in 2014. Both researchers also contributed a chapter on the policy implications of Singapore’s ageing population to the recently-launched 50 Years of Social Issues in Singapore, edited by Professor David Chan of the Singapore Management University.

In the coming months, Dr Yap will release findings from the latest Perception of Policies in Singapore (POPS) Survey on the 2013 Marriage and Parenthood package. She is also working on other research projects related to an active ageing index and the changing nature of longevity in Singapore.

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