

From Us to You: Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year



The IPS family at our annual lunch hosted by IPS Director Janadas Devan, 5 November 2014

As we celebrate the festive season and welcome the new year, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) e-newsletter team would like to thank you for your support and interest in reading about our research projects and events. We hope our reports have served your interest sufficiently and would love to hear from you if you have any feedback. We can be reached at ips.eneews@nus.edu.sg

IPS is gearing up for an exciting 2015 as we celebrate 50 years of independence for Singapore. We have several heavyweight projects and commemorative events lined up, beginning with our annual flagship Singapore Perspectives 2015 in January, which is

featured in this edition of the e-newsletter. In July 2015, IPS will co-host with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the National University of Singapore, a two-day conference featuring global and Singaporean thinkers, and our country's political leaders. They will discuss trends in geopolitics, international economic development, urban liveability and sustainability, and governance to consider how Singapore and its people can become resilient and prepare themselves as they look towards the next 50 years.

Another major contribution by IPS to mark the 50th anniversary will be the launch of our 50-volume *Singapore Chronicles* series next year. The 50 short books will each be a primer on the selected subject, written by leading experts in the field but in an accessible style. They will also be sold at low prices so most of the public can afford them.

In 2013, with the generous support of our donors, we launched the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore to promote greater academic discourse on Singapore-centric issues. The first annual fellowship was awarded to Mr Ho Kwon Ping in July 2014 and he will deliver three more public lectures in the first half of 2015 before his one-year term comes to a close.

As our political, economic and social landscape continues to evolve, there is a growing culture of vibrant debate on what this means for governance, the Singaporean identity and Singapore's future. Our five research clusters and the IPS Social Lab will continue to study these issues and provide rigorous data and thoughtful analyses to stimulate meaningful conversations on these issues of public concern.

We will continue to bring you reports of our conferences and seminars, working papers and surveys, and feature our books, op-eds and IPSCOMMONS commentaries. We look forward to meeting you at our events, which are publicised on our website and in the monthly e-newsletter.

Our very best wishes for a joyful festive season and a bright year ahead,

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