

New S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore to be appointed

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SINGAPORE: Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will be appointed the 2015/16 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) said in a press release on Thursday (Apr 9).

The S R Nathan Fellowship recognises the unique contribution of Mr Nathan – Singapore's sixth and longest-serving President – to public service and the advancement of Singapore.

IPS says the fellowship serves to further its core mission: To research and analyse policy issues and challenges, build bridges between key thought leaders, and communicate the Institute's work to a wider audience.

As an S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Kausikan will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore, and give a series of IPS-Nathan Lectures over the course of the 2015/2016 academic year.

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all at the National University of Singapore (NUS). IPS says they will enrich the already vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus, by advancing public understanding and discussion of issues of national interest.

The 2014/15 S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings Limited, was appointed in July 2014. Mr Ho has since delivered a series of well-attended lectures and contributed to promoting greater discourse on Singapore issues, said IPS. Mr Ho's lectures will be compiled into a book and published by IPS later this year.

Details of Mr Kausikan's lectures will be available on the IPS website (<http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg>) and in the monthly IPS e-newsletter from August.