

**Dialogue
on
Singaporeans and the Future Economy**

Wednesday, 23 October 2019
Empress 5, Level 2,
Carlton Hotel Singapore
76 Bras Basah Road, Singapore 189558

PROGRAMME

9.30 am – 10.00 am	Registration (<i>Light Refreshments will be served</i>)
10.00 am – 10.05 am	Welcome Remarks Mr Manu Bhaskaran Adjunct Senior Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies
10.05 am – 10.35 am	Opening Remarks Mr Chng Kai Fong Managing Director Economic Development Board
10.35 am – 11.30 am	Dialogue Moderated by Mr Manu Bhaskaran
11.30 am	End

SYNOPSIS

What are Singaporeans, especially the younger generation, to make of the future? Globalisation, the onset of disruptive technologies, Industry 4.0 and the rapidly evolving job market are all major life-changing trends that are increasingly apparent. Whilst fewer Singaporeans today have the same concerns of day-to-day survival than earlier generations, our expectations and potential have also expanded as the nation and society develop. At this event, Mr Chng Kai Fong, Managing Director of the Economic Development Board will share his thoughts on ways in which the economy and society could evolve to handle the necessary transitions for us to thrive in the future. Participants will have the opportunity to engage Mr Chng in the dialogue session on the key trends and issues discussed.

SPEAKERS' PROFILE

CHNG Kai Fong was appointed Managing Director of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) on 1 October 2017. He was the Principal Private Secretary (PPS) to the Prime Minister (PM) from 1 September 2014 to 30 September 2017. Before his appointment as PPS to the PM, Mr Chng served various roles in the Public Service. He was Director of Communications Group at the Prime Minister's Office, where he oversaw strategic communications and coordinated communications strategy across Government agencies. He was also Director of Resource Industry at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, where he coordinated the Government's efforts to drive productivity growth, and Director of the Institute of Public Sector Leadership, which runs leadership development programmes for public sector leaders. Mr Chng also served in the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Ministry of Communications and Information. He was also seconded from 2008 to 2010 as a Senior Management Consultant to Shell in its Downstream Strategy Division.

Mr Chng graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Master in Engineering in 2001, specialising in signal processing. In 2011, Mr Chng was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship. He is also a Sloan Fellow with a Master of Science in Management from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Mr Chng is married with two daughters and a son. In his younger days, he freelanced as a Euphonium player and an amateur conductor. These days, he waves his hands when classical music is playing on the radio, to the bewilderment of his children.

MANU Bhaskaran is Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. He is also concurrently Partner and Member of the Board, Centennial Group Inc, a policy advisory group based in Washington DC, where he heads the Group's economic research practice. Mr Manu co-leads the Institute's work in the area of economics. His major area of research interest is the Singapore economy and the policy options it faces. Prior to his current positions, he worked for 13 years at the investment banking arm of Societe Generale as its Chief Economist for Asia. He began his professional career at Singapore's Ministry of Defence, focusing on regional security and strategic issues. Mr Manu graduated from University of Cambridge with a Master of Arts and also has a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

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