

**Forum on Rethink and Refocus Value in the Economy:  
Future of Supply Chain and Logistics**

Tuesday, 4 August 2020  
Online via Zoom

**PROGRAMME**

2.00 pm – 2.05 pm

**Introduction**

Dr Faizal Yahya  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies

**Presentations**

2.05 pm – 2.20 pm

Mr Eugene Yam  
Assistant Vice President  
Commercial and Professional Services  
Economic Development Board

2.20 pm – 2.35 pm

Mr Thierry Driesens  
Digital Transformation Officer  
DHL Supply Chain

2.35 pm – 2.50 pm

Mr Christopher Marriott  
Chief Executive Officer  
Savills Southeast Asia

2.50 pm – 3.05 pm

Mr Shamir Rahim  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
VersaFleet

3.05 pm – 3.20 pm

Mr Loo Min  
Regional Director, Southeast Asia  
OpenText

3.20 pm – 4.00 pm

**Open Discussion**

**Moderator**

Dr Faizal Yahya  
  
Ms Leong Si Ngah  
Principal Consultant  
LanciaConsult

4.00 pm

**End**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**DRIESENS, Thierry** has a long career in technology development and innovation, starting his career in software development before joining DHL Supply Chain in 2004. A global leader with experience across multiple DHL senior roles, Mr Driesens now leads the digital transformation agenda for their 13 Billion Euro Supply Chain division — a position he took on in 2018 when it was first created.

**FAIZAL Yahya** is Senior Research Fellow in the Governance and Economy Department at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). Prior to joining IPS, he was Assistant Professor in the South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, National University of Singapore. Concurrently, he was Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies from 2008 to 2009. He has also served in the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (International Policy) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer. He was a member of the Singapore Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1998 and was also involved in multilateral meetings dealing with environmental issues such as climate change and transboundary hazardous wastes. He was appointed as a board member to the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore in 2019. Dr Faizal received his PhD in Economics in 2000 from the University of Sydney, Australia and was an Australian Overseas Postgraduate Research Scholar from 1994 to 1998.

**LEONG Si Ngah** is an experienced practitioner in transformation & organisation effectiveness, in particular, business strategy, mergers & acquisitions, and people & operations. She started the strategy and management consulting business in LanciaConsult — a Singapore homegrown consulting brand that has expanded globally into the United Kingdom, Germany and Hong Kong. She leads this business in Asia Pacific and shares her experience in entrepreneurship through mentoring. She is also an active contributor to the business agility network in Singapore.

**LOO Min**, as Regional Director, brings more than twenty years of experience in Supply Chain digitalization and Business to Business (B2B) E-commerce to OpenText in Southeast Asia. OpenText is one of the largest B2B E-commerce service providers in the world with annual commerce transaction topping USD 9 trillion in 2019 by supporting trade across 65,000 global enterprises. Mr Loo is responsible for developing and executing OpenText's business and sales operation in Southeast Asia and India.

**MARRIOTT, Christopher** is an established leader in the Asia Pacific real estate industry. Alongside his role as Southeast Asia Chief Executive Officer, he sits on the Asia Pacific Executive Committee to provide strategic direction for the region. As an advocate of innovative technology, Mr Marriott plays an active role in advising Savills and the broader industry on the leverage of digital to unlock value and create positive impact to businesses, and importantly, the communities and the environment.

**SHAMIR Rahim** is a technopreneur with a passion for artificial intelligence and biomedical technologies. Founder and Chief Executive Officer of VersaFleet™, he believes in automating the world's logistics operations. Mr Shamir holds a Master of Science (MSc) in Supply Chain Management from National University of Singapore (NUS), Faculty of Engineering. He earlier graduated from NUS as a University Scholar with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Science, and a Minor in Technopreneurship, which he attained while on the NUS Overseas College program at the University of Pennsylvania and The Wharton School. He was conferred 'Outstanding Young Alumni' by National University of Singapore in 2019; 'Young

Supply Chain Professional of the Year' by Supply Chain Asia in 2019; and serves on several national committees in Singapore, including the Central Provident Fund Board.

**YAM, Eugene** is the Assistant Vice President of the Commercial and Professional Services at the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB). EDB is the lead agency responsible for developing and implementing strategies to shape the future of Singapore's economy and enhance its position as a global business centre. In his role, Mr Yam works closely with major logistics companies in Singapore to further their growth in Asia through Singapore. Prior to this, he held roles as EDB's Regional Director for Southeast Asia and Assistant Head of the Logistics Division. Mr Yam began his career with Singapore Airlines Cargo where he was based in Beijing and Bangkok. In these capacities, he was responsible for strategic development of Northern China and Indo-China catchments, as well as the sales and operations of the regions.

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