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Appointment of the 16th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Philip Yeo**, former Economic Development Board, A*STAR and SPRING Singapore chairman, as the 16th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore.

From January to May 2025, Mr Yeo will work on a series of three lectures on Singapore's economic development, charting Singapore's path from the past to the future. He will highlight the country's economic transformation through manufacturing, Singapore's public R&D efforts led by A*STAR, and strategies to help local enterprises globalise. He will deliver the lectures at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and thereafter, the lectures will be compiled and published as a book.

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all. Held at NUS, they enrich the vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus and advance understanding and discourse on issues of national interest among the general public. Details of Mr Yeo's lectures will be published on the IPS website in due course.

A biographical note on Mr Yeo is provided herewith.

About the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore

The S R Nathan Fellowship was announced in 2013 at IPS' 25th anniversary gala dinner. IPS wanted to recognise the unique contributions of Mr S R Nathan — Singapore's sixth and longest-serving President — to public service and the development of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised around S\$5.9 million (including a matching government grant) to endow the fellowship.

The S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore serves to further IPS' 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.

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Biodata of Mr Philip Yeo

Mr Philip Yeo is Chairman, Economic Development Innovations Singapore (EDIS), an economic development management services company. EDIS provides strategic advice and undertakes the development and management of integrated industrial and urban areas with an emphasis on job creation and industrial cluster development.

Mr Yeo is Chairman of Accuron Technologies, a global technology group with core competencies in precision manufacturing, material processing and systems design and integration serving the aerospace, electronics and medical industries.

He is Chairman of Advanced MedTech Holdings, a high growth medtech company in Southeast Asia with a well-established global footprint. It is a global medical technology leader with a core focus in urology devices and services. www.advanced-medtech.com

He is Chairman of i-Globe Partners, a Singapore-based Private venture capital fund.

Mr Yeo is an independent director on the board of directors of City Developments Ltd (CDL), Sunway Group, QAF Limited and Indofood Agri Resources Pte Ltd. He is also Chairman of IndoAgri.

He was former Chairman of SPRING (Standards, Productivity and Innovation for Growth), Singapore Government's enterprise development agency whose mission is to enable and grow Local Enterprises focusing on Small and Medium Enterprises. In April 2018, SPRING Singapore merged with International Enterprise Singapore to form Enterprise Singapore.

He was former Chairman, Agency for Science, Technology & Research (A*STAR) and Economic Development Board (EDB), and Senior Adviser for Science & Technology in the Ministry of Trade & Industry and Special Advisor for Economic Development in the Prime Minister's Office.

Mr Yeo holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Industrial Engineering) and an honorary Doctorate in Engineering from the University of Toronto, Canada; Master of Science (Systems Engineering) from the then University of Singapore; Master of Business Administration from Harvard University; honorary Doctorate in Medicine from Karolinska Institute of Sweden; honorary Doctorate of Science from Imperial College London; honorary Doctor of Letters from National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University and honorary Doctor of Law from Monash University, Australia.

He received numerous awards from Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Europe and US.

About the Institute of Policy Studies

The [Institute of Policy Studies \(IPS\)](#) was established in 1988 as an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. Today, IPS is an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. The Institute continues to advance its core mission: to analyse public policy; build bridges between thought leaders; and communicate research findings to a wide audience. IPS examines domestic policy challenges across a variety of fields and studies the attitudes of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analysis and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research.

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