

IPS Press Release

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IPS is moving to the NUS Bukit Timah Campus



From 13 October 2008, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) will be operating from the Bukit Timah Campus of the National University of Singapore (NUS). This move completes the merger between IPS and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP). IPS' new home is House Number 5 on the Bukit Timah Campus. Historically, House Number 5 was the home of the Economics Department of the University of Malaya which later became the University of Singapore and then the National University of Singapore.

The new IPS premises consist of the original House Number 5 and a new annex building. See artist impression above. The IPS premises face the beautiful Eu Tong Sen Building (part of the NUS Law Faculty) and is next to the future Healing Garden being developed by the National Parks Board.

Professor Tommy Koh, Chairman of IPS, was delighted that IPS could be relocated in a heritage building with a history that is closely tied to Singapore's development. "Many of Singapore's economic architects, including Singapore's first and legendary Finance Minister, Dr Goh Keng Swee; IPS Patron, Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong; Mr S Dhanabalan; and Mr Ngiam Tong Dow, had spent some time in the building. I hope that the physical proximity to LKYSPP, being home in a heritage building and next to the Botanic Gardens will provide IPS with an inspiring environment to think and work." said Professor Koh.

Dean Kishore Mahbubani of LKYSPP said that this IPS move to House Number 5 also brings back many warm personal memories to him. He said, "House Number 5 is where I studied Economics at NUS. By returning to the former home of the Economics Department, IPS has symbolically and substantively increased its

linkages with NUS. All the five research centres of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy will also now be housed on the same campus.”

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Director of IPS, is pleased with the new premises. He said, “The Institute can now concentrate on its core functions and contribute to the enrichment of policy-making in Singapore and the engagement of thoughtful Singaporeans.”

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