

SINGAPORE PERSPECTIVES 2010

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Monday, 25 January 2010
Raffles Ballroom, Raffles City Convention Centre

Programme

(Draft as of 14 January 2010)

- 7.45 am – 8.45 am **Registration**
(This programme has been amended to allow registration to commence earlier.)
- 8.45 am – 10.00 am **Opening Remarks**

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong
Director
Institute of Policy Studies
- Keynote Address**

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
- Question-and-Answer Session**
- 10.00 am – 10.30 am **Tea Break**
- 10.30 am – 12.05 pm **PANEL I: *One United People***

This panel examines Singapore's development and nation building in relation to social cohesion. Recent public discussions on the national pledge and the increasing number of immigrants and new Singaporeans have raised questions about the strength of our social fabric. Within a changing social landscape, more interest groups are emerging. It is timely to critically assess the policies and practices that aim to deliver the ideal of "one united people". Can Singaporeans maintain civilities and let different viewpoints and practices flourish? Some Singaporeans are inclined towards a different approach. How can we balance the aspirations of Singaporeans in an increasingly differentiated "Home"?

Chairperson

Ms Pek Siok Lian
Executive Producer
Journey Pictures Pte Ltd

Speakers

Dr Daniel PS Goh
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
National University of Singapore

Ms Leong Ching
PhD Candidate
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore

Mr Aaron Maniam
President
Mendaki Club &
Chair
Youth Sub-Committee
SINDA

Question-and-Answer Session

12.05 pm – 1.35 pm

Lunch

1.35 pm – 3.10 pm

PANEL II: *One Gracious Society*

Considerable efforts to foster a greater sense of civic mindedness through the years underscore the importance of graciousness in the Singaporean society. Does a mere understanding of differences lead to the maintenance and development of Singapore's cultural and social resilience? How can we have more "Heart" and bond with each other without a top-down prescription? Are we managing the problems of the different segments of the population and their needs? Graciousness is not just about our daily social interactions; it is also about being aware of how our lifestyles impact the common environment we inhabit. Do Singaporeans care about healthy living and sustainable development? This panel will focus on these issues and consider the scope for more "heartware" in an increasingly competitive society.

Chairperson

Associate Professor Paulin Tay Straughan
Vice-Dean
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore

Speakers

Dr Terence Chong
Fellow &
Coordinator
Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Ms Braema Mathiapparanam
Social Activist

Dr Gan Su-lin
Director
Centre for Culture and Communication
Republic Polytechnic

Question-and-Answer Session

3.10 pm – 3.40 pm

Tea Break

3.40 pm – 5.15 pm

PANEL III: *One Global City*

A global city is highly connected to the world and wields socio-economic influence through its many linkages. Several international indices have ranked Singapore amongst the world's top cities. This panel looks at what is required to sustain Singapore's success and maintain its economic competitiveness in a constantly changing global environment, especially given the increasing concerns over climate change and its implications for society. What are the economics of a global city in a region where every country wants to be a powerhouse? How does social stability in Singapore contribute to and reinforce the country's growing status as an important node in the global economy? Going into the future, is there a bright horizon for Singapore's growth strategies?

Chairperson

Associate Professor Annie Koh
Dean
Office of Executive & Professional Education &
Associate Dean
Lee Kong Chian School of Business &
Academic Director
International Trading Institute@SMU
Singapore Management University

Speakers

Mr Lee Kwok Cheong
Chief Executive Officer
SIM

Mr Nizam Idris
Executive Director &
Head
Asia Emerging Markets Strategy
UBS AG

Professor Henry Yeung
Department of Geography
National University of Singapore

Question-and-Answer Session

5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

Wrap-up

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong

5.45 pm

End of Conference
