

SINGAPORE PERSPECTIVES 2007

A New Singapore

Thursday, 11 January 2007
Island Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel

PROGRAMME

(as at 6 January 2007)

8.15 am - 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 am - 9.10 am	Welcome Remarks Prof Tommy Koh Chairman Institute of Policy Studies
9.10 am - 10.40 am	A) DOMESTIC <u>Session I</u> The New and Dual Economy 2007 will be a good year to take stock of the changing economy of Singapore. First, what is the immediate and longer-term outlook like? Second, how should the country deal with the apparent emergence of a dual economy – a robust globalised sector next to a sluggish domestic one? What measures can be taken by the Government and will they be sufficient to offset the effects of this phenomenon that globalisation and liberalization have brought about? Chairperson: Mr Yeoh Lam Keong Advisor - Economic Cluster Institute of Policy Studies, and Director Economics & Strategy Department Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte Ltd Speakers: Dr Chua Hak Bin Director Asia Pacific Economic & Market Analysis Citigroup Global Markets Singapore Mr Manu Bhaskaran Adjunct Senior Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies, and Partner and Member of the Board Centennial Group Inc Question-and-Answer Session
10.40 am - 11.00 am	Coffee Break
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	<u>Session II</u> The New Politics of Identity

A new politics of identity is likely to emerge in Singapore as presence of new immigrants grows increasingly perceptible, and as more Singaporeans go after attractive jobs and lifestyles overseas. The demographic changes forces Singapore to rethink their social and political impact and reconsider what the much treasured project of "nation-building" will mean in time to come.

Chairperson:

Dr Gillian Koh
Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers:

Prof Brenda Yeoh
Department of Geography
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore

Assoc Prof Kwok Kian Woon
Associate Chair
Division of Sociology
Nanyang Technological University

Mrs Beatrice Chia-Richmond
Director and Actress, and
Artistic Director
Toy Factory Productions

Question-and-Answer Session

12.30 pm - 2.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 pm - 3.45 pm

Session III

New Technologies and Social Change

While technology from printing to cars, from the telephone to television has transformed society in the past, it is said that none would have more far-reaching consequences than the invention of the Internet and mobile phones. Some have claimed that in tightly-controlled Singapore, the impact will be particularly great, as technology opens up new possibilities of civil society in organisation and mobilisation and forces old media to face up to the plurality of online voices.

Chairperson:

Mr Tan Tarn How
Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers:

Dr Cherian George
Adjunct Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies, and
Acting Head
Division of Journalism and Publishing
Nanyang Technological University

Dr Lim Sun Sun
Assistant Professor
Communications and New Media Programme
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore

Question-and-Answer Session

3.45 pm - 4.10 pm

Coffee Break

B) REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

4.10 pm - 5.40 pm

Session IV

A New ASEAN

After 40 years, the member states of ASEAN are trying to reinvent the regional grouping. The signing of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Establishment of the ASEAN Charter to give ASEAN legal standing is a major step forward. If agreed to, a Charter will enable the association to face new challenges, including how to make itself more cohesive by finding more common political ground while forging tighter economic integration. What will the rejuvenated association look like, and what should its vision and priorities be?

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Prof Tommy Koh

Speakers:
Dr Azmi Mat Akhir
Special Assistant to Secretary General of ASEAN
Institutional Affairs & Special Duties
ASEAN Secretariat

Mr Rodolfo Severino
Visiting Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Prof Amitav Acharya
Deputy Director and Head of Research
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
Nanyang Technological University

Question-and-Answer Session

5.40 pm - 5.50 pm

Closing Remarks

Mr Arun Mahizhnan
Acting Director
Institute of Policy Studies

