

PRESS RELEASE

New Director for Institute of Policy Studies

SINGAPORE, 29 June 2011, 3.00pm: With effect from 1 July 2011, Mr Janadas Devan will be Director of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), a think-tank within the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. He succeeds Ambassador Ong Keng Yong who will become Singapore's new High Commissioner to Malaysia.

Mr Devan, educated at the National University of Singapore and Cornell University in the United States, taught in various institutions in the US and Singapore before joining The Straits Times in 1997. He served as leader writer, a columnist on public policy and language, and more recently as editor of the paper's op-ed pages. He will continue as an Associate Editor of The Straits Times.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, welcomed Mr Devan to his new appointment and paid tribute to Ambassador Ong's for his outstanding service to IPS over the past three years. He expanded the Institute and integrated it into the School and the University. He leaves behind a stronger Institute.

About the Institute of Policy Studies

IPS was established in 1988 to promote a greater awareness of policy issues and good governance. Today, IPS is a think-tank within the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. It seeks to cultivate clarity of thought, forward thinking and a big-picture perspective on issues of critical national interest through strategic deliberation and research. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analysis and takes the long-term view. It studies the attitudes and aspirations of Singaporeans which have an impact on policy development and the relevant areas of diplomacy and international affairs. The Institute bridges and engages the diverse stakeholders through its conferences and seminars, closed-door discussions, publications, and surveys on public perceptions of policy.

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