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TOMMY KOH NAMED AS IPS DIRECTOR

The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) announced today that Professor Tommy T B Koh, Ambassador-at-Large with Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), would concurrently become its next Director, effective 1 December 2000. He will take over from the incumbent, Dr Lee Tsao Yuan, who will complete her contract end of this month. Her departure was publicly announced on 18 May 2000.

This will be the second time Professor Koh is appointed Director, IPS, as he held the same position from 1990 till 1997 when he was named the founding Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). He relinquished that position on 31 October this year.

In announcing the new appointment, Mr Hsuan Owyang, Chairman, Board of Governors, IPS, said, "Professor Koh's return to IPS marks a significant new phase in the progress of this institution. He is not returning to the same old job but to chart new directions for a much larger and more diversified think tank. IPS will expand in size and scope and is planning to move into a new building in the next two or three years. He will be the guiding light in all these developments that will enhance the value of IPS as a relevant and valuable institution. The IPS family is very glad to have him back."