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“Singapore and Switzerland: Learning from Each Other”

Friday, 4 October 2013
Ballroom 2 (Level 3)
Orchard Hotel Singapore

PROGRAMME

(As at 30 September 2013)

8.00 am – 8.30 am

Registration

8.30 am – 9.00 am

Welcome Remarks by Convenors

Professor Tommy Koh
Special Adviser
Institute of Policy Studies

Dr Gerhard Schwarz
Director
Avenir Suisse

9.00 am – 9.45 am

Session One (Keynote Speech)

What can Singapore and Switzerland learn from each other?

Chairperson

Dr Gerhard Schwarz

Keynote Speaker

Mr S Iswaran
Minister (Prime Minister's Office)
Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade &
Industry

Open Discussion

9.45 am – 10.00 am

Group Photo with Mr S Iswaran

10.00 am – 11.15 am

Session Two

How does a small country like Switzerland produce so many globally competitive companies?

Chairperson

Dr Ishtiaq Pasha Mahmood
Associate Professor and
PhD Programme Coordinator
NUS Business School
National University of Singapore

Speaker

Dr Gerhard Schwarz

Discussant

Dr Annie Koh
Associate Professor of Finance and
Vice President of Business Development
& External Relations
Singapore Management University

Open Discussion

11.15 am – 11.30 am

Coffee Break

11.30 am – 12.45 pm

Session Three

How does Switzerland develop its world-class workforce?

Chairperson

Mr Tee Tua Ba
Ambassador (Non-Resident)
Embassy of the Republic of Singapore –
Switzerland
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Speaker

Dr Samuel Rutz
Vice-Director
Avenir Suisse

Discussant

Mr Ang Kiam Wee
Principal
ITE College Central
Institute of Technical Studies

Open Discussion

12.45 pm – 2.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 pm – 3.30 pm

Session Four

How can the cooperation between Singapore and Switzerland be raised to a higher level?

Chairperson

Professor Tommy Koh

Open Discussion

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm

Next Step by Convenors

3.45 pm – 7.00 pm

Break

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Closing Reception Hosted by

His Excellency Thomas Kupfer
Ambassdor
Embassy of Switzerland
(At the Swiss Ambassador's Residence)