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BOOK LAUNCH:

Seeking a Better Urban Future

by Dr Cheong Koon Hean, IPS' 5th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore

Thursday, 6 December 2018
Marina Mandarin Singapore
6 Raffles Boulevard
Singapore 039594

PROGRAMME

12.00 noon – 12.45 pm **Registration and Buffet Lunch**

12.45 pm **Welcome Remarks**
Mr Janadas Devan
Director
Institute of Policy Studies

Remarks by Guest of Honour
Mr Lawrence Wong
Minister for National Development

Speech
Dr Cheong Koon Hean
5th S R Nathan Fellow for the
Study of Singapore

Launch of Book

End of Official Proceedings

1.15 pm **Book Signing by Dr Cheong Koon Hean**

About
SEEKING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE
and
THE AUTHOR

SEEKING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

Dr CHEONG Koon Hean is the Institute of Policy Studies' 5th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore. This book is an edited collection of her three IPS-Nathan Lectures, delivered in March and April 2018, and includes highlights of her dialogue with the audience.

Dr Cheong's lecture series begins with the observation that Singapore is an anomaly. It is a city-state — everything that the country needs has to be accommodated within its island. And cities today, including Singapore, have to contend with growing complexity and disruptions from changes in demographics, climate, the economy, technology, and their people's evolving aspirations and expectations. Dr Cheong examines how cities have creatively dealt with these challenges, and discusses the considerations needed to plan and develop Singapore in the face of rapid change and uncertainty.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Cheong Koon Hean is CEO of the Housing and Development Board (HDB) of Singapore, overseeing the development and management of some one million public housing flats in 26 towns and estates. Since joining the HDB in 2010, she has introduced a new generation of well-designed, sustainable and smart HDB towns. She was concurrently Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of National Development from 2001 to 2016.

Dr Cheong was CEO of the Urban Redevelopment Authority from 2004 to 2010, in charge of strategic land-use planning, conservation of built heritage and the real estate market. She played a key role in the planning and development of major growth areas, such as Singapore's Marina Bay and the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City. She is also Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize's nominating committee. A recipient of several awards, Dr Cheong is the first Asian to be conferred both the Urban Land Institute's JC Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development and the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat's Lynn S. Beedle Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2016.

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