

## Euston QUAH



Professor **Euston QUAH** is Albert Winsemius Chair Professor at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, an Adjunct Principal Research Fellow of the Institute of Policy Studies at the National University of Singapore (NUS), and a visiting Hengyi Chair Professor at Zhejiang University, and an Eminent Visiting Professor at University of Brunei Darussalam. He also holds a joint appointment with the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine at NTU. He is a Distinguished Fellow and Member of the Scientific Committee at University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City. He was formerly Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Earth Office, Senate Chair on University Policies at NTU; and Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Deputy Director of the Public Policy Program (now the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy); and headed the economics department at NUS.

Wearing multiple hats as Editor of the Singapore Economic Review (SER), President of the Economic Society of Singapore (ESS), and inducted into the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Professor Quah is also a prolific and well-cited writer, having published over 100 articles in academic journals and lead opinion pieces in the media. Professor Quah's research and "Cost-Benefit Analysis" book, which is well-known internationally (into its Sixth edition in 2020) has been cited as a reference guide for US Government Agencies applying for some research and project grants. Much of the cost-benefit analysis framework used by the Singapore Government today has benefited from Professor Quah's advice on several projects such as environment (air quality), home security (crimes and incarceration), health (dengue), sports (the new stadium and sports hub), transport (wall barriers at stations), community and the arts (the esplanade phase 2), and running a problem solving 'clinic' for the Gardens by the Bay project.

Professor Quah is also the co-author of an Asian Edition of the best-selling Principles of Economics text with Gregory Mankiw of Harvard University, now a second edition in 2013. The Third Edition will be published in 2020. His earlier book on Household Production: Theory and Measurement, published by Ashgate, UK, was selected for inclusion by the International Library of Critical Writings in Economics in 2004, and much of his work on household production valuation had received favourable reviews in reputable journals such as the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *Economic Journal* and the *Journal of Labour Economics*. Professor Quah was also recognised as an internationally respected environmental economist when in 2005, he was invited by UNESCAP as one of twelve eminent speakers in the Asia-Pacific in the Eminent Environmental Economists Symposium held in Seoul, Korea. Professor Quah's book, *Singapore 2065*, published by World Scientific in 2015 celebrating Singapore's fifty years anniversary, was selected by the Singapore Government among fifty items placed in a time capsule for unearthing in 2065.

In his continuing career as an economic advisor, Professor Quah has been an advisor to many government ministries and statutory boards in Singapore and overseas organizations, including the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. He is a member of the Panel for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Overseas Development Institute of London. He has also served as a Board of Trustees member of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the Energy Market Authority, and the Energy Studies Institute at NUS. He is presently serving as a board member of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore and a member of the Market Surveillance and Compliance Committee appointed by the Singapore Government.

Professor Quah has also served as the Principal Advisor for Cost-Benefit Analysis and economic valuation projects for the Central Narcotics Bureau; the Singapore Police Force; the National Environment Agency; the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources; the Land Transport Authority; the former Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports; and the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore.

In 2016, Professor Quah was appointed a Member of the Social Sciences Research Council of Singapore. He is also a Review Panel Member for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project hosted by the Overseas Development Institute, London; and in 2015 was inducted as a Fellow Member of the prestigious learned society, the European Academy of Science and Arts. Professor Quah is the Editor of the Singapore Economic Review since 2002, and the President of the Economic Society of Singapore since 2009. In addition to being External Reviewer for economics schools and invited Eminent Visiting Professorships to a number of Asian universities, he has also been invited by Stanford University, Princeton University, Zhejiang University, Fudan University, the USA Inter-Pacific Bar Association, WWF for Asia, UNESCAP, Earth Institute of Columbia University (Asian Meetings), Asian Development Bank Institute (Tokyo) and Asian Development Bank to speak at their functions and conferences, and he is one of the most highly cited and influential university economists in Singapore.