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**Appointment of the 2016/17 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore**

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce that Mr Peter Ho, Senior Advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, will be appointed the 2016/17 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore.

As an S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Ho, 62, will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore. He will give a series of *IPS-Nathan Lectures* during the 2016/2017 academic year at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

The *IPS-Nathan Lectures* are free and open to all. Held at NUS, they will enrich the already vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus by advancing public understanding and discussion of issues of national interest. Details of Mr Ho's lectures will be published on the [IPS website](#) and in [the IPS e-newsletter](#) in the coming months.

The 2015/16 S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-large at Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concluded his series of lectures in May 2016. Mr Kausikan's book, *Dealing with an Ambiguous World*, will be launched later this month. It comprises the five well-attended lectures that Mr Kausikan gave and highlights of his dialogue with the audience. IPS would like to thank him for his contributions to public discourse on regional and international issues that are important to Singapore.

**About the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore**

The S R Nathan Fellowship was announced in 2013 at IPS' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala dinner. IPS wanted to recognise the unique contributions of Mr S R Nathan – Singapore's sixth and longest-serving President – to public service and the advancement of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised around S\$5.9 million (including the matching government grant) to endow the annual fellowship.

The S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore serves to further IPS' core mission: to research and analyse policy issues and challenges; build bridges between key thought leaders; and communicate the Institute's work to a wider audience.

More information on the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore can be found [here](#).

## Bio of Mr Peter Ho Hak Ean



Peter **HO** is the Senior Advisor to the Centre for Strategic Futures, a Senior Fellow in the Civil Service College, an Adjunct Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, and a Visiting Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

He is Chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore, Chairman of the Social Science Research Council, Chairman of the Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering, and Chairman of the National Supercomputing Centre. He is a member of the National University of Singapore Board of Trustees, a board member of the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship, a member of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies' Board of Governors, and a council member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He is also a member of Statoil's Strategy Advisory Council, and the McKinsey Center for Government Advisory Council.

When he retired from the Singapore Administrative Service in 2010 after a career in the Public Service stretching more than 34 years, he was Head, Civil Service, concurrent with his other appointments of Permanent Secretary (Foreign Affairs), Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination), and Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the Prime Minister's Office. Before that, he was Permanent Secretary (Defence). He was also the inaugural Chairman of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

**About the Institute of Policy Studies**

The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) was established in 1988 as an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. IPS became an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore in 2008. Today, IPS continues to analyse public policy, build bridges between thought leaders, and communicate its findings to a wide audience. The Institute examines issues of critical national interest across a variety of fields, and studies the attitudes and aspirations of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analyses and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research. For more information about IPS, visit [www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips/](http://www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips/)

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