



## **YOUNG SINGAPOREANS CONFERENCE 2014**

Monday, 22 September 2014  
Amara Sanctuary Resort Sentosa

### **CONCEPT**

This year's edition of the Young Singaporeans Conference (YSC) will take place as Singapore approaches her 50th anniversary. As we celebrate this milestone of independence, it is useful to think about the possible challenges and opportunities that Singapore may face over the next quarter century.

What will the next 25 years bring? What are some possible changes that will affect our livelihood and sense of belonging in Singapore? How well-adjusted and positioned are we for the challenges ahead? What can we do together, to become game-changers who will overcome challenges and create a brighter future for ourselves?

Hence, the theme of YSC 2014: "Game-Changers".

This theme is based on a bold vision: to engage young Singaporeans to reflect upon the possible challenges Singapore might face over the next 25 years, empower them to picture themselves as plausible game-changers who will embrace uncertainty and change as opportunities for improvement, and inspire them to work towards making Singapore into a home that stirs passion and pride in all.

YSC 2014 will revolve around an envisioning exercise based on a simple question: "How will we live in Singapore in 2040?" Participants will explore plausible driving forces and trends of change, and how they could interact to shape game-changing scenarios for Singapore in 2040. The aim of this collaborative, conversation-based exercise is to foster understanding of the choices and challenges we face in developing a resilient and dynamic future for Singapore over the next 25 years.

In this era of rapid and unpredictable change, the future is ever more precarious and complex. A nation that is not at ease with uncertainty and volatility will not survive, let alone flourish. Similarly, those who anticipate and embrace change will be better positioned to be game-changers who will seize the day and build a more endearing and dynamic Singapore for all.

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### **PROGRAMME**

*(As at 19 Aug 2014, 3.27 pm)*

8.15 am – 9.00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Mr Janadas Devan Director Institute of Policy Studies
9.10 am – 9.20 am	<b>Overview of YSC 2014</b> Dr Hoe Su Fern Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies
9.20am – 10.35 am	<b>Session One: Keynote Address</b> <b>Why is the Future Not What it Used to Be?</b>  <b>Facilitator</b> Ms Dawn Yip Director and Principal Consultant Soulbreath Consulting  <b>Speaker</b> Professor Kishore Mahbubani Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  <b>Question and Answer Session</b>
10.35 am – 10.50am	<b>Tea Break</b>
10.50 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Session Two: Envisioning Exercise Part I</b> <b>What kinds of futures do we envisage for ourselves in 2040?</b>  <b>Facilitator</b> Ms Dawn Yip
12.30 pm – 1.15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

1.15 pm – 3.15 pm	<p><b>Session Three: Envisioning Exercise Part II</b>  <b>What are the implications of these futures we have envisaged for ourselves in 2040?</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>  Ms Dawn Yip</p>
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
3.30 pm – 4.45 pm	<p><b>Session Four: Closing Address</b>  <b>To have the Courage amidst Uncertainty</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>  Ms Dawn Yip</p> <p><b>Speaker</b>  Mr Bilahari Kausikan  Ambassador-at-Large  and  Policy Adviser  Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><b>Question and Answer Session</b></p>
4.45 pm – 5.45 pm	<p><b>Group Activity</b>  <b>Creating our Gallery of the Future</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>  Ms Dawn Yip</p>
5.45 pm – 6.15 pm	<b>Break and Gallery Walk</b>
6.15 pm – 7.15 pm	<b>Dinner</b>
7.15 pm – 8.15 pm	<p><b>Session Five: Dialogue</b>  <b>Dialogue with Senior Minister of State</b>  <b>Ms Indranee Rajah</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson</b>  Mr Janadas Devan</p>
8.15 pm – 8.30 pm	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  Mr Janadas Devan</p>
8.30 pm	<b>End</b>