



YOUNG SINGAPOREANS CONFERENCE 2020: CHOICES

Wednesday – Friday, 25 November – 27 November 2020

CONCEPT

Youth is a life stage invariably marked by changes and choices — about educational pathways, relationships, careers, and family. With every choice that is made, there is also the realisation that life no longer holds limitless possibilities. Given the uncertain world we find ourselves in, we want to discuss the choices young citizens face, what choices they feel are closed off to them, and how public policy can address this chasm. Another important facet of this conference is to expand the conversation to include young Singaporeans based overseas to enrich it with diverse experiences and ideas.

The Young Singaporeans Conference (YSC) is a marquee event on the IPS calendar. Held biennially, the conference gathers young Singaporeans who have shown leadership or excellence in their respective fields to discuss issues of national interest and public policy. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, YSC 2020 will be held online.

This conference is a part of a larger objective to envision what it means to achieve happiness, prosperity, and progress for ourselves and our nation over the next decade taking global economic, geopolitical and social trends into account. Its outcomes feed into a broader year-long scenario-planning project called “Reimagining Singapore 2030”.

FORMAT

The three-day digital conference comprises a series of webinars that explore the topics of achieving happiness, prosperity, and progress for Singapore in 2030. Applicants for YSC 2020 will be sought via a nomination process as well as an open call for submissions.

All participants will attend the opening and closing plenaries and will participate in discussions with invited speakers for all thematic sessions. Attendance for the ancillary sessions is optional.

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Online via Zoom

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 25 November 2020

11.45 am – 12 noon

Registration

12 noon – 1.30 pm

Opening Plenary and Welcome Remarks

Moderator

Dr Chew Han Ei
Senior Research Fellow, Social Lab
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers

Ms Amanda Chong
Lawyer, Poet, Co-founder of ReadAble

Mr David Hoe
Founder
I Am Talented

Mr Aaron Maniam
Deputy Secretary
Industry & Information
Ministry of Communications and Information

Mr Mohamed Irshad
Founder & President
Roses of Peace

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Meaning of Me — Why Should the Happiness, Prosperity, and Progress (HPP) of Singapore Matter to Young People?

Facilitators

Mr Aaron Maniam
Deputy Secretary
Industry & Information
Ministry of Communications and Information

Mr Shazly Zain
Research Assistant
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers

Mr David Chua
Chief Executive Officer
National Youth Council

Ms Dipa Swaminathan
Founder
ItsRainingRaincoats

Ms Melissa Low
Research Fellow
Energy Studies Institute

Thursday, 26 November 2020

12.45 pm – 1.45 pm

**Lunch Hour Comedy:
YAH LAH BUT...CHOICES**
Featuring Haresh Tilani and Terence Chia
from Ministry of Funny

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**Making Life Work – Diverse Ways to Find True Prosperity
in Life**

Facilitators
Ms Amanda Chong
Lawyer, Poet, Co-founder of ReadAble

Dr Teo Kay Key
Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Lab
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers

Mr Chong Zi Liang
Author
The Art Science Millennial

Mr Johann Annuar
Executive Director
Engineering Good

Mr Ervin Yeo
Managing Director for South East Asia
The Ascott Limited
and
Senior Vice President
Special Projects
CapitaLand Limited

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

**Creating Constructive Conversations — Choices for
Making Progress in Civil Society**

Facilitators

Mr Mohamed Irshad
Founder & President
Roses of Peace

Dr Kalpana Vignehsa
Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers

Ms Alyaa Rauff
Yoga Teacher and Fitness Coach
UFIT Singapore

Mr Ho Ren Hua
Chief Executive Officer
Thai Wah Public Company Limited

Mr Mark Tan
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Rice Media

9.00 pm – 10.30 pm

In Pursuit of “Happyness” — Unconventional Pathways to Happiness (Night Owl Session)

Facilitators

Mr David Hoe
Founder
I Am Talented

Mr Shazly Zain
Research Assistant
Institute of Policy Studies

Speakers

Mr Anthony Chen
Film Director
Giraffe Pictures

Dr Kumaran Rasappan
Orthopaedic Surgery Service Senior Resident
Tan Tock Seng Hospital
and
Community Activist

Friday, 27 November 2020

7.30 am – 8.30 am

Morning Yoga

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Emerging Stronger Conversations – What’s next, post-COVID19?

Facilitators

Mr Lewis Liu
Assistant Director
Resilience and Engagement
Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

Dr Gillian Koh
Deputy Director (Research) &
Senior Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies

2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	Registration
3.00 pm – 4.10 pm	Closing Plenary: Our HPP in the next 10 years – Big Questions
	<u>Moderator</u>
	Dr Kalpana Vignehsa Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies
	<u>Speakers</u>
	Ms Hazel Poa Non-Constituency Member of Parliament and CEC member, Progress Singapore Party
	Mr Edwin Tong Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law
4.10 pm – 5.00 pm	Question-and-Answer Session
5.00 pm – 5.15 pm	Closing Remarks
5.15 pm	End

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