

INSIGHTS INTO POLITICS AND POLICY IN ASIA FOR GLOBAL LEADERS

SINGAPORE, 22 – 23 OCTOBER 2012
(WITH EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION ON 21 OCTOBER)



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OVERVIEW

The world has changed. Asia, driven by the growth of its two giants, China and India, is rapidly emerging as the focal point of global politics and policy. In this dynamic environment, aspiring leaders, policymakers and opinion formers need an increasingly nuanced understanding of how different players in the region are both driving and responding to change, and what the implications are for the people of Asia and worldwide.

The Course offers an unparalleled opportunity to talk to politicians, dignitaries and experts from the region about the rise of Asia and the implication for the world. It will expose participants to first-hand insights into rapidly changing international dynamics and offer different perspectives on what this might mean for the rest of the world.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Through their involvement, participants will:

- Develop a more nuanced understanding of key issues in Asia;
- Discuss and debate with subject experts about the dynamics of geo-politics in the region and global implications;
- Analyse and challenge ideas, to become better critical thinkers, change agents and leaders; and
- Forge deeper connections with Young Global Leader peers and strengthen international networks.

WHO CAN ATTEND

The Insights into Politics and Policy in Asia for Global Leaders Course is specially designed for members of the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum. The World Economic Forum has established a comprehensive selection process to identify the most outstanding young leaders around the world and recognise them for their individual professional accomplishments and commitment to society, as well as their potential to provide inspiring leadership. Young Global Leaders who want to have a deeper understanding of how to keep pace with the changing global dynamics in order to effectively address some of the most pressing issues facing our world today are invited to apply.

MODULES AND SPEAKERS

Delegates will hear insights from high calibre speakers including Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Minister for Finance and Minister for Manpower Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Dean of Lee Kuan Yew School and one of Foreign Policy magazine's Top 100 Global Thinkers List, Professor Kishore Mahbubani, amongst others.

Some of the focus areas include:

- The rise of Asia
- Reflections on the Singapore Experience
- Forging a path: the role of innovation in Singapore's success
- China's dynamic economic development & social changes
- Security in ASEAN
- Site visits and dialogues at institutions of power and key organisations within Singapore

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The two day programme will be concluded with a “Future Thinking Debate” amongst YGL participants.

Interaction, discussion and debate will be emphasised throughout the two day programme. Delegates will be expected to contribute to the discussions with their experience, thereby enhancing their own learning and that of other participants, therefore a minimum level of command of the English language is required.

During the Course, delegates will have the opportunity to practice some of the ancient philosophies around inner balance that the region is known for, and look at how this can benefit personal and professional life.

The Course will be held at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore’s Bukit Timah Campus, next to the Botanic Gardens.



FEES

This programme is made possible through the support of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and as such tuition is free. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. However travel, accommodation, insurance and any other incidentals are the responsibility of participants.

WITHDRAWAL FEE

Withdrawals must be received in writing by both the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the Young Global Leaders team. There is a cancellation fee of 500CHF for withdrawals notified between 4 weeks and 2 weeks before the programme start date, and a 1,000CHF cancellation fee for later cancellations or no shows.

ADMISSION

The course is only open to YGL members. Application closing date is Monday 25 June 2012. Details on how to apply, including 3 short essay questions, can be found at http://www.spp.nus.edu.sg/YGL_application_form.aspx

Applications will be assessed by an independent panel and you should expect to receive a response by Friday 13 July 2012. Criteria will be the quality of thought put into to the essay questions. Care will also be taken to ensure sufficient regional and industry mix so as all participants will have an enriching and vibrant experience.

LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore was established in 2004 with the mission of educating and training the next generation of Asian policymakers and leaders. Situated in Singapore, a neutral observation ground to witness the historic rise of Asia, the School is thus in the right place at the right time. The School’s dynamic learning environment is enhanced by its diverse student population (representing over 60 nationalities), steady stream of distinguished speakers and network of international partners. This is the place to network with the future generations of Asian leaders.

For more information on the programme, please visit http://www.spp.nus.edu.sg/global_leaders_symposium.aspx