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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Launches Executive Education Programme to Advance Smart Policies for Urban Development Challenges in Asia

Singapore – The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (LKY School) will launch a new executive education programme on “Smart Policies for Sustainable Cities” (SPSC) to provide policymakers with the opportunity to explore urban development challenges of cities, particularly in Asia.

The programme will compare various urban planning and governance approaches from Singapore and overseas to achieve environmentally sustainable, inclusive and entrepreneurial cities. At a time when there is an unprecedented level of urbanisation occurring worldwide, and with Asia at the forefront of this development, the LKY School’s new executive programme will give participants the tools they need to create sustainable policy solutions for urban problems.

The inaugural “Smart Policies for Sustainable Cities” programme brings together urban planners, policymakers, practitioners, and entrepreneurs to critically examine and discuss how best to tackle unprecedented levels of new challenges in creative and innovative ways.

Participants will be exposed firsthand to how Singapore has tackled some of its big urban challenges, from water management to housing and transport. They will examine the role of innovative disruption, discuss how big data can be a boon or a bane, and explore what business models promote productivity and sustainability. Illustrative case studies and classroom discussions will be accompanied by several learning journeys through the city.

“With this programme, the Lee Kuan Yew School is offering policymakers across Asia an extraordinary opportunity to learn firsthand from academics, urban practitioners, and social and tech entrepreneurs on how to develop sustainable policies, especially in compact and dense cities,” said Donald Low, Associate Dean of Research and Executive Education. “By combining real-life case studies with tested best practices, the programme is designed to give policymakers practical tools and insights they can apply in their work.”

The SPSC faculty will be led by Dr Paul Barter, and in addition to LKY School faculty will include senior representatives from **Uber, Airbnb, City Design Lab, JTC Corporation and the Centre for Liveable Cities.**

The five-day programme’s guest speakers draw from a distinguished list of LKY School of faculty, as well as industry leaders and practitioners. They include:

- **Paul Barter**, Adjunct Professor, teaches on infrastructure policy, urban policy and transport policy. His published research has focused on various dimensions of the interactions between urban transport policy and urban policy more widely. Geographically the work has focused on eastern Asia with a particular focus on Malaysia and Singapore (including their cross-border transport).
- **Paul Cheung** is Professor of Social Policy and Analytics at the National University of Singapore, where he spearheads research into policy applications for geospatial information data. He was the Director of United Nations Statistics Division from 2004-2012, where he created the UN data website. Before, he was Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Singapore from 1991 to 2004, Chair of UNESCAP Committee of on Statistics from 1998 to 2000, President of International Association of Official Statistics from 2001 to 2003, Chairman of UN Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific from 2002 to 2004. He has been Senior Adviser to China's National Bureau of Statistics since 2009.
- **Khoo Teng Chye** has been the Executive Director for Centre for Liveable Cities since 2010. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee and Adjunct Professor for the Nanyang Technological University School of Civil & Environmental Engineering, a member of the International Advisory Panel for the Institute of Water Policy, and a member of the Singapore Quality Award (SQA) Governing Council, SPRING Singapore. He was the Chief Executive, Board Member of PUB from 2003 to 2011, Chief Executive Officer/Chief Planner of Urban Redevelopment Authority from 1992 to 1996, and headed PSA Corporation as its Chief Executive Officer/Group President between 1996 and 2002.
- **Mike Douglass** is Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Professor at the Asia Research Institute, where he is Leader of the Asian Urbanisms Cluster, National University of Singapore. He is Emeritus Professor and former Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii where he was also the Director of the Globalization Research Center.
- **Ora-orn Poocharoen**, Assistant Professor, includes among her research interests comparative public management, network management, human resource management, urban governance, and sub-national conflict in Thailand. Her publications have appeared in journals such as Public Management Review, Energy Policy, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory. Her current research projects focus on performance management of networks, corruption of performance information, the role of consultants in the policy process, talent management in the public sector, emergence of secondary cities in Southeast Asia, the role and power of city mayors in Asia's capital cities, public participation in budgeting, and public participation in development projects in the Deep South of Thailand.

- **Dodo Thampapillai** is an economist at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. In 2005, he was included in the list of Eminent Environmental Economists by UNESCAP and was previously a member of the UNEP Expert Group in Environmental Economics. He has also consulted with World Bank, Asian Development Bank and United Nations Development Programme.

The SPSC programme will be held from 27-31 July at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. The course fee of S\$4,850 includes tuition for the intensive, certificate-granting programme, as well as learning materials, meals and site visits. Those who wish to join this inaugural programme may learn more or register online at <http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/executive-education/open-enrolment-programmes/smart-policies-for-sustainable-cities/>.

The Executive Education programme at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS was established in 2005 and trains over 2,000 professionals worldwide annually from nearly 80 countries. It offers customised, non-degree executive education programmes for senior professionals in public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

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