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LKYSPP and Sciences Po Launch New Double Degree Programme

Two Premier Public Policy Institutions Combine Strengths of
Asia and Europe to Develop Future Government Leaders

Singapore, May 18, 2017 - Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) at the National University of Singapore (NUS), and France's Sciences Po School of Public Affairs announced the launch of a new two-year double degree programme, comprising a Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree and Master in European Affairs (MEA) degree, from LKYSPP and Sciences Po School of Public Affairs respectively.

The double degree programme provides students with the opportunity to experience education systems and build professional networks in two different parts of the world. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of public policy issues from Asian and European perspectives.

Introducing students from different cultures and perspectives into both schools also adds to a greater exchange of insights and ideas among the student cohort.

Understanding Policy in a Globalised World

“Our students have benefited from our partnership of more than 10 years with Sciences Po School of Public Affairs. Drawing on the success of this long standing partnership, we are honoured to announce this new double degree programme. In today's globalised world, it is crucial for young people to understand the different cultures and contexts that impact policy-making. This program offers students the opportunity to do so, in two of the most

globalised public policy schools in the world ,” said Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and former Singapore Ambassador to the United Nations.

Students will begin the programme at Sciences Po School of Public Affairs and continue their second year at LKYSPP. Sciences Po is one of France’s most prestigious universities. The 2016 QS University Rankings lists Sciences Po 4th in the world for Politics and International Studies.

"We are pleased to strengthen our partnership with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. With this new dual degree of the Sciences Po School of Public Affairs, we are offering the students of our Master in European Affairs the chance to access a broader range of programs in public affairs, bringing together a European and an Asian approach on worldwide issues. Our students will benefit not only from the outstanding teaching resources of the National University of Singapore, one of the best universities in the world, but also from the state-of-the-art campus and innovative teaching methods offered by this regional hub " says Prof. Yann Algan, Dean of the Sciences Po School of Public Affairs.

Learning beyond the textbook

Beyond fundamental modules on public policy, students will gain industry exposure through policy labs where they collaborate with clients to co-develop and test practical solutions aimed at solving policy challenges during the first year at Sciences Po School of Public Affairs. At LKYSPP, they will also put theory into practice by defining real-world policy issues and developing recommendations as part of the school’s Policy Analysis Exercise.

The LKYSPP has extensive collaborations within the global academic community and has strategic partnerships with the Harvard Kennedy School, as well as with the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN), which includes Columbia University, the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) and Hertie School of Governance. Since 2004, LKYSPP has trained more than 2,350 leaders from a diverse student body, representing over 80 countries. *For more information on the MEA-MPP double degree programme, please refer to Annex.*

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About the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is an autonomous, professional graduate school of the National University of Singapore. Its mission is to educate and train policy-makers and leaders, with the objective of raising the standards of governance throughout the region, improving the lives of its people, and, in so doing, contributing to the transformation of Asia and beyond. In addition to Masters and PhD programmes, the LKYSPP offers high quality customised Executive Programmes that cater to the needs of time-constrained senior managers and professionals, with the aim of delivering creative solutions to real management and leadership challenges.

About Sciences Po

Sciences Po is a selective research university of international standing based on the values of openness and excellence. Sciences Po's unique academic model combines expertise in the humanities and social sciences, multidisciplinary and a professional grounding to educate professionals and citizens able to understand and transform society. Diversity is a key element of Sciences Po's identity. The student body comprises 47 percent international students from 150 different countries and 27 percent scholarship students (up from 6 percent in 2000).

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Master in Public Policy (MPP) and Master in European Affairs (MEA) Double Degree Programme

The LKYSPP - Sciences Po School of Public Affairs double degree programme comprising a Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree from NUS and Master in European Affairs (MEA) degree from Sciences Po School of Public Affairs will be an attractive value proposition for students of both universities. This is a self-funded, full-time, two-year programme.

Students applying to this single-track double degree programme will have the opportunity to learn public policy skills and broad-based knowledge taught in one of the most globalised public policy schools in France. At the same time, they will, in their second year, be exposed to public policy concepts and frameworks taught through a distinctly Asian context in Singapore.

Admissions Criteria

Candidates have to fulfil the admission requirements for both universities in order to gain admission to the Double Degree programme. Students are to apply to the Double Degree programme at the point of entry through the Sciences Po Admissions System.

Applicants to the double degree programme will be assessed by the admissions committee from both Sciences Po School of Public Affairs and LKYSPP. The admissions criteria will focus on their academic performance, analytical ability, language and communication skills, and leadership.

The admissions committees will jointly decide on the offers to be made.

Applicants seeking admission to this double degree must have:

- A good Bachelor degree with Honours (second class and above) or equivalent (e.g., a four year Bachelor's degree with at least an average grade of B or equivalent); or
- A good Master degree; or
- A good Bachelor's degree; or *exceptionally*
- Other qualifications and experience subject to approval by the Board of Graduate Studies.

In addition, the candidate should meet the following criteria:

- Preferably have some background in Mathematics and Economics
- Have a good command of the English Language (minimum TOEFL score of 600 or IELTS band of 7)

Applicants must understand and agree that upon admission, all students must follow one language course, either a European or an Asian language.

Graduation Requirements

Double Degree students must have obtained the equivalent of 99 MCs with the equivalent of a minimum CAP of 3.0 over the approved candidature period.

Double degree students shall be required to respect all regulations and policies of the institution where they study. Each school shall provide the other with all grades, transcripts, and assessment keys for each student at the end of each year, in order to confirm the student's satisfaction of all requirements before the issuing of the degrees.

Class Profile

Each MEA-MPP class would comprise of 10-25 students.

Curriculum

Programme Structure of the Double Degree Programme

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1 Sciences Po School of Public Affairs	Core course 1	6 ECTs	Common core curriculum course	6 ECTs
	Core course 2	6 ECTs	Core course 1	4 ECTs
	Core course 3	6 ECTs	Core course 2	4 ECTs
	Core course 4	4 ECTs	Elective 3**	4 ECTs
	Elective 1**	4 ECTs	Elective 4**	4 ECTs
	Elective 2**	4 ECTs	Elective 5**	4 ECTs
	Language course	4 ECTs	Language course	4 ECTs
Capstone- Comparative Study of Asia & Europe	In-Progress	Capstone- Comparative Study of Asia & Europe	In-Progress	
Total				64 ECTs = 39 MCs
Summer	Internship			4 MCs
Year 2 LKY SPP MPP	Core course (A Singapore Module)	4 MCs	Elective 4	4 MCs
	Qualitative Research Methods for Public Policy	4 MCs	Elective 5	4 MCs
	Elective 1	4 MCs	Elective 6	4 MCs
	Elective 2	4 MCs	Elective 7	4 MCs
	Elective 3	4 MCs	Elective 8	4 MCs
	Language course	4 MCs		
Capstone- Comparative Study of Asia & Europe	In-Progress	Capstone- Comparative Study of Asia & Europe	12 MCs	
Total				60 MCs