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SINGAPORE'S LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY TO HOLD INFORMATION SESSION AND KEYNOTE LECTURE

To be held in Manila, the session on graduate programmes will be preceded by a lecture on US-China-Philippine relations by public policy expert Eduardo Araral

MANILA – The National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) will hold an information session on its graduate programmes on 4 August, accompanied by a lecture on international relations given by acclaimed Filipino academic Eduardo Araral. The event, which will be held at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pasay City, will be attended by several of LKYSPP's Filipino alumni. Among those sharing about their experiences with the school will be Ms Marissa O. Cabreros, the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and last year's LKYSPP Master of Public Policy valedictorian, and lawyer Marco Antonio Luisito V. Sardillo III, Administrator of the Intramuros district.

Mr Daniel Wang, deputy chief of mission at the Singapore Embassy in the Philippines, will also grace the event. Staff members of the LKYSPP will be present as well to provide details on the school's courses, admission requirements and available financial support.

Established in 2004, the LKYSPP enrolls some 400 students yearly and has trained over 2,000 graduates from over 80 countries in its Masters and PhD programmes. The school has played host to distinguished speakers from around the globe, including former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Rwanda President Paul Kagame, former World Bank president Robert Zoellick and Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen, Douglass North, Elinor Ostrom and Kofi Annan. LKYSPP boasts an extensive network of international partners, including the Harvard Kennedy School, the London School of Economics and the University of Tokyo.

The event's keynote lecture – titled *US, China and the Philippines: Challenges, Opportunities and Complexities* – will examine the multifaceted relationships between the United States, China and the Philippines and the underlying motivations of each of the three countries. In particular, Prof Eduardo Araral will discuss the "5C dilemma" of US-China relations: what he calls a "credible commitment conundrum with Chinese characteristics". He will examine the drivers of this dilemma as well as possible solutions to the situation.

Said Prof Araral: "The relationship between US and China is faced with an inherent dilemma arising from the uncertainty of motivations of both parties and the resulting problem of credible commitment. As competitors, both are inherently suspicious of each other but they also understand the need for cooperation."

Prof Araral is a recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including a US National Science Foundation Grant and the Ostrom Prize for the Governance of the Commons. He has played active roles in government advisory, serving as a strategy adviser to Kazakhstan's Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Development as well as advising the Government of Vietnam on public administration reform. He was also heavily involved in a poverty alleviation project in the Philippines funded by the Asian Development Bank. At the LKYSPP, he has taught courses on public management, public finance, research methods, policy analysis and program evaluation, and institutional analysis.

More information is available at <http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg>. Applications to the school's graduate programmes close on 15 January, 2015. LKYSPP offers generous financial aid to students based on merit.

Event Details

Date: Monday, 04 August 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Venue: 14th Floor, Elpidio Quirino Hall
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Part of the National University of Singapore, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy was established in 2004 with the mission of educating and inspiring current and future generations of leaders to raise the standards of governance in Asia, improve the lives of its people and contribute to the transformation of the region.

With over 400 students spanning 80 countries, the School's unique Asian focus allows students to experience public policy education in a distinctively global environment. The School has a number of research centres and institutes that contribute both to scholarly inquiry as well as policymaking, and frequently plays host to distinguished speakers and visiting scholars. For more information about the School, visit www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg.

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