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LKYSP Launches Inaugural Festival of Ideas 2019

Over 60 leaders from academia, public and private sectors will gather at the inaugural festival to shed light on the great public policy challenges of our time, and the need for a new trajectory of improved governance and sustained economic progress.

20 November 2019, Singapore – Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia will speak at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) on globalisation & de-globalisation today. Her speech will be part of the keynote address for the inaugural four-day Festival of Ideas organised by LKYSPP.

Attracting more than 1,000 attendees participating in over 40 sessions discussing policy challenges in the world, the festival includes prominent heavyweights from local ministers, private sector leaders, foreign affairs columnists to members of parliament.

“Amidst changing times and shifting global power, it is important for rigorous dialogue so that we can gain deeper insights on the dynamics in Asia and its growing influence on global affairs. This gathering of prominent leaders in the public, private sector and academia, will enable us to recognise and identify solutions to upcoming governance challenges in Asia,” said Danny Quah, Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, LKYSPP.

The festival covers a multidisciplinary analysis of globalisation and de-globalisation, data and connectivity, public health and well-being, and urbanisation of the global environment.

Highlights of the festival include:

Speaker	Session	Details
Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia	ASEAN Lecture Series: Keynote Speech	20 Nov 2019, 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education, Ministry of Education	Dialogue with Minister: Governance Issues of Our Time	22 Nov 2019, 5.30 – 6.30pm
Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary- General of the United Nations (2007 – 2015)	Social Capital Lecture Series: Social Capital and the New Social Contract	21 Nov 2019, 5 – 6pm
Thomas Friedman, Foreign Affairs columnist, The New York Times, USA	Globalisation vs De-globalisation: What is the World’s Future?	20 Nov 2019, 10.30 – 12pm

	How to Thrive in the Age of Acceleration	21 Nov 2019, 1.30 – 3.30pm
Janette Garin, Former Minister of Health, Senior Deputy Minority Leader of Philippine Congress	Vaccine Hesitancy - Ideas to Overcome Challenges	21 Nov 2019, 12.30 – 2pm
Chetan Bhagat, Author, Motivational Speaker and Screenplay Writer	India Positive: A Fireside Chat with Chetan Bhagat	23 Nov 2019, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Lien Choong Luen, General Manager, Gojek Singapore	Technology Innovation, Politics and Public Policy	21 Nov 2019, 11.00 – 12.30pm
Lionel Yeo, CEO Advisor, Grab	Should Governments be Wary of Big Tech	21 Nov 2019, 1.pm – 2pm

For full programme, kindly refer to attached for full programme.

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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.

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