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## WELCOME TO THE LSE ASIA FORUM



**Ambassador K Kesavapany**  
*Director, ISEAS and Asia Forum Host*



**Howard Davies**  
*Director, LSE and Asia Forum Host*

We are delighted to welcome you to the fourth LSE Asia Forum, held in conjunction with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Our focus this year is 'The Politics of Knowledge'. These days we are bombarded by suggestions that 'knowledge is power', that we are operating in a knowledge economy, and that the greatest driver for financial growth and national development is the knowledge industry. There are more sources of knowledge available to a wider range of the world's population than ever before. The internet has made the dissemination of knowledge possible in ways not contemplated 50 years ago. National boundaries are crossed with consummate ease.

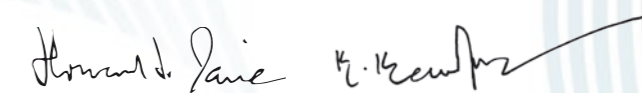
Knowledge is not like other assets. It can be accessed rapidly and used by thousands, often millions, of people. This makes knowledge as an asset something completely different from the tangible assets that generated much of the wealth in the early development of most nations. And different countries and regions need different strategies to support and promote the growth of their knowledge economies. These call for nationally and regionally-based approaches, and they entail new dynamics and challenges in wealth creation, legal regulation, national and social organisation and the protection of environmental and natural resources.

The LSE Asia Forum brings together business leaders, policy makers and academic experts to explore strategic developments in this key region of the world. Following the success of the third Asia Forum in New Delhi, India, we are delighted to host this event in Singapore.

The Forum will cover four main themes:

- Knowledge as a Driver for Economic Growth
- Protecting Knowledge: balancing commercial needs and public benefits
- Controlling Knowledge: responding to contest and change in control over religious knowledge
- Sharing Knowledge: reconciling conflicting aims on climate change and the environment

We hope you will be stimulated by the presentations today.



## RATIONALE

This fourth LSE Asia Forum is an important and very public part of the School's strategy to enhance its long standing relationship with the rapidly developing Asian region. This strategy in Asia forms part of the School's wider international strategy, which has at its core the building of deep and sustainable alliances and partnerships as a means of broadening research and teaching offerings, and enhancing the School's international reputation. LSE historically attracted many very talented students and staff from all major Asian countries. The School has a large and distinguished group of alumni in the region and has been active in building partnerships with business and government for many years. As one of the world's top social science universities, LSE has been at the forefront of the analysis of globalisation and is the alma mater of many public leaders in Asia. The LSE Asia Forum is a unique opportunity to bring together LSE's key partners in the region.

Asia's current renaissance, in particular the emergence of India and China as important partners in managing the dynamics of globalisation and growth, has motivated LSE to convene forums in Asia. While much public debate and commentary focuses exclusively on the commercial opportunities offered by the growth of India and China, the investigation of future global governance and policy challenges and opportunities created by Asia's success is equally important. LSE's mission has always been to provide rigorous analysis of human development and to offer research-based intelligence aimed at informing sound policy choices and business strategies. Given the multi-faceted challenges now facing the world, LSE believes that Asia must be an important contributor to global development and governance. The LSE Asia Forum provides an opportunity for analysis of different perspectives on the economic, social, political and cultural contributions Asia is making to global development.

## LSE HONORARY FELLOWS IN SINGAPORE



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### Dr Goh Keng Swee

Dr Goh Keng Swee was elected as an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1966 for having attained distinction in the arts, sciences and public life, and having rendered outstanding services to the School.

He spent three years in the School, graduating in June 1951 with a Bachelor of Science (Economics), and three years later, he returned to pursue a doctorate under a London University scholarship. He obtained his PhD in November 1956.

Thereafter, Dr Goh returned to Singapore to serve as Director of the Social and Economic Research Division in the Department of Social Welfare. When Singapore attained self-government in 1959, he became the first Minister for Finance, and continued in this capacity until Singapore became a fully independent country in August 1965. He embarked on a pragmatic programme of industrialisation, focusing initially on the development of the Industrial Estate in Jurong and later similar ones in other parts of the island. The industrial estates were supplemented with other incentives designed to attract foreign capital and entrepreneurs into Singapore to create jobs and raise the living standards of the citizens.

In late 1965, Dr Goh moved on to become the Minister for Defence, charged with the specific task of building up a strong defence force capable of defending the newly-independent nation against foreign aggression. After spending some years creating a credible defence force, he became Minister for Finance again in August 1967, and was reappointed Minister for Defence in late 1970. He remained in this ministerial position until 1978 when he was given the new job of Minister for Education. In the Ministry of Education, he introduced many important changes aimed at providing quality and relevant education, in order for the children to meet the challenges posed by an economy increasingly based on high technology and a globalised environment.

While serving as Minister for Education, Dr Goh was elevated to the position of First Deputy Prime Minister in June 1980. He retired from politics in August 1984. After retirement, he served as advisor to the government of the People's Republic of China, and also assumed the position of Executive Chairman of the Institute of East Asian Political Economy, now known as the

East Asian Institute (EAI) in the National University of Singapore. In 1968, Dr Goh initiated the establishment of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2008.



### Professor Saw Swee Hock

Professor Saw Swee Hock was elected as an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2007, the second Singaporean after Dr Goh Keng Swee to be honoured by their alma mater. After graduating from the University of

Malaya (in Singapore) in 1957, he joined the Department of Statistics in the Colonial Government, and returned to the University to study for a master's degree in 1959. After obtaining this degree, he proceeded to LSE in September 1960 to pursue a doctorate degree in Statistics, which he obtained in April 1963.

Thereafter, Professor Saw joined the University of Malaya (in Kuala Lumpur) to serve as a Lecturer and later Senior Lecturer. In October 1969, he became the Founding Professor of Statistics at the University of Hong Kong until September 1971 when he returned to Singapore to take up the post of Chairman of the newly-established National Statistical Commission of Singapore, spearheaded by Dr Goh Keng Swee. He returned to academia in 1975 at the National University of Singapore as Professor of Statistics until he retired in 1991. Since then he has been Senior Consultant in the Applied Research Corporation, and currently holds the post of Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS).

Professor Saw has served as a consultant to governments, international organisations and private corporations. He has held visiting positions in, among others, Princeton, Stanford, Cambridge and LSE. He has published some 90 articles, 16 monographs, 25 book chapters, and 43 books on statistics, demography and investment management. He has donated generously to establish medals, bursaries, scholarships, endowed professorships, and academic centres in universities in Singapore and overseas. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Service Award and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award bestowed by the National University of Singapore, and was recently conferred the title of Honorary Professor by Xiamen University.

## FORUM PROGRAMME

09.00 **Welcome and Introduction****Howard Davies**

Director, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Ambassador K Kesavapany**

Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

**Peter Sutherland**

Chair, LSE Court of Governors

09.15 **Keynote Speech****Lee Hsien Loong**

Prime Minister of Singapore

09.45 **Reception**10.15 **Session 1: Knowledge as a Driver for Economic Growth**

Keynote speaker:

**Professor Danny Quah**

Head of the Economics Department, LSE

Respondents: **Dr Teh Kok Peng**

President, GIC Special Investments Pte Ltd and **Timothy Ong**, Acting Chairman, Brunei Economic Development Board

Chair: **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

Minister for Finance, Singapore

11.30 **Session 2: Protecting Knowledge: balancing commercial needs and public benefits**

Keynote speakers: **Professor Conor Gearty**, Raising Director, LSE Centre for the Study of Human Rights and **Professor Nikolas Rose**, James Martin White Professor of Sociology, and Director of BIOS, LSE

Respondents: **Justice Robert Ribeiro**, Permanent Judge, Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and **Dr Kevin YL Tan**, Adjunct Associate Professor, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

Chair: **Ambassador K Kesavapany**

Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

12.45 **Lunch**14.00 **Session 3: Controlling Knowledge: responding to contest and change in control over religious knowledge**

Keynote speaker: **Professor John Sidel**

Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics, LSE

Respondents: **Professor Tariq Ramadan**, Senior Research Fellow, St Anthony's College (Oxford) and **Zainah Anwar**, Executive Director, Sisters in Islam, Malaysia

Chair: **Professor Sarah Worthington**

Pro-Director, LSE

15.15 **Session 4: Sharing Knowledge: reconciling conflicting aims on climate change and the environment**

Keynote speaker: **Lord Stern of Brentford**

IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, LSE. Director of the Asia Research Centre, LSE

Respondents: **Peter Sutherland**

Chair of LSE Court of Governors and Chair of BP and Goldman Sachs International and **Nitin Desai**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, The Energy and Resource Institute, India

Chair: **Professor Wang Gungwu**,

Chairman, ISEAS and University Professor, National University of Singapore

16.30 **Closing Remarks****Howard Davies**

Director, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Ambassador K Kesavapany**

Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

16.45 **Farewell Tea**

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong**

Prime Minister, Singapore

His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong was sworn in as Singapore's third Prime Minister on 12 August 2004. As Prime Minister, Mr Lee has launched policies to build

a competitive economy and an inclusive society. He has introduced new programmes to upgrade the education system, invest in R&D and infrastructure, and transform the city and living environment. Mr Lee chairs the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council (RIEC), an international panel to oversee Singapore's major effort in promoting R&D.

Mr Lee was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and the Ministry of Defence in 1984. He was confirmed as full Minister for Trade and Industry in 1987, and was concurrently Second Minister for Defence. In 1990, Mr Lee was appointed Deputy Prime Minister with responsibilities for economic and civil service matters. He also concurrently served as Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) from 1998 until 2004, and Minister for Finance from 2001 until 2007.

Before entering politics, Mr Lee was a Brigadier-General in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). Mr Lee was born on 10 February 1952 and completed his schooling in Singapore. He studied at the University of Cambridge, graduating with a Degree in Mathematics and a Diploma in Computer Science. He also obtained a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

**Ms Zainah Anwar**

Executive Director, Sisters in Islam

Sisters in Islam is a non-governmental organisation working on the rights of Muslim women within the framework of Islam. Ms Zainah

Anwar is its main spokesperson, and gives public talks on Islam and women's rights, politics, and fundamental liberties. She was also a former member of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia.

Her other work experience includes: Chief Programme Officer, Political Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London; Freelance Writer; Senior Analyst, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Kuala Lumpur; Political and Diplomatic Writer, The New Straits Times, Kuala Lumpur. Her book, *Islamic Revivalism in Malaysia: Dakwah Among the Students* has become a standard reference in the study of Islam in Malaysia. She was educated at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston University and the MARA Institute of Technology, Malaysia, in the fields of international relations and journalism.

**Howard Davies**

Director, LSE and Asia Forum Host

Howard Davies became Director of LSE in October 2003. Before joining the School, he was Chairman of the Financial Services Authority and has held a number of other

senior UK posts including Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry and Controller of the Audit Commission. In 2004 he joined the board of Morgan Stanley as a non-executive Director, and in 2006 joined the Board of Paternoster plc, a new insurance company. Howard writes widely on educational and regulatory issues and is a regular contributor and columnist for a number of newspapers and magazines. In 2007 he chaired the Man Booker Prize for fiction.

**Mr Nitin Desai**

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, The Energy and Resource Institute

Mr Nitin Desai, a graduate of LSE, taught economics at two UK Universities, worked briefly in the private sector, had a long

stint as a government official in India and then joined the UN in 1990. In India he was in the Planning Commission (1973-88) and later in the Ministry of Finance as the Chief Economic Adviser (1988-90). In the UN, where he was Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, his major work was the organization of a series of global summits, notably the Rio Earth Summit (1992), the Copenhagen Social Development Summit (1995), the Monterrey Finance and Development Summit (2002) and the Johannesburg Sustainable Development Summit (2002). After his retirement he has been involved in a variety of public policy activities nationally and internationally. He is associated with ICRIER and TERI and is an Honorary Fellow of LSE. He writes a monthly column in the *Business Standard*.

**Professor Conor Gearty**

Raising Director, LSE Centre for the Study of Human Rights

Professor Conor Gearty became Professor of Human Rights Law and the first Raising Director of the LSE's Centre

for the Study of Human Rights in 2002 after leaving a long term post at King's College London. His academic research focuses primarily on civil liberties, terrorism and human rights, and he has published numerous books on these subjects. Gearty's most recent publications include *Essays on Human Rights and Civil Liberties*, published by Cameron May earlier this year, and *Civil Liberties*, published by Oxford University Press in August 2007.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)

He also writes widely for literary and political journals The London Review of Books, Prospect and Renewal, and writes a regular column for The Tablet, for which he is a legal correspondent. He is also a founding member of Matrix Chambers, founded in 2000 for which he specialises in judicial review including human rights law. Gearty gained his Masters degree in law and PhD in environmental law at Wolfson College, Cambridge.



### Professor Wang Gungwu

University Professor, National University of Singapore (NUS). Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University.

Professor Wang Gungwu is a Commander of the British Empire (CBE); Fellow and former President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities; Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Science; Member of Academia Sinica and Honorary Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Science. He is Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the East Asian Institute, NUS, and of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Professor Wang received his BA (Hons) and MA degrees from the University of Malaya in Singapore, and his PhD at the University of London (1957). His teaching career took him from the University of Malaya (Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, 1957-1968, Professor of History 1963-68) to The Australian National University (1968-1986), where he was Professor and Head of the Department of Far Eastern History and Director of the Research of Pacific Studies. From 1986 to 1995, he was Vice-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong and, from 1997 to 2007, Director of East Asian Institute, NUS.



### Ambassador Mr K Kesavapany

Director, ISEAS and Asia Forum Host

Ambassador Mr K Kesavapany is the Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. Prior to this, he was Singapore's High Commissioner to Malaysia from 1997 to 2002. He also served as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Italy (1991-1997) and Turkey. Mr Kesavapany was elected as the first Chairman of the General Council of the WTO when it was established in January 1995. Subsequently, he played a key role in securing Singapore as the venue for the first WTO Ministerial Meeting in 1996. He was also the Chief Negotiator for Singapore for the Korea-Singapore FTA which concluded in July 2005. He is also currently a member of the Singapore Mediation Centre's International Panel of Mediators. Mr Kesavapany graduated from the University of Malaya with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree and obtained a Master of Arts (Area Studies) degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University

of London, during which he had also taken a course under the late Professor Michael Leifer at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Mr Kesavapany is Non-Resident Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.



### Mr Timothy Ong

Acting Chairman, Brunei Economic Development Board

Mr Timothy Ong is a leading Brunei businessman who is also the Acting Chairman of the Brunei Economic Development Board established by the Brunei government to promote foreign direct investment into Brunei Darussalam. His many business roles include being Chairman of BruCapital Holdings, Co-Chairman of The Edge Asia Inc, Chairman of Asia Inc Forum, Chairman of Hotel Associates, Deputy Chairman of National Insurance Company of Brunei Darussalam and independent director of Singapore Petroleum Company. He is the recipient of a number of state honours including most recently, the Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei (DPMB) which confers the title 'Dato Paduka'. He was conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins (highest civilian award) by the President of Chile in 2006 for his contribution to regional economic cooperation. He read Economics and Political Science at the Australian National University where he graduated with BA (Hons) at the top of his class. He obtained an MSc (with Distinction) in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



### Dr Teh Kok Peng

President, GIC Special Investments Pte Ltd

Dr Teh Kok Peng is the President of GIC Special Investments Pte Ltd, the private equity arm of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Private Limited (GIC). Before that, he was concurrently Deputy Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and Deputy Managing Director of GIC. Dr Teh joined the World Bank under the Young Professionals Program in Washington DC and worked there for six years, from 1975 to 1981.

Dr Teh obtained 1st class honours in Economics at La Trobe University, Melbourne in Australia and his doctorate in Economics at Nuffield College, Oxford University, England. He attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in the Fall of 1989.

In Singapore, Dr Teh is a board member of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). He was the President of the Economics Society from 1991 to 1997. He is also a board member of the China International Capital Corporation, the first joint-venture investment bank in China, and a member of the Trilateral Commission.

In 1993, Dr Teh was conferred the Public Administration (Gold) Award by the President of Singapore.



### Professor Danny Quah

Head of Department and Professor of Economics, LSE

Professor Danny Quah obtained his PhD from Harvard University and his A.B. from Princeton University. He joined LSE in 1991 after having taught as an assistant professor in MIT's Economics Department. In the UK, Quah has served on the Academic Panels of HM Treasury and the Office for National Statistics. He is also a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London and a Governor of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

Quah is on the editorial board of the Journal of Economic Growth. He had previously served on the editorial boards of *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics* and *Review of Economic Studies*, and was Programme Chair for the year 2000 European Economics Association Annual Congress.



### Professor Tariq Ramadan

Professor of Islamic Studies, Oxford University

Professor Tariq Ramadan is currently Senior Research Fellow at St Anthony's College (Oxford), Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan) and at the Lokahi Foundation (London). He is a Visiting Professor at Erasmus University (Netherlands). Through his writings and lectures he has contributed substantially to the debate on the issues of Muslims in the West and Islamic revival in the Muslim world. He is active both at the academic and grassroots levels lecturing extensively throughout the world on social justice and dialogue between civilisations. Professor Ramadan is currently President of the European think tank: *European Muslim Network* (EMN) in Brussels.



### Justice Robert Ribeiro

Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal

Justice Robert Ribeiro read law at LSE (LLB 1971, LLM 1972), returning to Hong Kong to lecture at the University of Hong Kong (1972-79). He was called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple and to the Hong Kong Bar, both in 1978 and was in full-time practice at the Hong Kong Bar from 1979 -1999, mainly in the fields of commercial and corporate law. He took silk in 1990 and became a Judge in the Hong Kong Court of First Instance in 1999. He was appointed a Justice of Appeal in the Court of Appeal and then proceeded to the Court of Final Appeal, where he now sits, in 2000. He helped to author two reports which

have provided the basis for an extensive programme of civil justice reform which is in the course of implementation in Hong Kong. He is also President of the Alliance Française de Hong Kong and a member of the Board of the Hong Kong International Film Festival. He has been made Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, and Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académique. He is also an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple and an Honorary Fellow of LSE.



### Professor Nikolas Rose

James Martin White Professor of Sociology, and Director of BIOS, LSE

Professor Nikolas Rose is the Director of LSE's BIOS Centre for the Study of Bioscience, Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Society, founded in 2003. He joined LSE in 2002, and from 2002 to 2006 was Convenor of the Department of Sociology. He was originally trained as a biologist before switching to psychology and then to sociology. From 1996 to 2004 he was managing editor of *Economy and Society*, one of Britain's leading scholarly interdisciplinary journals of social sciences. He is co-editor of *BioSocieties*: an interdisciplinary journal for social studies of the life sciences published for LSE by CUP from 2006. He is a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, and Chair of the Advisory Board of the ESRC Centre for Research on Economic and Socio-Cultural Change. His current research concerns biological and genetic psychiatry and behavioural neuroscience, and its social, ethical, cultural and legal implications.



### Professor John T Sidel

Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics, LSE.

Professor John T Sidel received his BA and MA from Yale University in 1988 and his PhD from Cornell University in 1995. He is a specialist on Southeast Asia and has published widely on the politics of the region, with a special focus on the Philippines and Indonesia. His books include *Capital, Coercion, and Crime: Bossism in the Philippines* (Stanford University Press, 1999), *Philippine Politics and Society in the Twentieth Century: Colonial Legacies, Post-Colonial Trajectories* (Routledge 2000), *Riots, Pogroms, Jihad: Religious Violence in Indonesia* (Cornell University Press, 2006), and *The Islamist Threat in Southeast Asia: A Reassessment* (East-West Center, 2007). His forthcoming publications will focus on populism and reformism in recent Southeast Asian politics, the role of transnational movements in Southeast Asian history, and the shifting role of Islam in global politics.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)



### Lord Stern of Brentford

*IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, LSE*

Lord Stern of Brentford is IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at LSE and also Director of the Asia Research Centre and of the India Observatory. Prior to his return to LSE in June 2007, he was adviser to the UK Government on the Economics of Climate Change and Development from 2005-2007, and Head of the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change. He was also Head of the Government Economic Service, 2003-2007; Second Permanent Secretary to Her Majesty's Treasury, 2003-2005; and Director of Policy and Research for the Prime Minister's Commission for Africa, 2004-2005. Professor Lord Stern was Chief Economist and Senior Vice President at the World Bank from 2000-2003. During his time as Chief Economist of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Visiting Professor of Economics at LSE, he was one of the founding forces behind the Asia Research Centre, formally becoming its director in June 2007. His research and publications have focused on the economics of climate change, economic development and growth, economic theory, tax reform, public policy and the role of the state and economies in transition.



### Mr Peter Sutherland

*Chair, LSE Court of Governors, Chairman of BP plc and Chairman of Goldman Sachs International.*

Mr Peter Sutherland is Chairman of the London School of Economics and Political Science and is currently UN Special Representative for Migration and Development. Of Irish nationality he was born on 25th April 1946 and was educated at Gonzaga College, University College Dublin and the King's Inns. In addition to his Chairmanships listed above he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and is on the International Advisory Boards of Coca-Cola, Eli Lilly and Allianz. He is a Consultant for the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See. Prior to his current positions, Mr Sutherland served as Attorney General of Ireland (1981-1984); EC Commissioner responsible for Competition Policy (1985-1989); Chairman of Allied Irish Banks (1989-1993) and Director General of GATT and then of The World Trade Organisation (1993-1995).



### Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam

*Minister for Finance, Singapore.*

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam is currently Minister for Finance in Singapore. He was the chief executive of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore's central bank and financial regulator, before he entered politics and contested in the General Elections of October 2001. Tharman

is also Chairman of the Ong Teng Cheong Institute of Labour Studies, and Deputy Chairman of the National Research Foundation (NRF). He is also Co-Chairman of the Singapore-Liaoning Economic and Trade Council (SLETC), which was established to advance stronger links between Singapore and Liaoning Province, China. Tharman obtained undergraduate and masters degrees in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and Cambridge University. He later obtained a masters degree in Public Administration at Harvard University, where he received the Littauer Fellow award. He is married to Jane Yumiko Ittogi, who took undergraduate and masters degrees in law at the LSE.



### Dr Kevin YL Tan

*Adjunct Associate Professor, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University*

Upon graduating with LLB (Hons) from the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1986, Dr Kevin Tan joined the Faculty's teaching staff. Subsequently, he obtained his LLM (Masters of Law) and JSD (Doctor in the Science of Law) from the Yale Law School. From 1986 to 2000, Dr Kevin taught at the Law Faculty, specializing in Constitutional and Administrative Law, Law and Government, Law and Society and International Human Rights. Since 2000, he has been running his own consultancy. He has held adjunct appointments at the Faculty of Law, NUS; the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications and Information, Nanyang Technological University (NTU); and is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU. Dr Kevin has also been active in civil society, having served in: Singapore Scout Association; Roundtable; National Youth Achievement Award Council; Singapore Academy of Law Legal Heritage Committee; Society of International Law, Singapore; Foundation for the Development of International Law; and Singapore Heritage Society. He has edited and written 17 books on law and history, and published more than 40 articles and book chapters on law, history and civil society.



### Professor Sarah Worthington

*Pro-Director for Research and External Relations and Professor of Law, LSE*

Professor Sarah Worthington writes on commercial equity, secured financing and corporate governance. She has been a member of the Advisory Council for the Study Group for a European Civil Code, a consultant to the UK Law Commission, and participated as a member of working groups of the Bank of England Financial Markets Law Committee and the UK Company Law Review. She is President of the Society of Legal Scholars, Fellow of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, and Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne.

## ISEAS AT 40

The fourth LSE Asia Forum is being held in the 40th anniversary year of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS). We are pleased to partner the LSE in hosting the Forum whose theme 'The Politics of Knowledge' has considerable resonance to those of us who are in the business of generating and disseminating knowledge about the Southeast Asian region.

I would like to take the opportunity afforded by this forum to say a few words about the Institute. Like ASEAN which marked its 40th year in 2007, ISEAS was established in response to the tumultuous events of the late 1960's. In ASEAN's case, the governments in the region felt that an inter-governmental organisation for regional cooperation was needed to underpin peace and prosperity in Southeast Asia. In the case of ISEAS, the Singapore Government felt an urgent need to get to know the countries and people in our neighbourhood since we were largely strangers to each other as a result of colonialism. Acting on a suggestion of Dr Goh Keng Swee, a distinguished alumnus of LSE and subsequently Singapore's first honorary fellow at the School, the Singapore Cabinet agreed to set up ISEAS in 1968 with the primary objective to increase understanding of our neighbours and to help Singapore play a more effective role in Southeast Asia.

Forty years on, ISEAS has established itself as a centre for Southeast Asian Studies with one of the best libraries on the region. The late Professor Michael Leifer, who

became Pro-Director at LSE researched and wrote some of his seminal work at ISEAS. In these 40 years, the publication arm of ISEAS has brought out over 2,000 titles some of which like *Durga's Mosque*, *Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia*, and *Singapore – Management of Success* have become landmark publications. ISEAS also has an active Outreach Programme which holds conferences, workshops and seminars on a wide range of topics with special reference to the region.

To promote more focused policy-orientated research, ISEAS is establishing this year an ASEAN Studies Centre to be headed by a former ASEAN Secretary-General Rodolfo C. Severino. It will also develop new areas of multidisciplinary research of relevance to the region such as climate change, energy security and global warming while continuing to pay close attention to individual countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. The discourse and debates at the fourth LSE Forum will have an important bearing on the Institute which is seeking to increase its profile as a virtual 'Speakers Corner' where issues pertinent to the region can be addressed in a robust yet constructive manner.

### Ambassador K Kesavapany

*Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies*



## THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE – studies the social sciences in their broadest sense, with an academic profile spanning a wide range of disciplines, from economics, politics and law, to sociology, information systems and accounting and finance. Founded in 1895 by Beatrice and Sidney Webb, LSE has an outstanding reputation for academic excellence.

LSE is small, specialist and one of the most international universities in the world. Our study of social, economic and political problems focuses on the different perspectives and experiences of most countries. From its foundation LSE has aimed to be a laboratory of the social sciences, a place where ideas are developed, analysed, evaluated and disseminated around the globe.

The School plans to grow to 9,000 full-time students by 2012. A new academic building will provide extensive flexible teaching and learning space for the School when it opens in October this year.



### LSE IN ASIA

LSE has a strong reputation and profile in Asia, reflected both in the increasing numbers of students applying to our undergraduate and graduate programmes, and in the growing amount of research on Asia conducted at the School. In 2006-07 40 per cent of the School's students came from Asia.



### Public Lectures and Events

LSE attracts some of the most influential speakers in the world to give public lectures and speak at events. In recent years the School has hosted many speakers such as Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa (1); His Excellency President Ernest Bai Koroma, President of Sierra Leone (2); Indian Finance Minister, P Chidambaram (3); former chairman of the US Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan (4); and the late Benazir Bhutto, ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan (5).

Our termly Events leaflet lists forthcoming lectures, conferences, exhibitions and concerts open to the public. The programme is also made available online and can be found at [www.lse.ac.uk/events](http://www.lse.ac.uk/events).

If you are not based in the UK, but you wish to take advantage of the programme, where the speaker's permission is given transcripts and/or podcasts are made available online following the event and can be accessed by anyone.

Last year the School organised around 170 public events which were attended by just under 40,000 people.

### LSE India

LSE and India have had a strong relationship since LSE was founded. Today LSE India continues to develop links with Indian academic institutions, government and corporate bodies for knowledge exchange and capacity building programmes. LSE India works with LSE's key Indian partners – CII, RBI and Tata – as

well as other institutional and academic partners to initiate a range of linkages and joint programmes.

Examples are the partnership with the Reserve Bank of India and the State Bank of India to create the LSE India Observatory; capacity building workshops (with the National Institute of Bank Management) on central banking and financial markets for banking professionals; and a collaboration with the Institute for Finance and Management Research. A partnership has also been created with the Tata Institute of Social Science. Institutional collaborations are developing with a number of other academic groups. Collaboration involves joint research and staff and student exchanges.

LSE India has worked together with the World Bank, DFID, UNAIDS, the National Council for Applied Economic Research, the Energy Research Institute, Sage India and organised workshops and book launches. LSE India is working on developing, supporting and strengthening alumni networks across the country.

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### LSE China

LSE has joined forces with universities in China to offer a variety of collaborative teaching and research activities comprising double degree programmes, joint research projects, PhD exchanges, as well as conferences and workshops. The School has an institutional partnership with Peking University in Beijing to offer joint teaching programmes, sustain research, and facilitate faculty and student exchanges. There is also a partnership with Fudan University to offer a double degree in global media and communications. In October 2006, in partnership with Tsinghua University, the Confucius Institute for Business, located at LSE in London, was launched: this aims to promote Chinese for business to the local community and foster greater understanding of business culture in China.

LSE alumni include the Chinese Minister and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to the USA, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and Ambassador to the UN in Vienna, Ambassador to Singapore, Special Envoy on Korean Affairs, as well the former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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### Asia Research Centre

The Asia Research Centre builds on LSE's long engagement with Asia through its students – past and present – and research. The Centre's objectives are:

- To identify, coordinate and foster Asia related research and its dissemination across the School
- To encourage interdisciplinary research with a regional and comparative perspective
- In-house research at the Centre covers a broad range of themes including: the impact of rationing on poverty alleviation; lessons from the transition to a market economy in China and Vietnam; basic education in Pakistan – the failure pattern and causes; India's policy on genetically modified crops; and the implications of the clean development mechanisms of the Kyoto Summit to rural livelihoods in India.
- To organise scholarly events on Asia related issues: academic; policy oriented; comparative perspectives; high profile speaker series. The Centre organises public meetings and conferences on topical issues and runs a public lecture series under particular themes.
- To host Visiting Fellows under established Fellowship schemes

The Asia Research Centre seeks to develop a stronger engagement and develop programmes with the various countries in Asia.

The India Observatory has been set up to foster research related to India and knowledge exchange. Its role will be to support and promote vibrant intellectual engagement between the UK, Europe and India, and to participate in wider international research works with partners in Asia and beyond, as well as facilitating research and training. (see [www.lse.ac.uk/IndiaObservatory](http://www.lse.ac.uk/IndiaObservatory))

The Taiwan Culture Research Programme offers an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of Taiwan and a comparative approach to the study of Taiwan in its Asian and global contexts. (see [www.lse.ac.uk/TaiwanProgram](http://www.lse.ac.uk/TaiwanProgram))

The Korean Foundation programme was launched in early 2008.

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## THE LSE SINGAPORE TRUST

Created in October 2004, the Singapore LSE Trust is the first registered charity in Singapore established on behalf of an overseas institution. Its purpose is to support the advancement of education and learning by Singapore citizens at LSE and to provide Singapore alumni and friends of LSE with a tax deduction in support of scholarships.

The Trust represents a unique form of support from Singapore alumni for the London School of Economics and Political Science and is another strong link between Singapore and the UK. Many prominent Singaporeans have attended LSE; Dr Goh Keng Swee, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Professor Saw Swee Hock, and academic links were strongest with the work of Professor Michael Liefer, now deceased. The work of the School continues with a new generation of scholars supported by the Trust.

Singapore citizens who would like to study at LSE should apply directly to the School for admission and once they are admitted they can be considered for financial support. Undergraduate students with need

will be considered while both merit and need are factors in selecting post graduate students. The awards are administered by the Financial Support Office at LSE; interested students should not apply directly to the Trust.

The Trust welcomes support for scholarships from alumni, friends and the many guests attending the LSE Asia Forum in Singapore. If you wish to make a donation cheques should be made directly to the Singapore LSE Trust. This is a unique opportunity to participate in the education of deserving and talented young people.

The officers of the Singapore LSE Trust are

- Mr Eddie Teo, Deputy Chairman, Public Services Commission, Singapore
- Mr Lim Ho Kee, Chairman of Singpost
- Professor Saw Swee Hock of ISEAS
- Mr Andrew Fung of the Singapore Alumni Association
- Dr Mary Blair of LSE.



## THE CAMPAIGN FOR LSE

### Campaign for LSE reaches its £100 million goal

Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, the Campaign for LSE has reached its £100 million target.

This is one of the largest completed campaigns in the higher education sector to date in the UK and we would like to thank every one of our 12,000 alumni and friends from over 90 countries who have supported the Campaign. It has had a transformative effect on the School and has made a significant local, national and international impact.

With the help and commitment of alumni and friends, LSE has supported some of the best and brightest students from across the globe and significantly enhanced the student experience at the School.

Students and staff have had new resources at their disposal as the campus has expanded and new state-of-the-art facilities have been developed. Philanthropic support has also enabled LSE to invest in some of the world's best minds and in contemporary global research.

The School was founded on a philanthropic vision and we would like to thank all our supporters for demonstrating that same foresight and ambition in supporting this institution that enables global understanding and change.

We are especially indebted to the Singapore LSE Trust for their support of graduate and undergraduate students at the School.



### New Academic Building

The New Academic Building (NAB) is set to be in full operation and occupation by October this year. Located at Lincoln's Inn Fields, the New Academic Building will provide extensive contemporary and flexible teaching and learning space for the School.

The New Academic Building will transform the LSE campus and enable the School to extend an LSE education to even more talented students. The building will also consolidate the Departments of Law and Management, which have not had centralised homes until now.

The NAB will contain four new lecture theatres, more than 30 classrooms with state-of-the-art teaching facilities, research facilities and academic offices. Sustainability is also a key feature of the building with the NAB set to be one of the 'greenest' buildings in the city.

Alumni and friends have made a significant contribution to the New Academic Building. This has included support from Professor Saw Swee Hock of Singapore, the LSE Alumni Society of Malaysia, Friends of LSE Hong Kong, and the Sirivadhanabhadki Foundation of Thailand, and many others who have named spaces in the building.

The collective global support of alumni and friends has also made a significant contribution to the Building, with over £1 million allocated to name the Alumni Lecture Theatre.



## LSE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

LSE is in regular contact with over 87,000 alumni worldwide, with around 15,000 in South-East Asia alone. This forms one of the largest cohorts of LSE alumni anywhere in the world. The LSE Alumni Association and the Alumni Relations programme offers opportunities to remain in contact with the School in a variety of ways, from reunions and events at the School to volunteer-organised alumni activities around the world.



**George Davidson**

*General Course 1971*

**Chair, LSE Alumni Association**

The LSE Alumni Association was established in September 2005 to give alumni a voice in the

School and the opportunity to network with other alumni around the world. The Association aims to strengthen the links between the School and alumni, engage all alumni and help to promote the Alumni Relations worldwide programme.

There are active LSE alumni groups and contacts in more than 80 countries, from Argentina to Zambia. These groups provide an extensive network to help alumni keep in touch with each other and the School, by organising frequent events, networking opportunities and providing information to prospective students.

Here in Singapore, the LSE Alumni Association of Singapore (LSEAAS) has done a fantastic job in organising events for alumni in the region, and for supporting the School's fourth Asia Forum. Well done to Collin Tseng-Liu and his team of dedicated volunteers for making this event possible.

For those alumni outside of Singapore, to view details of your local group, please visit Houghton Street Online, LSE's online alumni community. Membership is free to all alumni and enables those registered to keep up to date with news from fellow alumni; view class notes; register for School events; and browse the alumni directory and alumni mentoring programme.

**[www.alumni.lse.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.lse.ac.uk)**

LSE offers an ongoing commitment to alumni in Asia and during the Asia Forum many of us from the LSE Alumni Association and from the School's Alumni Relations team will be meeting alumni leaders from the region to ensure the continued development of the Alumni Relations programme for the mutual benefit of alumni and the School.

Please feel free to approach us during the Forum to discuss any issues that you may have.



**Collin Tseng-Liu**

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**President, LSE Alumni Association of Singapore**

The LSE Alumni Association of Singapore (LSEAAS) which was formally registered with the Singapore Registry of Societies in September 1973, has seen a revival in leadership since 2002, and which is carried on to the present day, reinforced by LSE's fourth Asia Forum being held in Singapore in 2008.

There are now nearly 1,500 LSE alumni living in Singapore, many of these are LSEAAS members. As well as providing an opportunity to become involved in the many educational, professional and social events organised by the Association, membership offers a chance to remain connected with the School.

In recent years, a wide range of activities has been arranged by the LSEAAS. These include talks by Mr Lee Tzu Yang (Chairman of Shell Singapore), Howard Davies (LSE Director), Professor Sarah Worthington (Pro-Director and Professor of Law), Professor Danny Quah (Head of Department and Professor of Economics) and Dr Razeen Sally (Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy and Head, International Trade Policy Unit) and social events such as gourmet wine evenings, networking drinks, pre-departure events for new students and welcome home receptions for new alumni.

The LSEAAS creates an opportunity for its members to network and provides a platform in which to rekindle old friendships and memories. For further information please see the website at [www.lsesingapore.com](http://www.lsesingapore.com).

## ALUMNI GROUPS IN ASIA

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations (ODAR) supports both the worldwide Alumni Relations programme and the newly formed LSE Alumni Association.

In addition to supporting the global network of 87,000 alumni, ODAR is responsible for seeking philanthropic support from alumni, friends, trusts, foundations and corporations for a range of priority projects at the School. These priorities include improvements to the facilities such as the New Academic Building; scholarships for students in financial need; support for academic and research activities; the School's endowment; and the Annual Fund which raises valuable unrestricted funds from alumni for LSE each year. The School and ODAR are deeply grateful to all our alumni in Asia who have supported LSE in this way.

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## LSE CONTACTS

### Careers

LSE Careers Service provides a range of opportunities and access to a number of services to suit the needs of organisations. It hosts a number of Careers Fairs in the UK and Asia, and offers a range of electronic methods for advertising your organisation's vacancies specifically to LSE students, graduates and alumni. Employers can also target specific groups of students by email. If your organisation recruits regularly from LSE, you may wish to publicise this through the **LSE Guide to Careers in Asia**. For more information about this, contact Shaun Harris  
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### Consultancy

Academics at LSE continue to determine and pioneer developments in their fields of expertise.

LSE Enterprise offers a gateway to a range of LSE expertise through a professional consultancy service. It is run by experienced project managers who specialise in matching the skills and talents of LSE's academic consultants with the specific needs of clients. We are able to draw upon the full quality and depth of all LSE's departments (including but not limited to finance, economics, law, management and public policy) and 20 interdisciplinary research centres. We have a proven track record of working with members of the School to deliver successful outcomes to clients and business partners ranging from small scale individual consultancy assignments up to more complex projects involving large interdisciplinary teams. Our client list includes UK government departments and agencies, international and multi-lateral organisations and major businesses and financial institutions.

Information contained on the LSE Experts web pages (**www.lse.ac.uk/resources/experts**) is also a useful tool to use to browse through academic staff expertise and their related research experience and interests.

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### Corporate Relations

One of the aims of LSE is to support and enable strategic knowledge exchange between business, government and academia. LSE Corporate Relations actively develops corporate and institutional partnerships with key organisations worldwide to support this aim and creates a range of high level knowledge exchange programmes: the Asia Forum series is a key component of this strategy. Partnerships are designed to deliver the full range of LSE's knowledge and expertise to partners, while at the same time supporting and

driving forward the School's research profile. Current LSE partners include Deutsche Bank, Standard Chartered, RBI, Tata, CII, EDS, Manpower and UBS.

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**www.lse.ac.uk/CRU**

### Student Recruitment

The Student Recruitment Office provides advice and guidance to prospective students, their parents and advisers, covering all aspects of study at LSE including course content, entry requirements, financial support and accommodation. Staff travel to over 30 countries visiting schools, colleges and universities, delivering information and counseling and attending education fairs.

**www.lse.ac.uk/studentrecruitment**

LSE awards £7million a year in student support, thanks in part to help from alumni, corporations, foundations and friends all over the world. Many students secure external funding and many finance their study through part-time work at LSE. This support helps keep an LSE education within the reach of talented students regardless of means.

**www.lse.ac.uk/financialsupportoffice**

LSE's study abroad programme, the General Course, offers students at institutions overseas the opportunity to spend a year of fully integrated undergraduate study at the School.

**www.lse.ac.uk/general-course**

## ISEAS PUBLISHING

**ISEAS Publishing** is an established academic press that issues scholarly books and journals about Southeast Asia. ISEAS Publishing works with many other academic and trade publishers and distributors to disseminate important research and analyses from and about Southeast Asia to the rest of the world.

ISEAS books and journals reach an audience of 20,000 contacts worldwide. Its authors are specialists from all over the world, ranging from well-known academics to younger scholars.

Visitors to ISEAS are welcome to its bookshop to see the extensive range of books on Southeast Asia.

### Milestones

As ISEAS celebrates its 40th year, the number of books and journals issued has now exceeded 2,000.

ISEAS Publishing is now the largest scholarly publisher of books on Southeast Asia, focussing on politics, economics and social issues.

ISEAS books and journals are available in print as well as in electronic format. To see the full range, visit **http://bookshop.iseas.edu.sg**

### Awards

Recent awards include the 2006 Outstanding Academic Title award by CHOICE (USA) for *Durga's Mosque: Cosmology, Conversion and Community in Central Javanese Islam* by Stephen Headley and the 2007 award for *Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia: A Contemporary Sourcebook* compiled and edited by Greg Fealy and Virginia Hooker. The latter also won the Annual Medal 2007 conferred by the Australia and New Zealand Society of Indexers for the Most Outstanding Book Index.

In 1993 ISEAS Publishing was named the Most Outstanding Scholarly Publisher by the Singapore Book Publishers Association.

