

# LSE forges link with National University of Singapore

LSE has established an alliance with one of the top universities in the Asia-Pacific region, the National University of Singapore (NUS). The first initiative will be a dual master's in Public Administration (MPA) programme with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, an autonomous graduate school of the National University of Singapore.

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy aims to contribute to the transformation of Asia by educating and training policy makers and leaders to raise the standards of governance and improve the lives of people throughout the region. It was launched in 2004 having inherited NUS's Public Policy Programme, established in 1992 in partnership with the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Its students are on one of three master's programmes: the Master in Public Policy, the Master in Public Administration or the Master in Public Management.

The link will create opportunities for LSE and NUS to work together in a variety of ways. These include the innovative dual MPA programme which brings together LSE, the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, Sciences Po, Paris, the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin and the Lee Kuan Yew School and the prestigious Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) created in 2005 by LSE, Columbia and Sciences Po to address the most pressing public policy issues of the 21st century.

The Lee Kuan Yew School will bring a valuable Asian perspective to the GPPN and makes its scope truly global. Kishore Mahbubani, dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School, said: 'There is now growing recognition among thoughtful policy makers and intellectuals that the 21st century will be the Asian century, and the younger people in America, Europe, are beginning to realise this clearly, and so there is a very great desire to understand Asia better.'

In welcoming the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy to the GPPN and to the network of double degrees, Howard Davies, director of LSE, said: 'LSE is delighted to be working with one of the key public policy schools in Asia. Our students and faculty will have access to a rich Asian perspective on public policy. We look forward to developing a deep relationship with the Lee Kuan Yew School and NUS over the coming years.'

• In October the second GPPN conference on 'Globalising Asia or Asian Globalisation' was held at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. It was a very successful event with participants from over 50 public policy institutions from Africa, Asia, Europe as well as North and South America. Speakers from across the region and internationally addressed the challenges which have arisen for Asia from the accelerating processes of globalisation. The conference was followed by a workshop on global public policy education for public policy graduate schools from across the world. For more information on GPPN activities, see [www.gppn.net](http://www.gppn.net) ■



Above: Kishore Mahbubani, dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Howard Davies, LSE director, sign the MPA agreement

## LSE ASIA FORUM 2008

## Singapore

The next LSE Asia Forum will be held in Singapore on 11 April 2008. Speaking to a gathering of alumni and guests at the Shangri-La hotel in Singapore in October, LSE director Howard Davies announced that the fourth Asia Forum, entitled 'The Politics of Knowledge', would address issues of knowledge from across the fields of economics, social policy, health, human rights, religious diversity, climate change and the environment.

Forum highlights will include an opening speech from the prime minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, and keynote speakers including LSE professors Danny Quah, Nikolas Rose, Conor Gearty, John Sidel and Sir Nicholas Stern. Minister for education and LSE alumnus Tharman Shanmugaratnam (BSc Econ 1981), who will also be participating, said: 'I am glad that LSE will host its fourth Asia Forum in Singapore, and on a theme that occupies many of us in Asia. It should be an exciting and dynamic exchange of ideas.'

The Forum will be preceded on 10 April by an alumni reception at the British High Commissioner's Residence and a fundraising dinner for the LSE Singapore Trust with Peter Sutherland, chair of LSE's Court of Governors from January 2008.

The LSE Asia Forum 2008 will be held in conjunction with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), a regional research centre dedicated to the study of socio-political, security and economic trends and developments in Southeast Asia and its wider geostrategic and economic environment. 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of ISEAS.

Invitations have now been distributed and all Singapore based alumni should have received their copy. For further details, please see [www.lse.ac.uk/asiaforum](http://www.lse.ac.uk/asiaforum) or email [asiaforum@lse.ac.uk](mailto:asiaforum@lse.ac.uk).

