Opening Dinner
Island Ballroom
Thursday, 2 July 2015

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm  Registration

7.00 pm – 7.10 pm  Welcome Speech
Professor Tan Chorh Chuan
President
National University of Singapore

7.10 pm – 8.00 pm  Dinner

8.00 pm – 8.15 pm  Performance
Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music
National University of Singapore

8.15 pm – 9.15 pm  Conversation with
Prime Minister of Singapore,
Mr Lee Hsien Loong

Chairperson
Dr Fareed Zakaria
Host
Fareed Zakaria GPS
CNN
and
Columnist
The Washington Post

Question and Answer Session

9.25 pm – 9.30 pm  Closing Remarks
Mr Janadas Devan
Director
Institute of Policy Studies

9.30 pm  End of Opening Dinner
In the decades after the Second World War, the American presence in East Asia helped to make it the world’s fastest growing region. But the future portends significant uncertainties and risks about the role of the US in the region. America’s own domestic problems, the polarisation of American politics, and China’s economic rise and its rising regional and global influence suggest that the geopolitical context in Asia in 2065 will be radically different from the one in 2015.

This session examines the long-term, structural forces that will shape interactions among the major powers in Asia — principally the United States and China, but also potentially India and Japan — over the next 50 years. This sets the context for the discussion on how Singapore might navigate a more complex, multipolar geopolitical environment successfully.

Chairperson

Ambassador Chan Heng Chee
Ambassador-at-Large
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singapore

Speakers

Professor Jia Qingguo
Dean
School of International Studies
Peking University

Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan
Ambassador-at-Large
and
Policy Adviser
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singapore

Question and Answer Session
SESSION TWO
The Economy: Technology, Talent and Social Justice

Singapore’s economy 50 years from now can be glimpsed through the technological and scientific revolutions that are already beginning to emerge. An open, highly globalised economy like Singapore’s is likely to be among the first affected by the dramatic changes wrought by these new technologies. These changes will have far-reaching impact on the labour market, the structure of our economy, the distribution of income and wealth, the type of talent that would do well in the future economy and the workers who are at greatest risk of being displaced.

This session explores how Singapore might prepare for the technological and scientific revolutions that would determine work and the economy in 2065, how it should develop and attract the talents of the future, and how these changes would affect social justice and equity in Singapore.

Chairperson

Professor Tommy Koh
Ambassador-at-Large
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singapore
and
Chairman
Governing Board
Centre for International Law
and
Rector
Tembusu College
National University of Singapore

Speakers

Dr Byron Auguste
Managing Director
Opportunity@Work

Mr Ravi Menon
Managing Director
Monetary Authority of Singapore

Question and Answer Session
12.30 pm – 2.15 pm

Lunch

Conversation with
Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister
of Singapore,
Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Chairperson

Dr Fareed Zakaria
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2.15 pm – 3.45 pm

SESSION THREE
The City: Energy, the Environment and Resilience

Over the next 50 years, small, resource-constrained
cities such as Singapore are likely to face more acute environmental stresses as a result of climate change, rising sea levels and ever tighter energy constraints.

This session examines how cities might be able to meet the needs of their growing populations within the bounds of what is environmentally and ecologically sustainable. Can Singapore take advantage of new technologies to create a car-less city? What sort of physical and virtual infrastructure can help Singapore — an island and a city — cope with a natural and man-made environment in 2065 that is likely to be far more challenging and less benign than that of 2015.

Chairperson

Dr Noeleen Heyzer
Under-Secretary-General
and
Special Adviser of the Secretary-General for
Timor-Leste
United Nations

Speakers

Mr Peter Schwartz
Senior Vice President
Strategic Planning
Salesforce.com

Dr Liu Thai Ker
Chairman
Centre for Liveable Cities
and
Senior Director
RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd
Question and Answer Session

3.45 pm – 4.15 pm Coffee Break

4.15 pm – 5.45 pm SESSION FOUR
Governance: New Democratic Challenges

In the diverse polities that are emerging in societies like Singapore, traditional notions of authority and hierarchy are changing. The ability of those in positions of authority to set the agenda and the terms of the debate is diminishing. Developments in communications technology are enabling citizens to put their governments under greater scrutiny. But the same technologies also offer citizens opportunities to collaborate and find collective solutions to public problems. Even as governments find themselves under greater pressures to account to their citizens, their ability to harness the intelligence of their citizens has never been greater.

This session examines the potentially disruptive forces in democratic governance that are emerging today, especially as a result of advances in communications technology and the growth of social media. It will explore whether the diminution of state-centred authority reduces the quality of governance and of public goods, or if this might be offset by new forms of governance such as citizen co-creation and co-production. The session also looks at how Singapore’s system of governance and its state-society relations would have to evolve such that citizens’ expectations of good government are met alongside rising demands for representation, accountability and transparency.

Chairperson
Professor Kishore Mahbubani

Speakers
The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom 1990–1997

Mr Goh Chok Tong
Emeritus Senior Minister
and
Patron
Institute of Policy Studies

Question and Answer Session
5.45 pm – 6.00 pm

Closing Remarks

Mr Janadas Devan
Director
Institute of Policy Studies

6.00 pm

End of Conference