

2022

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AMIDST ECONOMIC HEADWINDS

MTI ECONOMIC DIALOGUE

Guest-of-Honour

Mr Gan Kim Yong
Minister for Trade & Industry

Date & Time

2 September 2022, Friday | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Venue

SMU Mochtar Riady Auditorium



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PROGRAMME

Time	Event
10:30 am	Registration
11:00 am	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong Minister for Trade and Industry
11:05 am	Opening Address Professor Lily Kong President of Singapore Management University
11:10 am	Keynote Speech "Strengthening Resilience Amidst Economic Headwinds"
11:20 am	Dialogue with Minister
12:25 pm	Scholarships and Awards Presentation Ceremony
12:40 pm	Lunch and Networking Session

THE MTI ECONOMIC DIALOGUE

Started in 2008, the MTI Economic Dialogue is a platform for students to gain insights into pertinent economic issues and challenges facing Singapore, and the role of Economics in policymaking.

This year, the MTI Economic Dialogue 2022 will be graced by Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Gan Kim Yong, and the theme of his keynote address is "Strengthening Resilience Amidst Economic Headwinds". Following the address, students will have the opportunity to engage Minister in an interactive dialogue session.

In recognition of the academic achievements of top economics students in the universities, the MTI-Economist Service Academic Awards – the MTI Book Prize for the best third-year economics student, as well as the MTI Best Thesis Award for the student(s) with the best economics thesis – will be presented. The Economist Service (ES) Scholarship, awarded by MTI to promising young talent to pursue their undergraduate studies in Economics, will also be presented to the recipients.

GUEST-OF-HONOUR

Mr Gan Kim Yong
Minister for Trade & Industry
Republic of Singapore



Mr Gan Kim Yong was appointed Minister for Trade and Industry on 15 May 2021. One of his key priorities is to identify new growth opportunities in support of Singapore's continued economic development. Mr Gan continues to co-chair the Multi-Ministry Taskforce to direct and coordinate Singapore's COVID-19 response.

From May 2011 to May 2021, Mr Gan was Minister for Health. He oversaw efforts to drive Healthcare 2020, a masterplan to ensure the accessibility, quality and affordability of healthcare in Singapore. Under his leadership, the Ministry of Health invested significantly in building new healthcare infrastructure, and expanded the polyclinic and General Practitioner networks. Enhancements to long-term care financing measures were also launched, and a universal lifelong medical insurance was introduced.

As Minister for Manpower from April 2008 to May 2011, Mr Gan led the Ministry's efforts to minimise mass retrenchments during the economic recession in 2009. He also played an instrumental role in the development of manpower policies to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing business environment, and in building a Continuing Education and Training system for a globally competitive workforce.

Mr Gan's other previous appointments include Minister of State for Education and Minister of State for Manpower.

MTI-ECONOMIST SERVICE (ES) SCHOLARSHIP AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

The ES Scholarship is a scholarship tied to the ES under the Public Service Commission (PSC). It was launched in 2011 to attract promising young talent to become public sector economists.

The MTI Best Thesis is awarded to economics students with the best economics thesis, as assessed by the academic selection committees from the universities.

The MTI Book Prize is awarded to third-year economics students with the highest cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in their respective universities at the end of three years of study. An internship with MTI is also offered to the award recipients.

● Economist Service Scholarship

Ms Jemma Cheah Li Wen	National University of Singapore
Mr Justin Cheong Shao Hong	To be confirmed (currently serving National Service)
Mr Lee Wei Kang	University of Cambridge
Ms Lien Cai Hui	London School of Economics and Political Science
Mr Jonathan Loke Chieh Hahn	University of Cambridge

● MTI Best Thesis Award

NUS	Mr Mohamad Rafi B Kamsani Chia “An Empirical Analysis of the Interaction Effects of Live Feedback and Social Comparison Interventions on Resource Conservation”
NTU	Ms Chan Qi Yu, Ms Crystal Heng Si Ying, and Ms Reen Ho Wan Li “The Effect of Distance between Childcare Centre and Residence on Maternal Labour Market Outcomes”

● MTI Book Prize

SMU	Mr Sun Han Chen
NUS	Mr Ethan Leong Tian Sheng
NTU	Ms Teng Ting

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MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) is one of 16 ministries in the Singapore Government. Its vision is for Singapore to be a leading global city with a dynamic economy, world-class enterprises and innovative and productive small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). It aims for Singapore to offer a conducive environment for entrepreneurs and enterprises to tap its diverse opportunities, and provide good jobs that are attractive to talent at all levels. MTI does this by facilitating the development of industry sectors with strong growth potential and fundamentals; enhancing access to global markets for Singapore's goods, services and investments; and providing a good understanding of the current state and outlook of the economy for policy formulation and refinement. MTI has nine statutory boards and one government department under its purview. MTI is also the parent ministry of the Economist Service.

THE ECONOMIST SERVICE

The Economist Service (ES) is a community of professional economists in the Singapore Government who shape Singapore's development through rigorous economic research and analysis of public policies. While the Service is headquartered in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, ES officers are also deployed to other ministries and statutory boards, including the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Manpower, Ministry of National Development, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Central Provident Fund Board and Land Transport Authority, to work on a wide spectrum of policies. The economic sub-specialities range from industrial organisation, international trade, public finance, labour economics, health economics, environmental economics, transport economics, and more.

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

Established in 2000, Singapore Management University (SMU) is recognised for its disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research that addresses issues of global relevance, impacting business, government and society. Its distinctive education, incorporating innovative experiential learning, aims to nurture global citizens, entrepreneurs and change agents. With more than 12,000 students, SMU offers a wide range of bachelors, masters and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with six of its eight schools – Accountancy, Business, Computing, Economics, Law and Social Sciences. Its seventh school, the SMU College of Integrative Studies, offers a bachelor's degree programme in deep, integrative interdisciplinary education. The College of Graduate Research Studies, SMU's eighth school, enhances integration and interdisciplinarity across the various SMU postgraduate research programmes that will enable our students to gain a holistic learning experience and well-grounded approach to their research.

SMU also offers a growing number of executive development and continuing education programmes. Through its city campus, SMU focuses on making meaningful impact on Singapore and beyond through its partnerships with industry, policy makers and academic institutions. www.smu.edu.sg

SMU SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

The School of Economics and Social Sciences was established on 1 July 2002 to launch the Bachelor of Science undergraduate degree programme in Economics, and subsequently the Bachelor of Social Science undergraduate degree programme majoring in Psychology, Sociology, or Political Science.

In April 2007, the School of Economics and the School of Social Sciences were established as separate schools to better focus on the development of the undergraduate and graduate curricula and programmes, as well as faculty research in the respective disciplines.

Today, the School of Economics has a total of 53 faculty with extensive experience from around the world. It has an enrolment of more than 1,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students and offers the following degree programmes:

- Bachelor of Science in Economics,
- Master of Science in Economics,
- Master of Science in Financial Economics,
- Master of Philosophy in Economics, and
- PhD in Economics.

The mission of the School of Economics is to accelerate the growth of SMU by creating a world-class centre of research and teaching in economics. Economic research forms a key factor in the development of SMU as a foremost academic institution in generating cutting-edge research with global impact and producing broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. Faculty members in the School of Economics are active in research, and have published in journals such as *Econometrica*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Econometric Theory*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *International Economic Review*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, and *Biometrics*.

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NUS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Established in 1934, the Department of Economics is a department in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). The Department conducts courses in Economics leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours), Master of Social Sciences (Research), Master of Social Sciences (Applied Economics), and Doctor of Philosophy (Economics). It also offers special programmes such as the Joint Honours Degree Programme in Economics with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH); and Double Degree Programmes in Economics & Law, Economics & Business and Economics & Engineering. Besides these, the Department also offers double major and minor programmes in Economics. At the undergraduate as well as the graduate level, the teaching programmes in the Department aim to achieve both depth and breadth in the discipline, with a wide range of specialisation fields built around a strong core of micro- and macro-economic theory and econometrics.

The Department of Economics has an established reputation as one of the leading departments of Economics in the Asia-Pacific region in research and education. Faculty members' research areas span a wide range of economics fields, with strengths in the core areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, as well as in particular fields such as game theory and industrial organisation, labour economics, financial economics, and growth theory and development with special reference to Asia. Many of its colleagues have continued to publish well in internationally-recognised journals. In terms of publication numbers in well-known economics journals, NUS ranks among the very top in Asia. The Singapore Centre for Applied and Policy Economics (SCAPE) in the Department spearheads policy-related research and is a forum for perspectives on economic policy formulation in Singapore and Asia.

NTU ECONOMICS PROGRAMME

The NTU Economics Programme is the largest programme in the School of Social Sciences. It has its roots in the Division of Applied Economics in the Nanyang Business School, which was established in 1993.

The Economics programme comprises diverse and international faculty holding degrees from top universities around the world. Faculty members are active in research and publish widely in leading journals; regularly contribute to and participate in major international conferences; and serve as consultants to prominent international organisations such as the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank. Its faculty is also regularly called upon to give advice and expertise to local institutions and government ministries such as the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Manpower, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Trade and Industry. They have also made their expertise available to statutory boards such as the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Economic Development Board, Enterprise Singapore, and Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

