



12th SINGAPORE ECONOMIC POLICY FORUM 2019

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Regent Singapore

Royal Pavilion Ballroom II (Lobby Level)

1 Cuscaden Road, Singapore 249715

“External Challenges to the Singapore Economy and Possible Responses”

8:30am – 8:55am	Registration
8:55am – 9:10am	Opening Remarks Professor David Lee Vice President Economic Society of Singapore
9:10am – 9:20am	Keynote Speech Mr Chee Hong Tat Senior Minister of State Ministry of Trade and Industry Ministry of Education
9:20am – 9:30am	Outstanding Economics Teacher Award Presentation
9:30am – 10:00am	Tea/Coffee Break
10:00am – 10:45am	Session 1: Made in Singapore by Prof Chang Pao-Li , Associate Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University
10:45am – 11:30am	Session 2: Changing Structures of International Competitiveness by Prof Tan Kong Yam , Professor, Nanyang Technological University & Co-Director, Asia Competitiveness Institute, National University of Singapore
11.30am – 12.00pm	Panel Discussion A: Singapore’s Responses to Economic Nationalism & Increased Competition Chairperson: Prof Chia Ngee Choon , Associate Professor & Co-Director, Next Age Institute, National University of Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Chang Pao-Li• Prof Tan Kong Yam Q&A
12.00pm – 1.15pm	Lunch

- 1.15pm – 2.00pm **Session 3: Funding Societies: Myths and Realities of SME Debt Crowdfunding in Singapore** by **Mr Kelvin Teo**, Co-Founder, Funding Societies
- 2.00pm – 2.45pm **Session 4: Financing Singapore's SMEs & Crowdfunding Development in Singapore** by **Prof Tan Swee Liang**, Practice Associate Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University & **Ms Tok Yoke Wang**, Senior Economist, IMF Singapore Regional Training Institute
- 2.45pm – 3.15pm **Panel Discussion B: Technology Disruptions: Impact on Startups and SMEs**
Chairperson: **Prof David Lee**, Professor, Singapore University of Social Sciences
- Mr. Kelvin Teo
 - Prof Tan Swee Liang
 - Ms. Tok Yoke Wang
- Q&A
- 3.15pm – 3.30pm **Tea/Coffee break**
- 3.30pm – 4.15pm **Panel Discussion C: Possible Responses to External Challenges to the Singapore Economy**
Chairperson: **Prof Chow Hwee Kwan**, Practice Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University
- Ms. Selena Ling, Head of Treasury Research and Strategy, OCBC
 - Dr. Prakash Kannan, Chief Economist, GIC
- Q&A
- 4.15pm – 4.30pm **Closing Remarks** by **Prof Hoon Hian Teck**, Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University