

Opening Remarks

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Good morning, everyone.

First of all, on behalf of NUS Department of Economics and Economic Society of Singapore, I thank everyone for being part of this Forum. I also thank speakers from the government, private sectors, and academia for accepting our invitation and contributing to this Forum.

Singapore Economic Policy Forum is an annual event that four universities in Singapore (NUS, NTU, SMU, and SUSS) take turn and co-organize with ESS every year, except the last year for an obvious reason. I am excited to welcome all of you this time, either in-person or online.

The theme for today's Forum is "sustainability in the time of uncertainty".

Sustainability has always been an important concept in the areas of environmentalism, economic development, and social equity. It is especially relevant in challenging and uncertain times.

Today, we will hear how innovative technology can improve our society's sustainability. We will also learn various new developments in financial markets, including blockchain, climate integrated investment management, and central bank green finance. We will dig deeper into sustainable policy making in the context of Singapore.

I hope you will enjoy today's speeches and panel discussions. I wish everyone a safe and productive day.

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