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The Singapore Economic Policy Forum continues the successful collaboration between the three major universities in Singapore and the Economic Society of Singapore (ESS) to bring research findings and policy issues concerning the Singapore economy to the wider public, following similar forums held annually since 2006. This year, it has acquired even greater cogency and relevance in view of the formation of the Economic Strategies Committee (ESC) to map out new directions for the Singapore economy.

The organisers have arranged a stimulating and thought provoking programme, with prominent economists from the private sector and academicians from the local universities scheduled to speak on what it takes to achieve sustainable and quality economic growth for the next 5 to 10 years. Presentations by the invited speakers and a panel discussion will cover general issues concerning the Singapore economy in the aftermath of the global financial crisis and reform of the much vaunted Singapore growth model. In addition, there will be in-depth analyses of healthcare system, asset price bubbles and economic policy-making in Singapore.

The one-day forum is aimed at an audience of public policy-makers, academicians, financial and private sector professionals and the general public. Details of the programme and speakers are attached. Please register using the form provided. For more information, please send an e-mail to: esosing@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the forum.

Programme

- 8:30–9.00: Registration
- 9:00–9.15: Welcome Address by Professor Euston Quah
Head, Division of Economics, NTU
President of the Economic Society of Singapore
- 9:15–10.15: **“The Post-Crisis Era: Challenges for the Singapore Economy”**
Mr Manu Bhaskaran, Vice-President, Economic Society of Singapore
- 10:15–10.45: Tea Break
- 10:45–11.30: **“Singapore’s Healthcare System: Some Challenges”**
Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe, Deputy Director, Singapore
Centre for Applied and Policy Economics (SCAPE) and Department
of Economics, NUS
- 11:30–12.30: **“Global Credit Crisis: Where Does Singapore Stand?”**
Mr Jimmy Koh, Head of Economics, Treasury Research, UOB
- 12:30–1.30: Lunch
- 1:30–2.15: **“Should Monetary Policy Lean Against Asset Price Bubbles?”**
Associate Professor Chow Hwee Kwan, School of Economics, SMU
- 2.15–3.00: **“Economic Policy-making in Singapore: Some Reflections”**
Professor Basant Kapur, Director, SCAPE and Department of
Economics, NUS
- 3:00–3.40: **“The Singapore Growth Model: Too Much Volatility?”**
Dr Choy Keen Meng, Economic Growth Centre (EGC), Division of
Economics, NTU
- 3:40–4.00: Tea Break
- 4:00–5.00: **Discussion on “The Future of the Singapore Economy and Its Role
in the Region”**

Chair: Professor Bernard Yeung, Dean, NUS Business School

Panelists: Professor Augustine Tan, School of Economics, SMU
Associate Professor Cao Yong, Nanyang Business
School, NTU
Professor Charles Adams, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public
Policy, NUS
- 5:00–5.10: Close of Forum