The Economic Growth Centre in the Division of Economics School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU cordially invites you to a seminar by Dr Yukon Huang

Speaker: Dr Yukon Huang  
Senior Advisor to the Vice-President, World Bank  
Former Director, China and Russia Country Programs

Topic: "From Moscow to Beijing and places and in between: why some countries grow and others do not"

Chairperson: Professor David Reisman  
Deputy Head, Division of Economics  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Date: Wednesday, 18 January 2006

Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: Executive Seminar Room 4 (Block S3-B3b-40)  
Nanyang Business School (Southspine 3)  
Nanyang Technological University

Synopsis and Speaker's Profile:

Dr Huang has served the World Bank both as a senior economist and as the Country Director for Russia and China. He has also worked extensively on all the ASEAN countries. In his presentation, Dr Huang will share his personal experiences and insights on how Russia and China, the two economic powerhouses have treaded their very distinct paths from communism towards capitalism and globalisation. The heady mix of politics and economics in these two countries has led to very different outcomes and lessons. What lessons can Myanmar learn from Russia and China? What are his observations of reconciling important development goals with ground realities? Dr Huang will be addressing these issues at his presentation.

Dr Yukon Huang is the Former World Bank Country Director for China and Russia.

As the World Bank’s Country Director for China, he was based in Beijing from 1997 - 2004. As Director, Dr Huang managed an investment portfolio of over 100 projects covering every province in China. Over the last two decades, the Bank has lent nearly US$40 billion to China for projects in energy, transport, finance, agriculture, urban services, environment, education and health. Prior to his China assignment, he was Director for Russia and other Former Soviet Union Republics of Central Asia from 1992 to 1997. He is currently Senior Advisor to the East Asia Vice-President and based in Singapore to manage a program of regional activities for the 2006 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings in Singapore. He joined the World Bank in 1976. Career positions include Chief of Bank Assistance Policy with responsibilities for reviewing the Bank’s overall lending and risk assessment policies; Lead Economist; and Country Operations Chief for Asia. He has worked extensively on all the ASEAN countries and over his career also lived in Malaysia, Myanmar, Tanzania and Bangladesh. He received his B.A. in Economics from Yale University. His Masters and PhD in Economics are from Princeton University.

Reservation:

Admission is free. Please reply to Christina, mailto: achristina@ntu.edu.sg or Tel: 6790-5689 to confirm your attendance.