SINGAPORE AT 50: REFLECTIONS AND VISIONS

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LOOKING AT THE SKY PHOTOGRAPH BY HAN MING GUANG, FASS ALUMNUS.



To mark Singapore's 50th year of independence, this symposium seeks to create an opportunity for discussion and introspection about the country's first 50 years, with a view towards its next 50. Drawing from the insights and experiences of the various sectors that they represent – including, the disabled, the elderly, youths and the arts and creative industries, our speakers will reflect on the country's development, identify challenges and chart a vision for the country's future growth.

| Singapore at 50 Symposium Programme | | |
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| 10:00-10:30 | REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS | |
| 10:30-10:35 | WELCOME By Associate Professor Lim Sun Sun | |
| 10:35-10:45 | OPENING REMARKS By Professor Brenda Yeoh (Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) | |
| 10:45-11:00 | Film Screening and Award Ceremony of Singapore on Screen III, NUS FASS Student Original Short Film Competition | |
| 11:00-12:45 | PANEL DISCUSSION: SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT & FUTURE DIRECTIONS | |
| | Chaired by Associate Professor Reuben Wong | |
| | Chia Yong Yong | President of SPD (formerly known as Society for the Physically Disabled) and Nominated Member of Parliament |
| | Dominic Lim | Head, <u>WeCare@MarineParade</u> |
| | Sumytra Menon | Senior Assistant Director at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics (CBmE), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore |
| | PP Wong | Author of The Life of a Banana and Editor-in-Chief at Banana Writers |
| | Q & A / Discussion | |
| 12:45-13:00 | CLOSING REMARKS By Associate Professor Tan Ern Ser | |
| 13:00 | LUNCH & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION Award Winning Photographs From PICTURE SINGAPORE 2014 Singapore Research Nexus Photography Competition | |

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Some Thoughts on Singapore's Disability Sector: Past, Present & Future

Chia Yong Yong, PBM, is the President of SPD, an organisation that serves persons with disabilities, and a Partner of the law firm, Yusarn Audrey, Yong Yong's contributions to the social service sector span close to three decades. In 2011, she was conferred the President's Social Service Award, and in 2013, the Public Service Medal. Yong Yong was sworn in as a Nominated Member of Parliament in September 2014, a role which she hopes will enable her to bring issues such as the challenges faced by people with disabilities and the social service sector, and the need to build greater understanding and acceptance of differences, to the fore.

Embracing Risk, Inspiring Change: Weatherproofing the Values of People-Centricity, Courage and Excellence

Dominic Lim is a manager at the National Council of Social Service and the Head of WeCare@MarineParade, a community enabling network initiated by Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong to turn residents' vulnerabilities into strengths. He is also the Group Head of Strategic Management and Founder of SPLAT!, a community movement that inspires community action to reintegrate youths-at-risk and former youth offenders. SPLAT! was also conferred the President's Award for Volunteerism. In public service, Dominic is a Council Member of the National Youth Council (NYC), a Member of the National Youth Fund Advisory Committee, the Tampines Central Citizens' Consultative Committee, the East View Primary School Advisory Committee and the Singapore50 Education and Youth Committee.

Dominic holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree with Honours in Social Work from the National University of Singapore. He has served on the NYC Academy Advisory Panel, the National Youth Endowment Fund Advisory Committee and the National Committee on Youth Guidance and Rehabilitation's New Media Task Force, and has represented Singapore at the UNESCO Asian Youth Forum where he chaired its Civic Sector Working Group.





Dying with Dignity: Legal and Ethical Issues

Sumytra Menon is a Senior Assistant Director at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics (CBmE), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. Sumy's primary role at CBmE is to develop a national competency and accreditation framework for clinical ethics and research ethics training, as part of the National Ethics Capability Programme. She also teaches on CBmE's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Sumy is a lawyer by training with a particular interest in the law on mental capacity and at the end of life, and clinical and research ethics.

The Beauty of Worth Knowledge

PP Wong is the first British born Chinese novelist to secure a publishing deal in the UK. Her novel *The Life of a Banana* is about a British Singaporean family living in London. It was published in the UK in 2014 and will be released in SE Asia and Europe. PP Wong was born in Paddington, London and spent her childhood moving between London and Singapore. After completing a degree in Anthropology and Law at the London School of Economics, she did a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism.

PP Wong is a freelance writer and also the Editor-in-Chief of **www.bananawriters.com**. The website is a voice for East Asian and South East Asian writers.

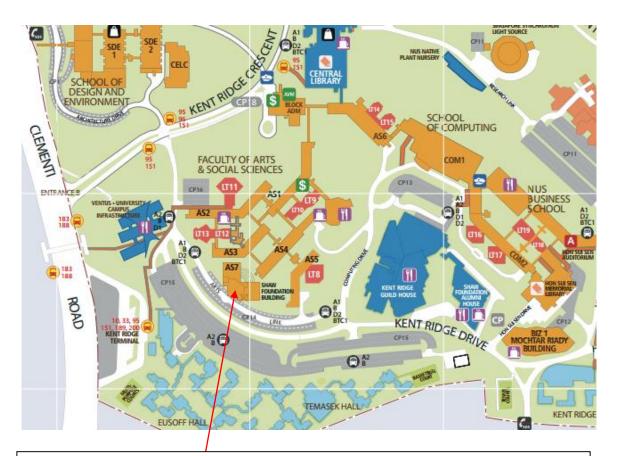
PP Wong is passionate about encouraging new writers to follow their dreams. She currently divides her time between London and Singapore.

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