

David Raman Wei Siong P.S. Kausikan Bursary

Mr Amb Bilahari Kausikan and his wife, Madam Pearlyn Chong Lo Lan donated an endowed gift of \$200,000 and an expendable gift of \$12,000 to establish the David Raman Wei Siong P.S. Kausikan Bursary in memory of their late son. The purpose of the gift is to support needy Singaporean students of the Faculty.

Mr Bilahari Kausikan is the Chairman of the Middle East Institute, an autonomous institute of the National University of Singapore. Mr Kausikan was the Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2013, having served as Second Permanent Secretary since 2001. He was subsequently Ambassador-at-Large until May 2018. His earlier appointments at the Ministry include Deputy Secretary for South-east Asia, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, and Ambassador to the Russian Federation. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) and the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Meritorious Service Medal) by the government of Singapore. He was also awarded the "Order of Bernardo O'Higgins" with the rank of "Gran Cruz" by the President of the Republic of Chile and the Oman Civil Merit Order by the Sultan of Oman. He was educated at Raffles Institution, the University of Singapore and Columbia University in New York.

The award of this bursary commenced in AY2020-21. Up to 2 bursaries may be awarded in each academic year.

In 2021, the bursary was changed to award Year 1 students from FASS. Two awards will be made once every 4 years. The recipients will continue to receive the bursaries for the duration of their studies subject to them remaining as FASS students and meeting the eligibility criteria for financial aid. The changes will take effect from AY2021-22.

Matriculated students may refer to the FASS Student Portal for [application details](#) and more information on the award.