



THE SINGAPORE  
LSE TRUST ■

# Endowed Scholarship Fund



## FOREWORD

On behalf of my fellow Trustees, I am pleased to announce the launch of a campaign to raise an Endowed Scholarship Fund that will help sponsor Singaporean students who require financial assistance to pursue their dream of studying at the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE).

Education is the greatest leveller and the best investment we can make in improving lives, providing opportunities, opening minds, and making a difference in the lives of those it touches. This is indeed a worthy cause with lifetime effects.

By providing grants to Singaporean students who hold the offer of a place at LSE but who would otherwise not be able to study there, we support a relatively neglected group of Singaporeans. Many of those we have supported say that the LSE Trust grant serves as a 'tipping point' in their choice. As we have benefited from our time at the LSE, so we wish others to enjoy the same journey. Such is the LSE spirit in Singapore that we can all be proud of.

Your support allows the students we sponsor to see first hand the uniqueness of studying at LSE and living in London. Many returning award recipients have good careers and serve on the alumni committee in Singapore - showing that they return home well-rounded and with the right ethos.

I invite you to support the Endowed Scholarship Fund and thank you for your support in making a difference to the lives of young Singaporeans eager to improve themselves, and for making the LSE alumni community in Singapore special.

### **Mr Eddie Teo**

Chairman  
The Singapore LSE Trust



## THE SINGAPORE LSE TRUST

The Singapore LSE Trust (The Trust) was established in 2004 to provide direct undergraduate and postgraduate awards to Singaporean students who have been admitted to the LSE for study, and for whom financial assistance is required.

The Trust is the first charitable trust of its kind established in Singapore by an overseas University.

### Trustees

The Trust has the privilege of having the following distinguished alumni sit on its board of Trustees:

1. Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of the Public Service Commission
2. Mr. Lim Ho Kee, Chairman of SingPost
3. Professor Saw Swee Hock, President's Honorary Professor of Statistics, National University of Singapore
4. Mr. Wong Yew Meng, Board Member, Public Utilities Board, Singapore
5. Mr. Ong Ye Kung, Assistant Secretary-General at NTUC
6. Mr. Andrew Fung, General Manager of the Tripartite Alliance for Fair Employment Practices (TAFEP)
7. Mr. Collin Tseng-Liu, Head of Business Development & Marketing at Allen & Gledhill LLP
8. Mr. Julian Szego, Operations Director (Office of Development and Alumni Relations) at the LSE

### Governance

As of 31 December 2009, more than S\$300,000 has been raised by the Trust, enabling the establishment of six awards (both undergraduate and postgraduate) at the LSE.

In adhering to the highest standards of governance, all donations to the Trust are made by cheque and the Trustees neither receive a fee nor an allowance from the Trust, thus allowing all donations to be directed towards funding scholarships. All charitable donations and accounts are audited and filed annually by PricewaterhouseCoopers, Singapore.



## **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Our aim is to create a fully endowed scholarship fund to support Singaporean students, who hold an offer of a place at LSE and who require financial assistance to take up their place at the School.

We also aim to raise the profile of LSE in Singapore, create greater awareness of the Singapore LSE Trust Awards and enable many more deserving Singaporean students to realise their dream of studying at LSE.

The target is S\$3m, which will enable the Singapore LSE Trust to fund in perpetuity one undergraduate and one postgraduate student to study at LSE every year.

### **Recognition for Donors**

LSE, The Singapore LSE Trust and the LSE Alumni Association of Singapore (LSEAAS) are working together to ensure that all donors receive recognition for their support, both within Singapore and at LSE itself. We would be delighted to discuss the opportunities for recognition with donors on a personal basis, and encourage you to make contact with the LSEAAS or the School's Office of Development and Alumni Relations (ODAR).

### **Making a Donation**

Support from our LSE alumni and friends in Singapore for an educational and worthy cause makes the "LSE community" in Singapore both special and meaningful. Helping aspiring young fellow Singaporeans to study at the LSE is in keeping with the best traditions of LSE and the original aim of the School when it was founded in 1895 - the betterment of society.

Thank you for your support! Should you wish to make a donation please visit the LSEAAS webpage at [www.lsesingapore.com](http://www.lsesingapore.com)

Alternatively, to discuss your donation in person, you can contact a member of the Development team in LSE's Office of Development and Alumni Relations at [www.lse.ac.uk/supportingLSE](http://www.lse.ac.uk/supportingLSE) • Email: [development-office@lse.ac.uk](mailto:development-office@lse.ac.uk)  
• Telephone: +44 (0)20 7955 3685.

### **Tax-Deductible Donation**

As an Institution of Public Character, all donations to the Singapore LSE Trust enjoy a double tax deduction. In the Budget 2010 announcement, the Singapore Government extended for another year the 250% tax deduction for donations made from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. i.e. for every \$1,000 donated, \$2,500 will be deducted from the taxpayers' chargeable income.

## TESTIMONIALS FROM AWARD RECIPIENTS

### TAN TAI KIAT

Assistant Vice-President, SBS Transit Ltd.

■ MSc. Public Policy and Administration (2006)



I was the first recipient of the postgraduate scholarship in 2005. The scholarship enabled me to fulfill my dream of furthering my studies in London, a charming city filled with culture and diversity.

The friends from all over the world whom I knew during my stay at Grosvenor House, also greatly enriched my life. There, I was the pioneer-batch of the Hall committee and served as its Treasurer.

After my return to Singapore, I continued to contribute in the Committee of the LSE Alumni Association of Singapore and am currently helping out in the Singapore LSE Trust.

### WENG WAN YI

Assistant Superintendent, Singapore Police Force

■ MSc. History of International Relations (2007)



The Singapore LSE Postgraduate Trust Scholarship allowed me to pursue an MSc. in the History of International Relations, following the completion of my BA. in History in 2006.

At the LSE, I was able to fully stretch myself academically in the study of Singapore: our political history, our 'economic miracle' and the security challenges we face today. Now, as a police officer, my postgraduate studies have stood me in good stead to serve and protect our nation. I was also President of the LSE Dance Society, and in my term made dance more inclusive and open to all by starting LSE's first amateur dance-crew, Enmotion.

Back in Singapore, I am serving in the Committee of the LSE Alumni Association of Singapore for 2010/11.. Thank you for the opportunity and I hope that more will be able to benefit from the Singapore LSE Trust Scholarship.

### JUSTIN WONG

Assistant Superintendent, Singapore Police Force

■ MSc. Biomedicine, Bioscience and Society (2007)



My postgraduate year at the LSE was one of tremendous personal and academic growth. The training I received at the LSE in social scientific methods has made me aware of different methodologies.

Today, three years on from graduation, I still keep in close touch with the network of friends I made in my time in London.

Without the kind and generous support I received from those of you who have donated so generously to the Singapore LSE Trust, I would not have had the privilege of that year of rigorous intellectual training at the LSE.

Back in Singapore, I am serving in the Committee of the LSE Alumni Association of Singapore for 2010/11. I hope that the Singapore LSE Trust continues to receive generous support so that other prospective LSE students can receive the same opportunity that I had!

### CHONG LING LI

ASSOCIATE, LINKLATERS LLP

■ LLB LAWS (2008)



It was almost five years ago that I last celebrated the Lunar New Year in Singapore. It certainly seems like a long time ago, except that my time abroad has been very eventful.

Through the support of the LSE alumni, I was able to complete my legal studies in one of the most prestigious academies in the world, and thereafter join Linklaters in London. Although it is heartwarming to be in Singapore, I am grateful for the overseas experience. I am thankful to the alumni for offering me an opportunity of a lifetime.

These had to be the best years of my life.

### CHERIE YANG

■ LLB Laws (2011)



Since my first-year in London, I have been actively involved in the School community, joining societies, such as the Law Society and the International Criminal Court Students' Network. Academically, I did well in my first year and received a book prize for topping the property exams. This year, I was selected to represent the LSE in the

Telders International Law Moot Court Competition where the advocacy experience and training was valuable.

In the summer of 2009, I couch-surfed my way through Bulgaria and Romania, and had the chance to go to a Bulgarian rock concert, climb mountains, and make some great friends along the way! I look forward to having more of such experiences across Europe, which I am sure will help me develop a more global perspective.

### WONG JEN HAN

■ BSc. Economics (2012)



The LSE Singapore Trust Scholarship has helped me pay for the majority of my living expenses in London where the cost of living is generally high. It has also allowed me to make full use of my time at the LSE, which has been greatly beneficial.

The LSE has presented me with many opportunities that I would not have gotten elsewhere – from experiencing diverse cultures to organising an Economics conference – the opportunities for personal growth here are plentiful! I will cherish my remaining two years at the LSE and the fruitful experiences to come.



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### **About The Singapore LSE Trust**

The Singapore LSE Trust is a registered charity and Institute of Public Character that was launched in 2004 to help Singaporeans with financial needs to study at the LSE.

The Trust has the distinction of being the first charitable trust of its kind established in Singapore by an overseas University.

Gifts to the Trust will provide direct undergraduate and postgraduate awards to Singaporean students who have been admitted to LSE for study, and who require financial assistance to do so.

### **About The LSE Alumni Association of Singapore**

In September 1973, the LSEAAS was formally registered as a society with the Registry of Societies (0169/1973) in Singapore.

Today's LSEAAS continues a proud tradition of facilitating and organizing events that are educational, entertaining, and a means to maintain our links with the LSE and alumni here in Singapore.

The LSEAAS also works closely with the Singapore LSE Trust, providing it with a platform from which to launch the Singapore LSE Trust Awards for both undergraduates and postgraduates in 2004.

For more information on the LSEAAS, please visit our webpage at: [www.lsesingapore.com](http://www.lsesingapore.com)

### **About the LSE and Singapore**

The LSE has historically attracted talented students and staff from Singapore and has a large number (more than 1,600) of distinguished alumni in Singapore.

Many Singaporean students opt for the LSE as their premier choice at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels with more than 200 at the LSE today.