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YAYASAN MENDAKI POST-NATIONAL DAY RALLY POLICY FORUM 2015

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

PM Lee Hsien Loong
NDR 2015
23 August 2015

What are the implications of the 2015 National Day Rally (NDR) announcements to our youth in the community? How can SkillsFuture produce more success stories? How else can Singapore’s pioneers and young people collaborate to create a more prosperous nation? These and more will be discussed at Yayasan MENDAKI’s Post-NDR 2015 Policy Forum.

Dr Leong Chan-Hoong, Deputy Head, Social Lab and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, will be sharing on *Casting the Shadow of our Past to Illuminate the Future*. He will be joined by Dr Noorman Abdullah, Lecturer at the Department of Social Science and Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore, who will be sharing on *Rethinking Adversities*. The panel discussion will be moderated by Ms Rahayu Mahzam, lawyer at Heng, Leong and Srinivasan.

Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim will be gracing the event as Guest-of-Honour.

Your reporting crew is invited to cover the event. Details are as follows:

Day, Date,	:	Friday, 28 August 2015
Time		8.00pm – 9.30pm
Venue	:	Auditorium, Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT@Dover) 10 Dover Drive S138683

Yayasan MENDAKI Post-National Day Rally 2015 Policy Forum
Singapore at 50: Reflecting the Past & Embracing Future Possibilities

Friday, 28 August 2015
8.00pm – 9:30pm

Auditorium, Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT@Dover)

Programme Outline

Time	Programme
7:50pm	Arrival of Minister Dr Yaacob Ibrahim <i>Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-In-Charge of Muslim Affairs and Chairman of Yayasan MENDAKI</i>
8.00pm	Welcome Address by Emcee
8.05pm	Sharing on NDR 2015 by Research and Policy Department
8:15pm	Sharing on Casting the Shadow of our Past to Illuminate the Future by Dr Leong Chan-Hoong Deputy Head, Social Lab and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)
8:25pm	Sharing on Rethinking Adversities by Dr Noorman Abdullah Lecturer, Department of Malay Studies and Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore (NUS)
8:35pm	Q & A Session and Panel Discussion Moderator: Ms Rahayu Mahzam Panellists: Dr Yaacob Ibrahim Dr Leong Chan-Hoong Dr Noorman Abdullah
9.25pm	Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation & Photo-Taking
9:30pm	End of Panel Discussion End of Event

Speakers Profile



Dr Leong Chan-Hoong
Deputy Head, Social
Lab and
Senior Research
Fellow,
Institute of Policy
Studies

Dr Leong received his PhD in psychology from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and an MSc in statistics from the National University of Singapore. His research interests include attitudes to immigration and emigration, intergroup relations and integration, historical narratives and identity, and the management of cultural diversity in the workplace.

He is Consulting Editor for the International Journal of Intercultural Relations, and Editor for the 2013 Special Issue, "Multiculturalism: Beyond Ethnocultural Diversity and Contestations." Dr Leong was Head of Psychology Programme at SIM University (2007-2009). He is Principal Investigator for the IPS survey on National Service (Commissioned by the Committee to Strengthen National Service) 2013, the Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review (Commissioned by the Ministry of Education) 2014, and Social Lab's flagship Panel Study on Social Dynamics, launching in 2014.

Dr Leong is a member of the Research and Advisory Panel at the National Council of Social Service.



**Dr Noorman
Abdullah**
Lecturer, Dept of
Sociology
and Dept of Malay
Studies,
National University of
S'pore (NUS)

Dr Noorman obtained his Ph.D. (summa cum laude) from the University of Bielefeld after completing a M.Soc.Sci and B.Soc.Sci from NUS. For his doctoral thesis, he produced an ethnographic piece on Malay-Muslim families in Singapore.

Over the years, his research endeavours bring together broader interests in making sense of the establishment and maintenance of boundaries in demarcating sites of similitude and difference, and a strong empirical component grounded especially on ethnography and qualitative fieldwork.

At a broader level, his work centres on the manner in which the content and structure of social relations mediated through informal and formal institutions, have produced, maintained, and reconfigured particular social identities.