



Over 100 people from 10 institutions to celebrate SG50 at Heng Mui Keng Terrace

Representatives from 10 international organisations, institutes and think-tanks located at Heng Mui Keng Terrace in Singapore will come together on Wednesday, 10 June 2015, to celebrate 50 years of Singapore.

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Singapore plays an important role in international relations, which is unusual for such a small country. The late LEE Kuan Yew, one of Singapore's founding fathers, noted that "... [Singapore] must make [itself] relevant so that other countries have an interest in [its] continued survival and prosperity as a sovereign and independent nation Singapore has to continually reconstruct itself and keep its relevance to the world and to create political and economic space."

With this in mind, Singapore has developed relations with as many nations as possible, underpinned by a bold and forward-looking foreign policy. One of the facets of this policy was to encourage international organisations, institutes and think-tanks to set up office in Singapore. At Heng Mui Kheng Terrace (HMKT) there are 10 such institutions, including the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). They will all participate in the event on 10 June, with ASEF being the host.

Professor Tommy KOH, Ambassador-at-Large from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, will be the Guest of Honour for the event. Prof. KOH was the first Executive Director of ASEF.

Below are the names of the 10 participating institutions:

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)
Energy Studies Institute
Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS)
Institute Of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)
Middle East Institute (MEI)
Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)
UNDP Global Centre for Public Service Excellence
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Event details:

SG50 @ Heng Mui Keng Terrace
Wednesday, 10 June 2015, 12:00-14:00
Conference Hall, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119595
Dress code: work attire

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About the organiser



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