



Mr Tan Kiat How (Chairperson from 15 May 2021)

Mr Tan Kiat How is the Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Digital Development and Information (MDDI) and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

At MDDI, his focus is on strengthening Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem and capabilities, as well as ensuring the national digital infrastructure is future ready and resilient. Mr Tan also led the development of the Digital Economy Blueprint to empower the digital transformation of businesses in the age of Artificial Intelligence and to expand job opportunities for Singaporeans.

At MOH, Mr Tan is driving the use of technology to support the healthcare workforce, especially through the use of Artificial Intelligence and automation to improve healthcare outcomes and efficiency. Mr Tan is also leading efforts to strengthen the outreach to seniors as part of the Ministry's push to enhance community health.

Mr Tan also chairs REACH, the lead agency in facilitating whole-of-government efforts in engaging and connecting with Singaporeans on national and social issues close to their hearts, as well as the National Translation Committee. Mr Tan had also previously served in the Prime Minister's Office as Minister of State and in the Ministry of National Development as Senior Minister of State.

Prior to entering politics, Mr Tan spent close to 20 years in various technology leadership roles in the public service. He began his career as an IT consultant in the Ministry of Education, under a National Computer Board scholarship. He held several appointments in the then-Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, before moving to the Ministry of Finance to head its economic programmes department.

Mr Tan started the Pioneer Generation Office, which is now known as the Silver Generation Office. Under his leadership, the Pioneer Generation Office mobilised 3,000 volunteers to reach out to almost 500,000 seniors within two years as part of the Pioneer Generation Package.

Mr Tan subsequently took on leadership roles as Deputy Secretary in the then-Ministry of Communications and Information, before he was appointed as the Chief Executive of the Infocomm and Media Development Authority.

As a computer engineer by training, Mr Tan has a passion for using technology to enhance the lives of Singaporeans. He led the shaping of the national cybersecurity masterplan and championed a more digital economy and society, including the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence, roll-out of 5G mobile networks, and launch of the SG Digital Ambassadors Programme. He helped to develop the Intelligent Nation 2015 blueprint and drove the implementation of the nationwide fibre-to-the-home broadband infrastructure.

Mr Tan graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Computer Engineering in 2001. He also holds a Master's degree in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University.

Mr Tan is married with two children. In his spare time, Mr Tan enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family and rescued dogs.



Mr Abdul Harris Sumardi

Mr Abdul Harris Sumardi is the Centre Director of the Malay Language Centre of Singapore (MLCS), Ministry of Education. He leads a team of Master Teachers in designing and delivering in-service Professional Learning (PL) programmes for all Malay Language teachers. These programmes include courses, professional sharing sessions, seminars, immersion programmes, and regional conference programmes, aimed at strengthening pedagogical practice and advancing the teaching and learning of the Malay Language.

Mr Abdul Harris currently sits as a member of the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC) and also serves on the Malay Language Council Singapore, where he co-Chairs the Anugerah Guru Arif Budiman, a national award that recognises outstanding Malay Language educators for their professional excellence and contributions to the teaching of the Malay Language, and commitment to nurturing students' character and values.

Prior to his posting to MLCS, Mr Abdul Harris served as Principal of three secondary schools - Juying Secondary, Balestier Hill Secondary and Westwood Secondary School, where he led whole-school development efforts in curriculum innovation, staff professional development, student leadership, and stakeholder partnerships.



Ms Agnes BL Lim

Ms Agnes Lim currently serves as Director for Marketing Communications in the Land Transport Authority (LTA). She is responsible for strategic communications planning, marketing, events management, social media and corporate communications.



Ms Ang Yiting

Ms Ang Yiting (洪奕婷) has more than 20 years of experience in the Chinese media industry. Over the course of her career, she has worked across broadcast, print and digital platforms, including Channel U News, Lianhe Wanbao, My Paper and Lianhe Zaobao. She has covered a broad spectrum of news in multiple formats and was a core member of the team leading the newsroom's digital transformation.

Ms Ang holds a Bachelor of Communication Studies (Honours) from Nanyang Technological University and a Master in Public Administration from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.



Mr Cheng Yong Tai

Mr Cheng Yong Tai is the Chief Editor of Chinese News (Singapore) at Mediacorp Pte Ltd, where he oversees local news strategy and coverage across the company's Chinese-language platforms, including digital, radio, television, and social media. He sets editorial direction, ensures high-quality journalism, and drives content innovation to maintain relevance in a rapidly evolving media

landscape. He also leads newsroom transformation, focusing on strengthening digital capabilities and expanding audience engagement.

With over 30 years of experience in the industry, primarily in television, Mr Cheng brings extensive expertise across the full spectrum of TV news production. He has led the coverage of major news events, including general elections, national crises, international summits, and other significant developments.

Mr Cheng holds a Master of Arts in Applied Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies and Sociology from the National University of Singapore



Mr Don Wee Boon Hong

Mr Don Wee is an experienced practitioner in accountancy, governance, sustainability, and business transformation. During his tenure as a Member of Parliament, he spearheaded initiatives in sustainability and trade, drawing from his extensive experience with Singaporean SMEs and Chinese businesses. Proficient in both English and Chinese, Don's bicultural and bilingual strengths enable him to engage effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders. An award-winning finance professional, his academic credentials—including programs at MIT Sloan and Harvard Kennedy School—underscore his commitment to excellence.

With appointments to key national-level committees like the Green Skills Committee and Accountancy Workforce Review Committee, Don Wee exemplifies leadership and continues to make significant contributions to Singapore's business and cultural landscape.



Ms Farah Abdul Rahim

Ms Farah Abdul Rahim currently serves as Senior Director, Public Communications Division, at Singapore's Ministry of Digital Development & Information, overseeing whole-of-government national marketing, campaigns, production and translation. She is a specialist in media, government and stakeholder relations, with more than 25 years of experience in media and communications.

Farah has served as Director for Communications & Engagement at Singapore's Ministry of Finance since 2020, where she managed communications during the Covid pandemic, including more than ten Budget communication campaigns as well as the Assurance Package campaigns. She has also served as Press Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, Mr Heng Swee Keat from 2019-2022, and then-Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam from 2015-2018. She has also worked at both the Ministry of Communications & Information as well as the Manpower Ministry, where she developed communications programmes closely aligned to strategic and policy objectives while driving communications strategies for reputation and crisis/issue management, media relations and digital engagement. She has also managed media relations for large-scale events including the 2018 Trump-Kim Summit and the 2015 funeral of the late Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

Farah was also a former Deputy Chief Editor of Mediacorp, and a senior journalist with regional broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, where she covered a wide spectrum of local and regional breaking news events.



Mdm Heng Boey Hong

Mdm Heng Boey Hong is currently the Director of Mother Tongue Languages Branch, Curriculum Planning and Development Division at Ministry of Education.

She began her career as a Chinese language teacher and later held leadership position as Principal of Nanyang Primary School (2003-2009) and Nanyang Girls' High School (2010-2017).

Madam Heng is actively involved in the field of education and beyond. She currently serves as a Councillor of North-West CDC and holds director positions on the Boards of the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, Mee Toh Foundation, and Nam Hwa Opera Limited, among others. Proficient in both English and Chinese, Madam Heng is a regular presenter at local and international conferences.



Dr Lin Rongchan

Dr Lin Rongchan is currently a Lecturer at the Teaching & Learning Centre (TLC), Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). She was previously the Assistant Head of the Learning Sciences & Assessment (LSA) Department, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University (NIE, NTU). In recognition of her outstanding teaching, she has received the NIE Excellence in Teaching Commendation 2024. Her research interests include adult learning, assessment literacy, AI literacy and language assessment.

Dr Rongchan was born and raised in Singapore, and has also received education in China and the United States. While she has a global perspective, she remains sensitive to local educational contexts and is passionate about language education. Locally, she is a member of the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL). Beyond Singapore, she is a Regional Representative (Singapore) of the Asian Association for Language Assessment (AALA). Being effectively bilingual, she gives talks, conducts courses, and publishes in both English and Chinese. Outside of academia, Dr Rongchan is passionate about creative writing and has won awards for her contemporary Chinese poetry.



Ms Mazlena Ahmad Mazlan

Ms Mazlena Ahmad Mazlan is Director, Corporate Communications at the National Library Board (NLB), where she leads the institution's communications strategy and public engagement. She brings over two decades of experience spanning print and broadcast journalism, documentary production, radio news, and strategic public sector communications.

A multi-award-winning journalist and producer, Ms Mazlena began her career at Berita Harian before rising through the ranks at Mediacorp, where she served as Editor, Malay Current Affairs Unit, News Editor (Mediacorp Radio), and Executive Producer at Caldecott Productions International.

She subsequently led Strategic Communications at MUIS, before serving approximately 13 years as Director of Information at MDDI and Press Secretary to the Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs. She is also a member of the Malay Language Council, Singapore, and its Bulan Bahasa Committee.

With expertise in Malay-language media and senior Government communications, Ms Mazlena hopes to contribute meaningfully to the National Translation Committee through its Resource Panel.



Dr Mohd Mukhlis Bin Abu Bakar

Dr Mukhlis Abu Bakar is Associate Professor and Head of the Asian Languages and Cultures Academic Group at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. He has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Wales, Bangor, UK. He taught at the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore, prior to joining the Institute in 2002. Dr Mukhlis teaches courses in Malay linguistics, discourse analysis, literacy, and bilingual education. His research interest spans a number of inter-related fields: language, literacy, bilingualism, and learning at home, in school and in faith settings. He is presently engaged in a number of funded research projects on biliteracy and bilingualism in young children. His service roles include sitting on committees in the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Education.



Mr N Gunalan

Mr N Gunalan is the Chief Editor of Tamil News & Current Affairs at Mediacorp, Singapore's national media network. He leads the strategic editorial direction of a 34-member team of journalists and editors. Under his leadership, the team delivers a wide range of content—including a daily TV news bulletin, 10 radio news bulletins, a weekly current affairs programme, and a dynamic digital news

platform via app and website. Beyond the newsroom, Gunalan spearheads community engagement initiatives that promote the Tamil language.

With extensive experience in journalism and public relations, he has held senior roles in major regional media organisations and the hospitality/travel sectors. A passionate advocate for Tamil, he also serves on several committees dedicated to its preservation and growth.

Gunalan holds a BA from the National University of Singapore and an MSc in the International Politics of Asia & Africa from SOAS, University of London, awarded under the Chevening Scholarship funded by the British Government.



Dr Noridah Kamari

Dr Noridah Kamari is a book publisher and co-owner of Unggun Creative. She obtained her Doctor of Philosophy in Malay Literature from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in 2019, and currently also works as an adjunct lecturer at two local universities. Her poems and short stories are published in several local and regional anthologies. Noridah is also active in producing academic writings for presentations and publications. Among them, she was a presenter for the Mastera Comparative Lecture Series in 2019 for a presentation titled, "Excluded and Alienated: A Comparative Study of Literary History Writing in the Nusantara".



Ms Nur-El-Hudaa Jaffar

Ms Nur-El-Hudaa Jaffar is a freelance translator and editorial consultant. Her involvement in the publishing industry formally began in 2009. As an editorial consultant, she helps writers and publishers transform manuscripts into publications. She has translated several children's books and literary works. These include Cultural Medallion winner Mohamed Latiff Mohamed's short story "Yang Hilang", featured in the 'Living in Babel' anthology and extracts from works by Singapore Literature Prize Winners for the Singapore Book Council's 'Celebrating Our Writers 1992-2018' showcase. In addition, she translated a novel by John Mateer titled 'The Quiet Slave: A History in Eight Episodes'. In September 2019, her translation of five poems won the inaugural MASTERA Translation Prize (Singapore) organised by the Malay Language Council.

Nur-El-Hudaa is a published author of children's books and has written short stories and poetry. Her short stories have won her awards, such as the Golden Point Award 2017. As a featured writer for the Word-Go-Round programme run by the National Arts Council, she has conducted writing workshops and storytelling sessions for students and preschoolers. She has also participated in the Singapore Writers Festival and Asian Festival of Children's Content as a panellist and presenter.



Mr Phang Yang Bing

Mr Phang Yang Bing is the founder of Unravel Learning Studio, where he redefines Chinese language teaching through a modern, data-driven approach and innovative use of technology. Previously, Yang Bing was an Account Specialist at Amazon Asia-Pacific Holdings, where he handled post-editing and proofreading projects using ATMS. At the Ministry of Social and Family Development, he was part of the translation pool, assisting with Chinese language translations for ministry speeches, documents, and communications materials.

Yang Bing is the current Chairman of the Kebun Baru Link Residents' Network. He holds a BA in Translation and Interpretation and a Master of Management (Translation and Technology) from Singapore University of Social Sciences, where he has been a guest speaker on translation practices.



Mr Puad Ibrahim

Mr Puad Ibrahim joined Berita Harian (BH) in 1997. He has vast experience in journalism ranging from crime and community reporting to political and economic reporting, as well as writing for features, commentaries and BH leader. He has assumed several editor duties and responsibilities including

many years in news planning, starting up BH digital, copy editing, night editing, acting editor and now print editor. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from NUS and MBA from S P Jain School of Global Management.



Mr Randy Lim Chi Beng

As Assistant CEO (Corporate), Mr Randy Lim oversees corporate governance and services in the Housing and Development Board (HDB) and leads in the formulation of effective corporate strategies and policies to support HDB's operations and services. He directs the 5 Corporate Groups in knowledge management, organisational excellence, human resource development, corporate communications, information systems/ technology, finance, and legal/conveyancing.

Concurrently, Mr Lim is HDB's Chief Data Officer (CDO) and Chief Risk Officer (CRO). As CDO, Mr Lim sets HDB's data and analytics strategy and oversees enterprise-wide data policies/governance. As CRO, he oversees HDB's risk management system and processes, ensuring the robustness of HDB's risk management strategies and fostering a stronger culture of risk awareness & intelligence within HDB.

Mr Lim is a Director and Member of the Human Capital & Remuneration Committee on the Board of EM Services Pte Ltd. He also represents HDB in various inter-agency committees including the ServiceSG Council and Municipal Services Steering Committees.



Ms Rita Goh

Ms Rita Goh is Deputy Director of the Language Division at the National Heritage Board (NHB), which is secretariat to Singapore's four language councils and campaigns—the Speak Good English Movement, the Promote Mandarin Council (for the Speak Mandarin Campaign and the Singaporean Mandarin Database research project), the Malay Language Council, Singapore (for Bulan Bahasa, Anugerah Persuratan and others) and the Tamil Language Council (for the Tamil Language Festival and others). Within NHB, she helms a Language Panel that has been specially configured to support internal vetting and proofreading for NHB's vernacular language texts. She is also Deputy Chairman of the NHB Sustainability & Wellbeing Workgroup. Ms Goh has worked in communications, brand marketing, corporate & business development and e-commerce for thirty years and her career includes long-term overseas postings in China, Vietnam and Malaysia.



Mdm Santhi Sellappan

Mdm Santhi Sellappan is currently the Centre Director of Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre. She had started her career in 1992 as a Tamil Language teacher in a primary school and moved on to teach Tamil and English languages for Secondary School students. She had an opportunity to serve as a Vice-Principal at Juying Primary School for 5 years.

In her former capacity as Deputy Director of Mother Tongue Languages Branch in Curriculum Planning & Development Division at Ministry of Education from 2016 to 2020, she had actively led teams in developing the national Tamil curriculum for Pre-school, Primary, Secondary and Junior College levels.

She had obtained her degree in BA in Tamil Language and Literature from Madurai Kamaraj University, India.

She had been the Advisor to the Secretariat of the Tamil Language Learning & Promotion Committee (TLLPC) from 2016 to March 2025 and continues to serve in the committee as a member. She is a member of the Tamil Advisory Panel of National Library Board since 2017. She was also invited to serve in the Tamil Language Collaborative Engagement Committee (TCEC) by Academy of the Singapore Teachers in 2021. Mdm Santhi was appointed as a trustee of Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union in 2021 and is a member of the External Assessment Panel for National Heritage Board since 2022.



Ms Sharmini Viswambharan

Ms Sharmini Viswambharan is a seasoned communications and engagement professional with over 25 years of experience in the public sector. As the Director of the People & Government Engagement Division at People's Association (PA), she leads government policy communications efforts, with a specific focus on making complex issues accessible to citizens, including those who are harder to reach in the community. An example of her team's innovative communications approach is the "Ask Kopi Kakis" and "PA Kopi Talk" initiatives that turned policy discussions into everyday conversations. Sharmini is also driving more participatory approaches in citizens engagement, by overseeing efforts to involve citizens in co-developing solutions for the community, fostering ownership in shaping government policies and building capabilities across PA's network for more effective frontline communications.

In her earlier roles, Sharmini has nurtured and promoted community arts within the community, as a vehicle for connection and cohesion, curating programmes and leading PA flagship events like PAssionArts Festival and Chingay Parade. These initiatives have provided opportunities for professional artists and budding community artists to connect with residents and community partners.

Across her career, Sharmini has effectively contributed to both public communications and community arts programming initiatives that have strengthened community participation and social cohesion in Singapore.



Mr Sujadi Bin Siswo

Mr Sujadi Siswo is the Chief Editor for Mediacorp Malay News and Current Affairs or BERITA Mediacorp. Concurrently, he is Head of Malay Community Engagement for Mediacorp. Prior to his current position, Mr Sujadi was Head of International Desk at CNA from 2017-2021. He was CNA's Indonesia Bureau Chief from 2004-2015. Subsequently, he was appointed as Senior Southeast Asia Correspondent from 2015-2017. Mr Sujadi started his career with then Singapore Broadcasting Corporation in 1989 as a news presenter, journalist, and editor with the Malay News.



Mr T Raja Segar

Mr T Raja Segar is currently Editor, Tamil Murasu, the Tamil Newspaper under SPH Media Trust. As Editor, he oversees both the print and digital platforms. Besides Tamil Murasu, his team also puts out Tabla, an English weekly tabloid, Balar Murasu, a Tamil weekly paper for pre-school children and Manavar Murasu, a Tamil weekly paper for primary school children.

Before SPH, Mr Raja Segar was CEO of Hindu Endowments Board (HEB) for 7 years overseeing all central corporate functions such as HR, Finance, IT, Logistics and Communications. HEB has four Hindu temples, a Halfway House and several properties under its portfolio.

He was also the Director of Strategic Planning and Coordination at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT). He has also served at the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA) as CEO for 6 years and as AVP of MediaCorp's Vasantham Central. His other jobs were with Ministry of Defence as Head, Education and Career Transition, Business Course Manager at Institute of Technical Education and Economics lecturer at Nanyang Polytechnic.

Mr Raja Segar is a trained teacher and taught Economics and Finance at both government and private schools.



Mr Umar Abdul Ngalim

Mr Umar Ngalim is the Acting Director (Community Outreach), Media Division at the Ministry of Digital Development and Information. He began his career as a frontline firefighter with the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) before moving into communications to manage SCDF's social media and media engagement to strengthen public awareness of fire safety and emergency preparedness. He has since served in Whole-of-Government communication and engagement roles at then-Ministry of Communications and Information and the Prime Minister's Office for more than a decade. He works closely with community stakeholders to ensure messages are culturally resonant and easily understood. In his current role, he focuses on combining communication strategy with stakeholder engagement to translate the Malay/Muslim leadership priorities into clear messages and meaningful ground engagement with the community.



Mr Vikram Nair

Mr Vikram Nair is Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC. He is Chairman of the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee, a committee under the Ministry of Education which focuses on the learning of the Tamil language outside the classroom. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Indian Program Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2019, a committee under then Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) which provides advice on the range and quality of

programmes on free-to-air channels on radio and TV carrying Indian content, with a particular focus on PSB-funded Tamil content on MediaCorp Vasantham and Oli.

Mr Nair also serves as Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) for Defence and Foreign Affairs and is a member of the GPC for Home Affairs and Law. Mr Nair is a lawyer by profession and is a Partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. His focus is dispute resolution, and he handles a wide range of matters before the Singapore Courts and arbitral tribunals.

He has a law degree from Cambridge University, where he was awarded the Lizette Bentwich Prize for law by Trinity College. As a student, he was Director of Debating at the Cambridge Union Society and was ranked amongst the top debaters in the world.



Mr Vincent Aw Chye Giap

Mr Vincent Aw heads the Chinese Interpreters' & Translators' Section of the Singapore Police Force's (SPF) Criminal Investigation Department. He oversees a team of language executives providing translation, transcription and interpretation services for investigation purposes, as well as community engagement and crime prevention programmes by the SPF. Mr Aw has over 30 years of experience in the field, and his current responsibilities include translation and vetting of translation/transcription, interpretation in Mandarin, Hokkien, Cantonese and Teochew dialects for investigation purposes and DDP's interviews in preparation for trial in Courts. Mr Aw is also the President of the Singapore Interpreters and Translators Union (SITU).



Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim

Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim is Minister of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social and Family Development, and a Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC (Keat Hong).

Before entering politics, he was a Senior Partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice at Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP, specialising in complex litigation and international commercial arbitration, while also undertaking pro bono legal work with the Legal Aid Bureau.

He graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2005 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor in 2006. He holds a Master of Laws from the Singapore Management University (Dean's List) in 2012.

Mr Zhulkarnain has received several professional accolades, including being named in the Asian Legal Business 40 Under 40 (2016), ALB Southeast Asia Law Awards Young Lawyer of the Year Finalist (2017) and the Junior Chamber International Singapore Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World Award (Political, Legal and Government Affairs) in 2017.

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