Panel Discussion on the Singapore Government Budget 2011

22 February 2011, Tuesday
4.30 pm to 6.30 pm
Shaw Foundation Alumni House, NUS (Seminar Room 1, 2nd storey)

Speakers:

Mr Sum Yee Loong
Tax Partner
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Mr Manu Bhaskaran
Director and CEO
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Assoc Prof Chia Ngee Choon
Deputy Head
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Moderator:

Professor Basant K. Kapur
Director, Singapore Centre for Applied and Policy Economics (SCAPE)
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About the speakers

Mr Sum Yee Loong has more than 20 years of experience in Singapore taxation. He has extensive experience in the taxation of multinationals and local companies which includes financial institutions, international trading companies, manufacturing companies and information technology companies. His areas of expertise include devising strategies and leading tax review teams to create and identify tax saving opportunities; structuring and restructuring for IPOs; international and regional tax planning and advising; and negotiating tax incentives for corporate clients.

Mr Sum is a Chartered Tax Advisor of the Chartered Institute of Taxation (UK) (CIOT), a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a Certified Public Accountant of Singapore, and has a Master of Science degree in Taxation & Public Finance from the United Kingdom.
He is currently an Associate Professor (Adjunct) at the Singapore Management University. He is Co-Chairman of the Taxation & Levies Committee of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore, President of the Singapore Branch of CIOT, and a Director of the Tax Academy of Singapore. He is the author of the *Singapore Tax Workbook*, and is also an examiner for the Advance Taxation Paper for ACCA.

**Mr Manu Bhaskaran** has spent 20 years analyzing political and economic trends in Asia, first working for the Singapore Government in the area of regional security and then for 12 years as Chief Economist and Chief Strategist for Asia of 5G Investment Bank, the international investment banking arm of Societe Generale. In the latter post, Mr Bhaskaran led and managed analysis of political and economic variables in the region affecting business conditions and financial markets in developing Asian countries. He was responsible for economic forecasting as well as formulating equity investment strategies for the bank's clients. He has thus developed an intimate understanding of major companies, sectors and economies of the region.

Mr Bhaskaran is a well-regarded commentator on Asian financial and economic affairs, having penned columns for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, and continues to have regular columns in business weeklies such as the Nikkei in Japan. He is a frequent speaker on Asian issues at major conferences such as the World Economic Forum. He is also a Council Member of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, and has served as a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies.

Mr Bhaskaran has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Bachelors degree in economics from Cambridge University. In addition to these, he has also qualified as a Chartered Financial Analyst.

**Assoc Prof Chia Ngee Choon** is Deputy Head at the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore. She is the Co-Editor of the *Singapore Economic Review* and specializes in public finance and the economics of ageing.

She has acted as a consultant for the World Bank on tax policy reforms for the Ivory Coast and for the International Development Research Centre on the Microeconomic Impacts of Macroeconomic Adjustment Programs for Vietnam. She was a resource person for the Asian Development Bank and has conducted the ADB Annual Tax Training Workshops for tax administrators. More recently, she provided consultancy services to the Central Provident Fund Board and was a member of the National Longevity Insurance Committee.


Her current research interests include pension economics, health economics, generational accounting, reverse mortgages, retirement adequacy issues and the fiscal impacts of ageing. More information on her research can be found at: [http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/people/profile/ecscnc.html](http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/people/profile/ecscnc.html)

**Location Map :-**

[Shaw Foundation Alumni House, NUS (Seminar Room 1, 2nd storey)]
- nearest carpark @ CP15

Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis and admission is free. All are welcome.
Please register online by Monday, 21 February 2011, 12 pm @
https://esurvey.nus.edu.sg/efm/se.ashx?s=1CC7023E4E3DCC74

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