

Short CV of Dr Eric Teo Chu Cheow

Dr Eric Teo Chu Cheow, Council Member of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) and a corporate consultant and strategist, is Managing Director of Savoir Faire Corporate Consultants Pte Ltd, a corporate consultancy company, specializing in political/economic risks analysis and the political economy of East Asian countries. He was also Director-General of Pacific Basin Economic Council-Singapore, or PBEC-Singapore from April 2001 till September 2002. Dr Teo, who was a Singapore Public Service Commission (PSC) scholar in France for eight years, where he obtained all his three tertiary degrees in political science and international relations, returned home in 1985 to join the Singaporean diplomatic corps for eleven years, with experiences at the United Nations (New York), Europe (Paris) and Southeast Asia (in managing Singapore's relations with this region in the Ministry). After his public sector stint, Dr Teo joined the private sector as business development director for a big Franco-Belgian utilities and infrastructure MNC, SUEZ, for almost five years, before creating his own corporate consultancy company in April 2001. He teaches an elective course on the International Political Economy, as Adjunct Professor, at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, beginning in November 2005.

He contributes economic and political commentaries to the local, regional and international media on a regular basis, ranging from the Straits Times, Business Times, TODAY and Lianhe Zaobao in Singapore, the International Herald Tribune in Paris and PACNET in Honolulu, Hawaii, to The Japan Times in Tokyo, China Daily in Beijing, Figaro in Paris and The Jakarta Post. He has also written extensively for many academic publications and is frequently invited to speak and present papers at numerous international conferences and seminars world-wide, ranging from INSEAD, the Chicago Business School and AmCham (all three in Singapore), ADB Institute Workshops (across Asia) and the recent Asia Oil & Gas Conference series (organized by Petronas) in Kuala Lumpur to the Bracelona Forum in Spain and the Alpbach and Pacific Symposiums in Austria and Hawaii respectively. Dr Teo has appeared on several audio-visual media, ranging from Channel News Asia (Singapore), CCTV9 (Beijing), TPS (Taipei) and CTS (Taipei) to CNBC Asia (Singapore), Bloomberg Television (Tokyo and Singapore), Radio Singapore International (RSI) and Radio France Internationale (RFI).

Dr Teo has also undertaken two consultancy projects for the World Bank in Washington DC on an East Asian vision group, as well as on corporate governance in this region. He has participated several times as a "private sector resource person" for the Asian Development Bank on the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) project at their workshops or seminars. He has also been consulted on the GMS and its financing obstacles by the Rockefeller Foundation, on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) by the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation based in Jakarta, Indonesia, and on PPP in the water sector by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany. He has also been consulted by Malaysian, Bruneian and Indonesian academics and officials on the PPP in the past three years.

Academic background : Diplôme de l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (DIEP), Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA), and Doctorat du 3ème cycle (Histoire Contemporaine et Relations Internationales) from the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (FNSP) in Paris, France.

Social Representation : Dr Teo has also been actively involved in the Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF) for Singapore. Dr Teo is currently Vice-President of the *Alliance Francaise de Singapour* and was Honorary Board member of the French Business Association of Singapore from 2001 to 2003. Since mid-2002, Dr Teo has been appointed a resource panel member of the Singapore Government Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Foreign Affairs. For his contributions to Franco-Singaporean relations, Dr Teo was conferred the title of *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite* by the President and Government of the Republic of France on 1 Dec 2003.