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Welcome Message



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Dear SERC Participants,

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the 2005 Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC). The Singapore Economic Review (or SER) is one of the leading economics journals in this part of the world, having begun as the Malayan Economic Review in 1956 by the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore. The journal is the official journal of the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore and the Economic Society of Singapore. It has a long history of publication on a broad range of economic issues impinging on Southeast Asia and the broader Asia-Pacific Region. The Singapore Economic Review is celebrating its 50th year of publication, and we are very grateful for your gracious support and participation in this conference. We have lined up an exciting programme with many distinguished speakers including the keynote address by Professor Edward Prescott, the 2004 Nobel Laureate in Economics. We have, in all, some 150 papers and speakers coming from more than 33 countries.

In the traditional manner of a major international conference, we have organized several parallel sessions with each session devoted to a different topic. This is also in line with the Singapore Economic Review being a general economics journal. In addition, there are plenary sessions for each day of the conference beginning with the special lectures by Professor Lim Chong Yah and Professor Ronald McKinnon on August 4th followed by Professor Edward Prescott's keynote address on August 5th, and cumulating on the last day (August 6th) with the plenary session of lectures by Professor Ng Yew Kwang and Professor Jack Knetsch. The Monetary Authority of Singapore's special sessions are also noteworthy as is the special session of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy with many eminent academic and practicing economists taking part.

Of special mention is the Singapore Centre for Applied and Policy Economics (or SCAPE) session featuring many distinguished speakers presenting their papers. I would like to inform you that SCAPE is a research centre housed in the Department of Economics, National

University of Singapore. There will be an official launch of SCAPE in the plenary session on August 4th.

The 2005 SER Conference is also held in conjunction with the centennial celebrations of the National University of Singapore and we are grateful for the University's generous financial support for this conference. Since SER is the journal of the **Department of Economics**, we rejoice the 50th year of SER with the Centennial celebrations of National University of Singapore. Other major sponsors whom we are grateful to include the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Deutsche Bank, the Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple **and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Government**. Mention must also be made of the support from the Lee Foundation.

I also want to especially mention the graciousness of Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, the Minister for Education for opening our SER Conference and for delivering his Speech. And to Professor Shih Choon Fong, the President of the National University of Singapore for launching the Singapore Centre for Applied and Policy Economics and his strong support for our SER Conference.

Finally, I want to place on record my gratitude to my colleagues from the SER Editorial Board who has put in a substantial amount of their time and effort to ensure the success of this conference. The Singapore Economic Review has benefited greatly from the intellectual contributions and support of the National University of Singapore, the Nanyang Technological University, the Singapore Management University and, not forgetting, the strong support of the Economic Society of Singapore representing all the professional economists in government, private sector organizations and academia.

I wish you an enjoyable conference and stay in Singapore.

Yours Sincerely,

Euston Quah, PhD
Editor, The Singapore Economic Review

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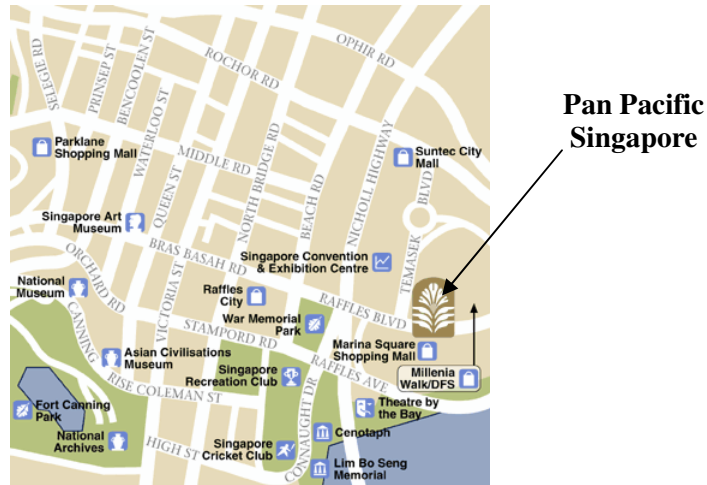
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Ocean Foyer (Level 2)

Saturday, 6 August, 0800hrs – 1230hrs
Ocean Foyer (Level 2)

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Users are required to call at the service station the day before their presentations.

The computers in the meeting rooms are being provided to Windows-based PC users. The computers will be configured with Microsoft Windows XP Professional operating system as well as with Microsoft Office XP.

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Morning Coffee/Tea Break
Pacific Ballroom 3 Foyer (Level 1)

Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break
Ocean Foyer (Level 2)

Lunch*
Pacific Ballroom 3 (Level 1)

**2 days only - Thursday, 4 August and Friday, 5 August*

Executive Centre

Opens 24 hours daily, the Centre offers a full range of secretariat and business services. Wired internet access, photocopying, printing and all related business services are available here, at delegate's own costs.

Conference Dinner

Requires Pre-registration and Additional Fees. Please enquire at the Information & Assistance Desk.

Date/Time/Venue

Friday, 5 August from 7:30pm to 10:30pm
China Club,
52/F Capital Tower, 168 Robinson Road, Singapore 068912

Transport departs Pan Pacific Hotel at 6:30pm sharp.
Please assemble at the hotel's main lobby

Transport departs China Club for Pan Pacific Hotel at 10:30pm sharp