

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Current Position (since July 2026)

Executive-Director, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore
Director-General, Special Duties, International Trade and ASEAN, and Dean, MTI Academy

Work Experience

May 1992 – 1995

Country Officer, Western Europe, European Commission and Economic Policy issues
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Sep 1994 – Dec 1994

Delegate to the 2nd Committee, 49th United Nations General Assembly, New York
Singapore Permanent Mission to the UN in New York

Jan 1995 – Oct 1998

First Secretary

Singapore Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva.
[Handled UN, UNCTAD, UNFCCC, Basel Convention, Montreal Protocol, ILO, IAEA, WTO matters, and bilateral relations with Italy and the Vatican]

Nov 1998 – Mar 2002
Senior Manager, Trade Policy Division
Singapore Trade Development Board
Lead Services Negotiator: Singapore-New Zealand FTA
Lead Services Negotiator: Singapore-Mexico FTA

Apr 2002 – Feb 2003
Deputy Director, Trade Policy Division
Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
Lead Services Negotiator: Singapore – Australia FTA
Lead Services Negotiator: Singapore – Canada FTA

Mar 2003 – Mar 2008
Counsellor (Economics)
Singapore Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva.
2005 - 2009 – Chairman of the Working Party on Domestic Regulations
2005 - 2006 – Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Import Licensing

Apr 2008 – Feb 2010
Deputy Director, Energy Division
Deputy Director, WTO and International Negotiations Division

2008
Appointed to close final issues; Concluded the Singapore-GCC FTA

March 2010 – July 2019
Director, International Trade Cluster
[Overseen WTO, UNFCCC, ISO carbon footprint standards negotiations and economic issues in other International Organisations]

2011
Chief Negotiator, Singapore-Iran IGA; Concluded the IGA

2012
Chief Negotiator, Singapore-Colombia IGA; Concluded the IGA

2017 -
Chief Negotiator, Singapore-Pacific Alliance FTA Negotiations

2020 - 2024
Senior-Director, Climate Change International Team and Dean, MTI Academy

2021
Appointed by the United Kingdom Presidency of COP28 to facilitate the Ministerial Decision Text on Response Measures at Glasgow COP26

Oct 2022- Jan 2024
Senior Adviser to the UAE Presidency of COP28

2024 – May 2026

Director-General, Climate Negotiations and Dean, MTI Academy

2025 -

Secretary, Review Tribunal, Significant Investments Review Act

May 2026 –

Director-General, Special Duties, International Trade and ASEAN, and Dean, MTI Academy

May 2026 - June 2026

Executive-Director (designate), Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore

July 2026 –

Executive-Director, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore

Other Appointments

- 2016 Member, ISO Ad-hoc Group on Trade and International Standards
- 2016 - Member, Roster of Panellists, WTO dispute settlement process
- 2017-18 Co-Chair and Member, UNFCCC Technical Experts Group on Response Measures
- 2018 - Member, Roster of Panellists, ASEAN dispute settlement process
- 2019 - Co-Chair and Member, Katowice Committee on the Impact of Response Measures
- 2020 - Member, Steering Committee, WEF Climate Trade Zero initiative
- 2022- Member, Remaking the Global Trade Project – by Yale University and Fletcher School of Diplomacy and Law
- 2023 - Co-Chair, Forum on the Impact of Response Measures
- 2024 - Co-Chair, UNFCCC Negotiations on the interlinkages between the Technology and Finance Mechanisms
- 2024 - Adjunct Senior Fellow, Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
- 2026- Member of the International Dialogue on Climate and Trade, Columbia University Centre on Global Energy Policy

Areas of Expertise

International Economics; Development Economics; Energy Economics; Energy Transition; Environment, Climate Change, Sustainable Development; International Economic Governance; International Cooperation; Non-Economic Issues and Trade Linkages in International Economic Law; Implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals; Managing the Energy Trilemma; Analysis of the Economic, Social, and Environmental Impacts of Climate Mitigation Measures.

WTO, FTA, Investment/BITs, UN, UNFCCC law and policy

Tertiary Education

Bachelor of Science (1991)

Economics and Mathematics

National University of Singapore

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Economics)
2nd Upper Honours (1992)
National University of Singapore

LLM in International Commercial Law (with distinction) (2001)
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
[Specialisation in International Trade, Environment and EU law]

Awards

Administration medal (Silver), Singapore, August 2021
("Pingat Pentadbiran Awam (Perak)")
National Award for contributions made to Singapore in international negotiations

Public Administration medal (Bronze), Singapore, August 2009
("Pingat Pentadbiran Awam (Gangsa)")
National Award for contributions made to Singapore in international negotiations

Raffles-Chevening-Singapore Government Scholarship to pursue LLM in the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, 2001

Publications

"Domestic regulations in Services: A Chairman's Perspective" in Economic Diplomacy: Essays and Reflections by Singapore's Negotiators, 2010

"Taking stock and working towards coherence: perspectives of a trade-climate negotiator" in ICTSD BIORES, Vol. 10:1, Feb 2016

"Economic Development and Climate Protection – colouring, texturing and shading of response measures in sustainable development" – Chinese Journal of Urban and Environmental Studies, Vol. 5:2, June 2017

"Bridging Climate Action and Trade Through Multilateralism Based on the Values and Principles of the United Nations", RSIS Policy Report, October 2025

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