Curriculum Vitae



Personal Information

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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 (MTI), 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, MTI
Deputy Director, WTO and International Negotiations Division, MTI

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

March 2010 – July 2019
Director, International Trade Cluster, MTI
[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 BIT; Concluded the BIT

2017 -
Chief Negotiator, Singapore-Pacific Alliance FTA Negotiations

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

2025 - Secretary, Review Tribunal, Significant Investments Review Act, MTI

May 2026 -
Director-General, (Special Duties), International Trade and ASEAN, Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry (METI*), and Dean, METI *Academy
**MTI was renamed METI on 1 Oct 2026*

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

Oct 2026 – Adjunct Professor, WTO Chair Holder, National University of Singapore

Other Appointments

2016	Member, ISO Ad-hoc Group on Trade and International
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

Research Interests

International economics; development economics; energy economics and econometrics; energy policy and energy transition (renewables, hydrogen, grid infrastructure, ASEAN Power Grid); climate change, sustainable development and SDGs; energy security and the energy trilemma; WTO, FTA, investment treaty (BIT), UN and UNFCCC law and policy; international trade and investment governance; climate-trade interactions; economic security and supply-chain resilience; critical minerals and clean energy supply chains; ASEAN and Asia-Pacific energy cooperation; and the implications of geopolitical, geo-economic, technological and AI-driven change for the global rules-based order.

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

Public 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, Oct 2025

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