



Mr. Philip Yeo

Mr. Philip Yeo is Chairman, SPRING Singapore, the Singapore Government's development agency with the mission of enabling and growing Local Enterprises especially Small and Medium Enterprises.

Chairman of SingBridge International Investments Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Temasek Holdings of the Ministry of Finance, for Singapore's overseas investments in Eco-cities and Township developments.

Chairman and Chief Advisor of Hexagon Development Advisors Pte Ltd, a Temasek related company, which provides economic and industrial development advice to overseas governments and government-related entities.

Member of the 2010-2013 term of the United Nations Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA), established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the promotion and development of public administration and governance among Member States, in connection with the United Nations Development Agenda.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of :

Accuron Technologies Pte Ltd, an aerospace and medical engineering group based in Singapore), and its subsidiary, Singapore Aerospace Manufacturing Pte Ltd,

Medical Technologies Investment Company (MTIC) Holdings Pte Ltd,

Ascendas Property Fund Trustee Pte Ltd funds the development and management of Information Technology Parks in India's cities of Bangalore, Chennai, Pune and Gurgaon.

i-Globe Partners, a Singapore-based venture capital fund.

Member of the Board of Directors of:

National Industrial Cluster Development Program, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

City Developments Ltd, Singapore's largest property developer

BUMI Plc, a London listed company whose core business is in coal and mineral mining in Indonesia and abroad.

Past Public Sector roles:

Mr. Yeo served in the Singapore Administrative Service from June 1970 to 31 March 1999. From June 1970 to Dec 1985, he served in various appointments in the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), including Permanent Secretary for logistics, defence research & development and defence industries (September 1979-December 1985).

Mr. Yeo is recognized for his contributions to Singapore's economic development and his pioneering role in the promotion and development of the country's information technology, semiconductor, chemical industries and biomedical sciences.

Founding Chairman of the National Computer Board (now Infocomms Development Authority) of Singapore from 1981 to 1987. He played a leading role in formulating and championing Singapore's first national computerisation plan to evolve the nation into the information age.

Executive Chairman, Economic Development Board (EDB) from January 1986 to January 2001 and Executive Co-Chairman, EDB from February 2001 to January 2006. Mr Yeo redirected EDB's focus from the established fields to new areas of business. These included: Internationally exportable services; developing high-tech industries like biomedical sciences, semiconductors, aerospace and chemicals; and encouraging Singapore companies to make direct investments abroad. Mr Yeo pushed the development of Singapore's Chemical cluster through the amalgamation of 3,200 hectares Jurong Chemical Island.

Mr. Yeo pioneered Singapore's participation in overseas infrastructure development projects such as the Batam Industrial Park and the Bintan Industrial Estate in Indonesia, the Bangalore IT Park in India, Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park in Vietnam, Wuxi-Singapore Industrial Park and Suzhou-Singapore Industrial Park in China.

Executive Chairmanship of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) from February 2001 to March 2007. A*STAR is a Singapore government agency focused on building up public scientific research capabilities. Mr Yeo recruited leading international researchers to work on biomedical research in Singapore's biomedical hub Biopolis, launched the overseas and local training of 1000 PhDs over 10 years in biomedical science, physical science and engineering in July 2001. Built Fusionopolis for the physical science and engineering research and development. Senior Advisor for Science and Technology to the Ministry of Trade and Industry from April 2007 to September 2008.

Special Advisor for Economic Development, Prime Minister's Office from April 2007 to August 2011. Mr. Yeo assisted the Prime Minister's Office in establishing new economic links with foreign governments who value Singapore's development experience, and provide strategic inputs to establish strategic partnerships and open up opportunities with other fast-growing economies.

Past Private Sector roles:

Board Member (from 1980) and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Singapore Technologies Holdings (1987 to 1993) whose primary focus was defense-related industrial development.

Chairman of Sembawang Corporation (1994 - 1998) and the successor SembCorp Industries (1998 - 1999), whose core business was in the marine and engineering industries.

Chairman of Pidemco Land (1999 - 2000) and CapitaLand (merger of Pidemco with DBS Land (2000 - 2004), whose primary business is in property and commercial development.

Board Member (2000-2012) of the United Overseas Bank, a leading Singapore bank with operations in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia

Public Awards:

Mr. Yeo was awarded the Singapore Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1974, the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 1982, and the Meritorious Service Medal in 1991 and the Order of Nila Utama (First Class), Singapore's most prestigious National Day Awards in 2006.

In 1994, the Indonesian Government conferred on Mr. Yeo its highest civilian honour, the Bintang Jana Tama (the First Class Order of Service Award) in recognition of his role in fostering good bilateral ties between Indonesia and Singapore.

In 1996, conferred the Order National du Merited (National Order of Merit) for his contribution and leadership in enhancing ties between Singapore and France.

In February 1998, honored by the Belgium Government with the Commander of the Belgium National Order of the Crown for his personal merits in promoting the cooperation between Belgian and Singapore industries.

In November 1998, the international Society of Design and Process Science honored Mr. Yeo with the K T Li Award of Taiwan for contributing significantly to economic and societal development.

Awarded the CEO Lifetime Achievement Award, Asia Pacific IPA Awards in 2003. In May 2006, conferred the honorary Doctor of Medicine by Karolinska Institutet, the foremost medical school in Sweden.

In the same month, Mr. Yeo received the Japan Nikkei Prize for Science and Technology "in honor of his strong leadership in drafting and implementing Singapore's science and technology strategy, particularly in biomedical sciences."

In September 2006, received the Harvard Business School's Alumni Achievement Award. Harvard credits him with moving Singapore's economy into manufacturing sectors such as disk drives, semiconductors, petrochemicals, and biomedical sciences.

In November 2007, conferred the honorary Doctor of Science by Imperial College London for being one of "Singapore's true pioneers of economic development in harnessing Singapore's skills in industries such as semiconductors, aerospace, specialty chemicals and biomedical sciences".

In December 2007, conferred the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the Japanese Government.

In May 2008, awarded the Distinguished Service (Star) award by the Singapore's Labour Movement, National Trade Unions Congress, for his contributions to the transformation of Singapore's economic landscape and creating the conditions of Singaporeans to enjoy more and better job opportunities. The award is the Singapore Union's highest honor for a non-unionist.

In November 2008, the University of Toronto awarded the Engineering Alumni Medal to Mr. Yeo.

"1st BioSpectrum Asia-Pacific Life Time Achievement Award" in March 2009 for efforts in making Singapore one of the most exciting BioScience hub through a variety of policy, fiscal measures and setting up of world class infrastructure. In July 2011, conferred the honorary Doctor of Letters by National University of Singapore.

In November 2011, conferred the honorary Doctor of Law by Monash University of Australia.

Education:

Mr. Yeo holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Industrial Engineering) 1970 degree and an honorary Doctor of Engineering 1997 from the University of Toronto, Canada, a Master of Science (Systems Engineering) 1974 from the then University of Singapore, and a Master in Business Administration 1976 from Harvard University.

Awarded the Canadian Colombo Plan Scholarship (1966-1970) to study at University of Toronto, Canada, the US Fulbright Scholarship (1974-1976) to study at Harvard University, USA and the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship, USA (March to May 1987).

Academic Involvement:

Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Business School of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Member of Science Advisory Council of Brandeis University, Boston, USA.

Member of MIT Bio Engineering Visiting Committee, Boston, USA

Member of the UCSD Rady School of Management Business Advisory Council, San Diego, CA, USA

Member of the UCSD School of Medicine Advisory Council, San Diego, CA, USA

Board of Councillors, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Okinawa, Japan

Family:

He is married to Jane and has two children, Eugene and Elaine. Eugene is an Assistant Professor in the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego. Elaine is a graduate student at Boston College in Counselling Psychology.