1 Faculty's Commitment

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is an autonomous graduate school of the National University of Singapore. Its mission is to provide opportunities for the education and training of the next generation of Asian policymakers and leaders, with the objective of raising the standards of governance throughout the region, improving the lives of the people in the region and, in so doing, contribute to the transformation of Asia.

Although the School was formally launched in 2004, it inherited the National University of Singapore’s Public Policy Programme, which was established in 1992 in partnership with Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. The School continues to maintain this strong partnership with Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

At the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy we subscribe to the following definitions of public policy:

1. Prudence and wisdom in the management of public affairs; and
2. A definite course of action selected from among alternatives in light of given conditions, to guide and determine future decisions in and for the public interest.

Hence, at the School, we aim to equip policymakers and policy-leaders with the mindsets and tools necessary to make prudent, wise and effective decisions that are in the public interest, and within the context of the unique conditions and circumstances prevalent in their societies and cultures. The goal is to equip students with relevant concepts, reasoning and problem solving skills in economics, politics and management, and also teach them how to apply these in particular contexts. Students are also exposed to public policy challenges in diverse areas from international trade to international policies, from transport to healthcare.

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