7.4.1 Overview of Programme

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) and the Faculty of Law have long been preparing their students for the complex world of policy making and public service. LKYSPP helps its students to understand the complex issues that challenge policy makers daily and offers a strong curriculum anchored firmly within an Asian context. The courses and case studies offered in the programmes reflect a wide spectrum of issues which are unique to countries in the Asia Pacific region and complicated by religious, ethnic, historical, and political variables which add to the complexity of governance. The Faculty of Law, on the other hand, offers rigorous training in public law, international law, and governance, and has a long history of placing its graduates in leading positions in government and public service, including Senior Minister and co-ordinating Minister for National Security, Professor S. Jayakumar, the current Chief Justices of Singapore and Malaysia, and the former Secretary General of ASEAN.

The concurrent degree programme in Law (LL.B.) and Public Policy (M.P.P.), launched in Academic Year 2007-2008, combines the strengths of the LKYSPP and the Faculty of Law, offering law students, particularly those interested in a career in public service, a unique opportunity to understand the legal, policy, and practical dimensions of governance and national, regional, and international policy making.