# SIA Inspirational Talk by Mr Ho Kwon Ping: Reflections on ME: Meritocracy and Equality in Singapore



MR HO KWON PING Executive Chairman Banyan Tree Holdings

Mr. Ho Kwon Ping is Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings, which owns both listed and private companies engaged in the development, ownership and operation of hotels, resorts, spas, residential homes, retail galleries and other lifestyle activities around the world.

Born in 1952, Ho Kwon Ping was educated in Tunghai University, Taiwan; Stanford University, California and the University of Singapore. He worked as a broadcast and financial journalist and was the Economics Editor of the Far Eastern Economic Review. He joined the family business in 1981. In 1994, after the success of rehabilitating an abandoned tin mine into Laguna Phuket, Asia's first integrated resort, he launched Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts. Banyan Tree has grown to more than 35 hotels and resorts, over 70 spas and over 80 retail galleries, as well as three golf courses. With a strong presence in China, Banyan Tree currently has over 20 projects under development.

In May 2000, Mr. Ho was conferred an honorary doctorate by Johnson & Wales University, and later received the London Business School 2005 Entrepreneurship Award. In 2008, he was named CEO of the Year at the Singapore Corporate Awards. In 2009, he was the recipient of the Hospitality Lifetime Achievement Award at the China Hotel Investment Summit in Shanghai. As Chairman of Singapore Management University (SMU), Mr. Ho was awarded the Singapore Government's Meritorious Service Medal for his contribution in the founding of SMU. In 2010, he became the first Asian to receive the ACA (American Creativity Association) Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his creativity and innovation in various spheres of endeavour. In 2011, he was voted top Thinker in Singapore in the Yahoo! Singapore 9 Awards, a testament to his business innovations and leadership in civic causes. The year 2012 saw Mr. Ho awarded with CNBC's Travel Business Leader Award Asia Pacific 2012, in addition to being named to the board of Diageo, a British multinational.

Mr. Ho is married to Claire Chiang, Senior Vice President, Banyan Tree Holdings Limited. They have three children – two sons and a daughter.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date : 10 September 2015, Thursday

Time : 3.00pm - 4.30pm

(Registration will start from 2.30pm onwards

with light snacks)

Venue : YMCA International House

One Orchard Road, (S) 238824 Tan Chin Tuan Function Room 2

(level 4)

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Seminar : Complimentary for SIA Members

(Seminar for SIA Members only)

Closing date : 4 September 2015

\* For SIA Members whose registrations have been confirmed, attendance is compulsory. <u>Absentee/Cancellations 3 days or less before the event will be charged at \$20.00</u>. Verbal notification of cancellation is not acceptable.

#### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

2.30pm Registration with Light Snacks

3.00pm Presentation by Mr Ho Kwon Ping

4.30pm End of event

For more information, please contact SIA (*Ms Jacey Tay*):

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## **Application Form**

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