

## **AARON MANIAM**

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Aaron Maniam was awarded the Singapore Public Service Commission's Overseas Merit Scholarship in 1998, graduating in 2001 with double First Class Honours in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from Somerville College, Oxford. He received a Master of Arts degree in International and Development Economics from Yale University (2002), and a Master of Public Policy (with Distinction) from Oxford's new Blavatnik School of Government (BSG) in 2014, which he attended on a Lee Kuan Yew Postgraduate Scholarship.

As Director (Industry) at Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry, Aaron coordinates economic policies for the manufacturing, services and tourism sectors, as well oversees long-term economic transformation. He joined the Singapore Foreign Service in 2004, before being posted to the Strategic Policy Office (SPO) at the Public Service Division in 2008, working on scenario planning and analysis of long-term trends relevant to Singapore. He was appointed the first Head of the Singapore Government's newly-formed Centre for Strategic Futures (CSF) in January 2010, while retaining his SPO portfolio. In July 2011, Aaron was appointed Director of the Institute of Public Sector Leadership at the Civil Service College (CSC), which organizes leadership training programmes for public sector talent (the top 1% of the public sector workforce). He led efforts to develop the College's curriculum on complexity science, and convened the College's multi-sector interest groups on Complexity and Governance.

In 2006, Aaron was identified by the Asia Society as an Asia 21 Young Leader. In January 2011, he was named an "Outstanding Young Singaporean" by the Orchid Jayceettes of Singapore. In June 2012, he was conferred the Singapore Youth Award, the highest national honour for young people who exemplify excellence in their professional lives and community work, by the Prime Minister. He was identified by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in January 2013. In June 2015, he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA).