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**14 JANUARY 2011, FRIDAY, 4.30PM to 6.00PM**

**NUS Bukit Timah Campus, Block B, Level 3, Executive Seminar Room**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO SINGAPORE'S FOREIGN POLICY

## SPEAKER



**Mr Peter HO**

Head, Civil Service (2005-2010)

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Mr Peter Ho started his career as a naval officer. After holding various command and staff appointments in the Singapore Armed Forces, he transferred to the Singapore Administrative Service and was appointed Deputy Secretary (Policy) in the Ministry of Defence, Singapore (MINDEF) in 1989. In 1990, he was posted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Secretary. In November 1995, he was appointed Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) in MINDEF, and in July 2000, he was appointed Permanent Secretary (Defence). He assumed the appointment of Permanent Secretary (Foreign Affairs) on 15 July 2004. On 20 July 2004, he was appointed to the concurrent post of Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination) in the Prime Minister's Office. On 1 April 2005, he was appointed Head, Civil Service, and Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the Prime Minister's Office, concurrent with his other appointments. After a career in the Public Service stretching more than 34 years, including 15 years as a Permanent Secretary, Peter Ho retired from the Singapore Administrative Service on 31 August 2010. However, he retains his links with the public sector, and he now serves as Senior Adviser to the Centre for Strategic Futures, and Senior Fellow in the Civil Service College.

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**Prof Tommy KOH**

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## INTRODUCTION

Mr Peter Ho, a former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will talk about the importance of international law to the conduct of Singapore's foreign policy. He will use several case studies to illuminate the intersection of international law, foreign policy and national interest.

### FREE ADMISSION

Please email Geraldine Ng at  
[cilnwfq@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cilnwfq@nus.edu.sg) to register.

#### ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW (CIL)

The Centre for International Law (CIL) is based at the Bukit Timah campus of the National University of Singapore. CIL's mission is to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law and policy. The Centre's aim is to become the region's intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law and policy. The Director of CIL is Associate Professor Robert C Beckman and the Deputy Director is Dr Navin Raj. For more information, please visit the CIL website at <http://www.cil.nus.edu.sg> or email: [cil.info@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cil.info@nus.edu.sg)