

VIETNAM FORUM 2019

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ENVIRONMENT AMIDST
GLOBAL UNCERTAINTIES

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Orchard Hotel Singapore
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Ballroom 3, Level 3

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PROGRAMME

- 8.15 -8.45 **REGISTRATION**
- 8.45 -9.00 **OPENING REMARKS**
- Mr Choi Shing Kwok**
Director, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
- Dr Vu Thanh Tu Anh**
Dean, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management
- 9.00 -9.35 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Vietnam's international economic integration in the age of trade wars
Mr Pham Quang Vinh
Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs &
Ambassador to the United States of America
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- 9.35 -11.00 **PANEL 1 – THE BIG PICTURE**
Moderator: Dr Le Hong Hiep
Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
- Recent political and economic trends in Vietnam**
Dr Vu Thanh Tu Anh
Dean, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management
- Vietnam's legal reforms since 2016 and their impacts on the business environment**
Mr Fred Burke
Managing Partner, Baker & McKenzie Vietnam
- Vietnam's new securities law: Key issues and implications**
Mr Bui Hoang Hai
Director General, Department of Securities Business Management,
State Securities Commission
- Vietnam's capital market lagging behind socio-economic developments:
Implications and prospects**
Ms Le Hong Lien
Head of Institutional Research, Maybank Kim Eng Vietnam
- 11.00 -11.20 Coffee break
- 11.20 -12.35 **PANEL 2 – BANKING AND FINANCE**
Moderator: Dr Chua Hak Bin
Senior Economist, Maybank Kim Eng

Vietnam's banking reforms: What more to expect?

Mr Nguyen Xuan Thanh

Faculty Member, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management

Digital transformation in Vietnam's banking sector

Mr Quan Trong Thanh

Research Manager, Maybank Kim Eng Vietnam

Vietnam's fintech sector: Challenges and prospects

Mr Tran Thanh Nam

CEO and Co-Founder, Moca

12.35 - 13.45 LUNCH

13.45 - 15.00 **PANEL 3 – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY**

Moderator: Mr Nguyen Xuan Thanh

Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management

The Public – Private Partnership: Where to go from here?

Ms Vu Quynh Le

Deputy Head, Public Procurement Agency,
Ministry of Planning and Investment

The renewable energy sector in Vietnam: Trends and challenges

Dr Le Viet Phu

Faculty Member, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management

The oil and gas sector's headwinds and implications for the economy

Mr Dave Sivaprasad

Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group

15.00 - 15.20 Coffee break

15.20 - 16.45 **PANEL 4 – REAL ESTATE**

Moderator: Dr Francis Hutchinson

Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

Vietnam's housing market: Challenges and prospects

Mr Ninh Van Hien

Partner and Head of Real Estate, KPMG Vietnam

Vietnam's tourism boom: Opportunities and challenges for hospitality real estate development

Mr Mauro Gasparotti

Director, Savills Hotels Asia Pacific (South East Asia)

The industrial real estate segment in the context of US–China trade war

Mr C.K. Tong

CEO, BW Industrial Development JSC

Industrial parks in Vietnam: Prospects for growth

Mr Tran Quoc Trung

Deputy Director General, Department of Economic Zone Management,
Ministry of Planning and Investment

16.45 - 17.00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr Lye Liang Fook

Coordinator, Vietnam Studies Program, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute