

FutureChina Global Forum 2025

Theme: *The World In Flux: Challenges & Opportunities*

0820	Registration
0900 – 0920	Opening Remarks by Business China Chairman, Mr Lee Yi Shyan Keynote Speech Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade & Industry, Gan Kim Yong
0920 - 1040	<p>Opening Plenary The World in Flux: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>The global order is being reshaped by rising geopolitical tensions, from shifting US policies to conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. Amid growing polarisation and uncertainty, Southeast Asia faces both risks and opportunities as it navigates this fragmented landscape. This Opening Plenary will examine how political shifts are likely to impact the region, and the strategies businesses can adopt to remain resilient and competitive.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Schipke, Director, East Asian Institute • Gita Wirjawan, Founder & Chairman, Ancora Group • Ho Kwon Ping, Founder & Executive Chairman, Banyan Group • Liu Yuanchun, President, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics • Liu Zhenmin, China's Special Envoy for Climate Change, Former UN Under-Secretary-General, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China • Ryan Hass, Director/Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chan Heng Chee, Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore
1000 – 1100	Closed-Door Roundtable Hosted by Bank of China (By Invite Only)
1030 – 1130	Closed-Door Roundtable Hosted by OCBC (By Invite Only)
1040 – 1055	Break

1055 – 1155	<p>Panel 2 ASEAN-China Economic and Trade Relations</p> <p>ASEAN and China's economic ties continue to deepen through agreements such as ACFTA and RCEP, which together represent nearly a third of global GDP and trade. With Chinese companies expanding into key ASEAN markets, new opportunities and risks are emerging across sectors. This panel will explore high-potential areas for collaboration, assess the impact of cross-border investments, and discuss what these trends mean for businesses in the region.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clark Jennings, Managing Director, Asia, Crowell Global Advisors • Tommy Xie, Head of Asia Micro Research, Global Markets, OCBC • Vikrom Kromadit, Chairman of Amata Corporation PCL, Chairman of Amata Foundation Thailand • Wang Huabin, Deputy Chief Executive, Bank of China (Hong Kong) • Weiheng Chen, Global Investment Strategist, JP Morgan Private Bank <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chia Kim Huat, Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
1155 – 1235	<p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Guest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Huay Leng, Editor-in-Chief, Chinese Media Group, SPH Media
1235 – 1325	<p>In-Conversation</p> <p>This year's In Conversation session brings together two long-time friends, Ray Dalio, founder of Bridgewater Associates and Ng Kok Song, Chairman of Avanda Investment Management and former Chief Investment Officer of GIC, for a candid dialogue. The exchange will draw on Mr Ng's perspectives on navigating global financial markets in the new geopolitical environment and Mr Dalio's exploration of the five big forces outlined in The Changing World Order as well as themes from his latest book, How Countries Go Broke. Together, they will share insights on global markets, shifting geopolitics, and what lies ahead for investors and economies.</p>

	<p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ng Kok Song, Founding Partner & Chairman, Avanda Investment Management • Ray Dalio, Founder, Bridgewater Associates <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Tan, Anchor, CNBC
1325 – 1440	Lunch
1345 – 1445	Closed-Door Roundtable Hosted by BeyondSoft (By Invite Only)
1440 – 1455	<p>Speech by President of Shandong Overseas Friendship Association</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deng Yunfeng, President of Shandong Overseas Friendship Association
1455 – 1605	<p>Panel 3 China's Policy, Economic Transformation and Industrial Development</p> <p>China has signalled confidence in its long-term growth despite current challenges, reaffirming support for both public and private sectors while deepening reforms to integrate with global markets. Recent policy directions emphasise private sector development, protection of business rights, and advancements in key technologies. In this light, this panel will examine the implications of these policies for the economy and explore how China is navigating growing uncertainties in international trade.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liang Hong, Institutional Business Committee Chair, Huatai Securities • Lola Woetzel, Managing Partner, Global6 Limited • Shen Jianguang, Vice President & Chief Economist, JD.com • Yao Yang, Dean, Dishui Lake Advanced Finance Institute, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics • Zhang Yue, Chairman & CEO, BROAD Group <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivia Siong, Senior Editor & Senior Correspondent, CNA
1615 – 1740	<p>Panel 4 The AI Race: Driving the Next Industry Inflection</p> <p>Artificial intelligence is moving rapidly from research labs into real-world applications, reshaping industries and redefining how businesses create value. From generative AI models like ChatGPT to open-source platforms such as DeepSeek, new technologies are driving efficiency, accuracy, and productivity across sectors. This panel will explore the latest developments in AI, its transformative</p>

	<p>impact on businesses and society, and the emerging applications, along with risks that come with AI, that could spark the next industry inflection point.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dou Shen, Executive Vice President of Baidu, President of Baidu AI Cloud Group • Murphy Zhao, Country Manager of Tencent Singapore, Head of Global Game Technology, Tencent • Steven Qiu, Chairman of the Board & Chief Scientist, Robosense • Zhang Hongjiang, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University • Zhang Qi, Microsoft Corporate Vice President CTO of Microsoft APRD Head of Microsoft AI Asia <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiang Changjian, Associate Professor, Fudan University
1600 – 1740	<p>35th Anniversary of Singapore - China Bilateral Relations Forum</p> <p>Opening Video: Celebrating Our Collaborations</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cao Zhongming, Chinese Ambassador to Singapore • Lee Yi Shyan, Business China Chairman <p>In-Conversation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liu Zhenmin, China's Special Envoy for Climate Change, Former UN Under-Secretary-General, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China • Lee Yi Shyan, Business China Chairman <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Han Yong Hong, Associate Editor, Zaobao <p>Panel Discussion : SG – CN Bilateral Relations Over The Years</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chia Kim Huat, Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP • Gu Qingyang, Associate Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Chair of the Master in Public Administration and Management Programme • Zhang Tengjun, Deputy Director of the Department for America Studies, China Institute of International Studies (CISS)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seng Han Thong, Former Member of Parliament, Former Deputy Chief Editor of Lianhe Zaobao <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zhou Zhaocheng, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Haidilao Group <p>Closing Video: The Road Ahead</p>
1730 – 1800	Registration for Business China Awards
1800 – 2000	Business China Awards