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Strengthening Resilience Rebuilding Trust

24 - 25 September 2026
Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore

GUESTS OF HONOUR

25 September - Main Forum

Mr Gan Kim Yong

Singapore Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade)

24 September - AI Track

Mr Tan Kiat How

Singapore Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information & Ministry of Health

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER | AI TRACK

1:00pm - 1:10pm — **Opening Remarks**

Kwek Poh Heok
Chief Executive Officer, Business China

1:10pm - 1:20pm — **Opening Remarks**

Tan Kiat How
Singapore Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information & Ministry of Health

1:20pm - 2:45pm — **Panel 1**
Inside China's AI: What's Powering the Surge
Behind China's AI at scale sits a complex set of moving parts. The policy environment, capital, organisational models and infrastructure that have driven AI deep into industries and operations matter no less than the outcomes themselves. For business and policy leaders in the region weighing investment, partnership and competition, understanding these drivers is critical.

SPEAKERS

Liang Xinjun
Co-founder, Fosun Group; Chairman & CEO, Xin Family Pte Ltd

Wu Gansha
Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO, UISEE Technology

Xie Xin, David
CEO, Lark

Yang Fengyu, Fred
Founder & CEO, UniX AI

MODERATOR

Jiang Changjian
Associate Professor, School of International Relations & Public Affairs, Fudan University; Deputy Director and Senior Research Fellow, Global Center for AI Governance and Innovation

2:45pm - 3:10pm — **Tea Break**

3:00pm - 4:40pm (CONCURRENT) — **Singapore-China Bilateral Relations Forum 2026 (By Invitation Only)**
Navigating a New World Order: Advancing Singapore–China Cooperation

3:00pm - 3:20pm — **Opening Remarks**

SPEAKERS

Cao Zhongming
Chinese Ambassador to Singapore

Lee Yi Shyan
Chairman, Business China

3:20pm - 3:40pm — **Keynote Speech**

SPEAKERS

Zhai Jun
Special Envoy of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue

MODERATOR

Li Xin
Vice President, Caixin Media; Managing Editor & Managing Director, Caixin Global

3:40pm - 4:40pm — **Panel Discussion**

SPEAKERS

Mark Lee
Chairman, Singapore Business Federation; CEO, Sing Lun Holdings Pte Ltd

Daniel Liu
Managing Director, MORROW

Li Naihu
Vice President, CHINT Electric

Zhao Chen
CEO, SIASUN Sci-Tech (Singapore) Ptd Ltd

MODERATOR

Li Xin
Vice President, Caixin Media; Managing Editor & Managing Director, Caixin Global

3:10pm - 4:35pm — **Panel 2**
Putting AI to Work: What Separates the Enterprise Leaders
AI is now part of the operating agenda for organisations across industries and markets. Yet outcomes have been uneven, and the gap between them is widening as adoption accelerates and spreads. The difference between organisations building lasting advantage and those falling behind lies not just in access to AI, but also in the strategic and organisational choices made around it.

SPEAKERS

Cynthia Zhang
Founder, FutureX Capital

Guan Dian
Co-founder & APAC General Manager, Patsnap

Simon See
Chief Solution Architect & Global Head, NVIDIA AI Technology Center; Professor, NTU, SUTD and Wuhan University

Thomas Wee
CEO, Gleneagles Hospital Singapore; Head, AI Coordinating Team, IHH Healthcare Singapore

Zhou Yuxiang
Founder & CEO, Black Lake Technologies

MODERATOR

Kuek Yu Chuang
Deputy CEO, SPH Media

4:35pm - 6:00pm — **Panel 3**
The Stakes of Scale: AI Safety as Strategic Imperative
AI is advancing faster than the systems around it can keep up. As AI becomes more embedded across industries and economies, that gap is no longer just a technical concern; it is also a leadership challenge. Organisations and governments that were early to adopt AI now face the harder task of sustaining public trust in how it is used. Safety, accountability and governance are now at the centre of the technology agenda.

SPEAKERS

Gunjan Bhardwaj
Founder & CEO, Partex AI

He Ruimin
Singapore Government Chief AI Officer, Ministry of Digital Development and Information

Lim Boon Khee
CIO Singapore, Head of IWPB Technology, Asia & Middle East, HSBC

Zhang Hongjiang
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University

MODERATOR

Kaiser Kuo
Co-Founder & Host, Sinica Podcast

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER | MAIN FORUM

9:00am - 9:10am — **Opening Remarks**

Lee Yi Shyan
Chairman, Business China

9:10am - 9:20am — **Opening Keynote**

Gan Kim Yong
Singapore Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade)

9:20am - 10:40am — **Opening Plenary - Strengthening Resilience, Rebuilding Trust**
A fast-shifting geopolitical landscape is making the global order more contested. Strategic competition, economic fragmentation, rapid technological change and supply chain shifts are reshaping how countries and businesses make decisions. As the world becomes more multipolar and more competitive, nations are continually repositioning between cooperation and competition. Amid rising differences and uncertainty, sustaining basic cooperation, strengthening resilience and rebuilding trust have become ever more urgent.

SPEAKERS

Ho Kwon Ping
Founder & Executive Chairman, Banyan Group

Jia Qingguo
Director, Institute for Global Cooperation and Understanding, Peking University; Professor, School of International Studies, Peking University

Jude Blanchette
Managing Director, Macro Advisory Partners; Former Distinguished Tang Chair in China Research, RAND Corporation

Marty Natalegawa
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Chair of The Amity Circle; Chairperson, Asia Pacific Leaders Network (APLN)

Wang Gungwu
University Professor, National University of Singapore

MODERATOR

Chia Kim Huat
Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore

10:40am - 11:00am — **Tea Break**

11:00am - 11:10am — **Guest Speaker**

SPEAKER
Zhai Jun
Special Envoy of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue

11:10am - 12:30pm — **Panel 2**
ASEAN and China: Shaping Opportunity in a Multipolar World
As economic fragmentation, supply chain realignment and geopolitical uncertainty intensify, ASEAN's role in regional cooperation is becoming more prominent. Its ties with China continue to deepen across trade, investment and production networks, while newer areas such as the digital economy, green transition, AI governance and standards coordination are opening fresh ground for both sides. In a more competitive multipolar world, ASEAN's challenge is to balance openness with autonomy while strengthening resilience and forging closer practical cooperation to support long-term regional stability and growth.

SPEAKERS

Jane Sun
CEO, Trip.com Group

Lim Chin Chuan
Regional CEO, Northeast Asia, PSA Group

Stephen Olson
Visiting Senior Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore

Vikrom Kromadit
CEO, AMATA Corporation PCL

Wang Ke
Head of Greater China and CEO of OCBC Hong Kong

MODERATOR

Christine Tan
Anchor, CNBC

11:30am - 12:30pm (CONCURRENT) — **Closed-Door Roundtable 1 (By Invitation Only)**

12:30pm - 1:30pm — **Lunch Break**

1:30pm - 3:00pm — **Panel 3**
China's Economic Transition and Industrial Upgrading
The 15th Five-Year Plan will chart a new direction for the medium-to-long-term evolution of China's economy. Economists, investors and entrepreneurs come together around innovation-led growth, industrial upgrading and the reshaping of domestic demand to look ahead to the key inflection points and trends of the next five to ten years. Through a capital and corporate lens, the conversation turns to how value is repriced as industries turn over, the growth paths for different types of firms, and China's stance on foreign investment alongside the core considerations weighing on global capital.

SPEAKERS

Daniel Zhang
Managing Partner, FirstLight Capital; Former Chairman and CEO, Alibaba Group

Fan Gang
Professor of Economics, Peking University, and President of China Development Institute

Foo Jixun
Senior Managing Partner, Granite Asia

Gao Feng
Former Chief Information Officer, China Banking Association

MODERATOR

Zhao Quanyin
Presenter, Mediacorp

1:30pm - 2:30pm (CONCURRENT) — **Closed-Door Roundtable 2 (By Invitation Only)**

2:30pm - 3:30pm — **Closed-Door Roundtable 3 (By Invitation Only)**

3:00pm - 3:30pm — **Tea Break**

3:30pm - 5:00pm (CONCURRENT) — **Panel 4**
Beyond the Technology: Making It Count for People
Technological advances, such as agentic AI and embodied AI, are reshaping economies, and as the race to lead intensifies, we all face a common challenge: turning that progress into real gains for people, not just building the most advanced tools. Meeting it depends on collaboration, between countries and between the public and private sectors. For China, Singapore and economies across the world, the choices made on systems, regulation, talent and capital will decide whether and how these transformative technologies benefit people.

SPEAKERS

Brent Irvin
General Counsel & Head of Global Corporate Affairs, Tencent; Corporate Vice President, Tencent Games; President, Tencent Americas

Curtis S. Chin
Chair, Senior Fellows & Senior Advisor, Global Markets, Milken Institute

Ng Cher Pong
CEO, Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA)

Priscilla Chong
Managing Director, Singapore, Amazon Web Services

Sng Ren Yeong
CEO, Temus

MODERATOR

Zhu Feida
Chair Professor & Associate Dean, School of Computing and Information Systems, Singapore Management University

Panel 5
Growth Drivers in China's New Consumer Landscape
China's consumer landscape is changing. As economic transformation advances, domestic consumption and its growth drivers are shifting, with new patterns emerging across consumer groups, product categories and channels. At the same time, gains in manufacturing capability are pushing firms to rethink how they grow, at home and abroad. Shifting consumption, the outbound move of Chinese firms and changing trade flows are recasting regional competition and corporate strategies and raising new questions and opportunities for future growth.

SPEAKERS

Clara Chang
President, Hisense ASEAN

Ervin Yeo
Group Chief Strategy Officer and CEO, Commercial Management CapitaLand Investment

Eugene Lee
Chief Marketing Officer, CHAGEE APAC

MODERATOR

Pei Lei
Anchor, Yicai Media Group, SMG

5:00pm - 6:00pm — **Fireside Chat with Minister Chan Chun Sing**

SPEAKERS

Chan Chun Sing
Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence

MODERATOR

Lee Huay Leng
Editor-in-Chief, Chinese Media Group, SPH Media

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- Develop knowledge platforms and premium networks on China.

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