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APPOINTMENT OF SINGAPORE'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Government has appointed Professor Chan Heng Chee as Singapore's next Ambassador to the United States of America.

This is Professor Chan's second diplomatic posting. She was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from 1989 to 1991, with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico. Prior to the present appointment, she was concurrently the Executive Director of the Singapore International Foundation (since April 1991) and the Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (since March 1993). She was also the Founder Director of the Institute of Policy Studies.

Professor Chan was born on 19 April 1942. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Political Science at the then University of Singapore in 1964. She obtained a Masters of Arts in Political Science from Cornell University in 1967 and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Singapore in 1974.

Professor Chan was the Head of the Political Science Department in the National University of Singapore from 1984 to 1987. She has held visiting appointments in Ohio University, Yale University, Columbia University and Australian National University.

Professor Chan is a Council Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London (since 1993), a Member of the International Advisory Board of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York (since 1995), and a Member of the International Council of the Asia Society in New York (since 1991). In Singapore, she is a Committee Member of the Singapore National Committee of the Council for Security Co-operation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) and a Member of the Board of Governors in the Civil Service College.

Professor Chan has published numerous articles and books on international relations and political change and developments in Singapore and in Southeast Asia. She was twice the winner of the National Book Award (Non-Fiction Section), in 1978 and 1986.

Professor Chan will assume her ambassadorial duties in early July.

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