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**Mr Tan Kiat How (Chairperson from 15 May 2021)**

Mr Tan Kiat How was elected a Member of Parliament (MP) for the East Coast Group Representation Constituency (GRC) during the General Elections held in July 2020.

Mr Tan is the Minister of State for National Development and for Communications and Information. He is also Chairman of REACH, the lead agency in facilitating whole-of government efforts to engage and connect with Singaporeans on national and social issues close to their hearts. Mr Tan had also previously served in the Prime Minister's Office as Minister of State.

Prior to entering politics, Mr Tan spent close to 20 years in the public service. He began his career in the public service as an IT consultant in the Ministry of Education, under a National Computer Board scholarship. He held several appointments in the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, before moving to the Ministry of Finance to head its economic programmes department. Mr Tan started the Pioneer Generation Office, which is now known as the Silver Generation Office. Under his leadership, the Pioneer Generation Office mobilised 3,000 volunteers to reach out to almost 500,000 seniors within two years.

Mr Tan subsequently took on leadership roles as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI), and later Chief Executive Officer of the Infocomm and Media Development Authority (IMDA).

As a computer engineer by training, Mr Tan has a passion for using technology to enhance the lives of Singaporeans. He led the shaping of the national cybersecurity masterplan and championed a more digital economy and society, including the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence, rollout of 5G mobile networks, and launch of the SG Digital Ambassadors Programme. He helped to develop the Intelligent Nation 2015 blueprint and drove the implementation of the nationwide fibre-to-the-home infrastructure.

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Mr Tan graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Computer Engineering in 2001. He also holds a Master's degree in Management Science & Engineering from Stanford University.

Mr Tan is married with one child. In his spare time, Mr Tan enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his rescue dogs.

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**Ms Agnes BL Lim**

Ms Agnes Lim joined the Land Transport Authority in 2011 and is the Director for Marketing Communications. She is responsible for strategic communications planning, marketing, events management, social media and corporate communications.

Key projects Ms Lim spearheaded include LTA's annual 'Graciousness on Public Transport' campaign promoting gracious commuting, Public Transport Improvement campaign featuring LTA's efforts to improve the rail system, and publicity efforts in the lead up to the opening of new MRT stations.

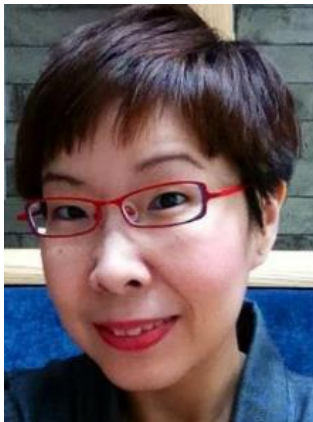
Prior to LTA, Ms Lim held roles in the Ministry of Defence, SMRT Corporation Ltd and Public Service Division (PMO).

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**Mr Arun Mahizhnan**

Mr Arun Mahizhnan has a BA First Class Honours in Tamil language and literature, was a broadcaster in Tamil and has also worked in senior positions in English broadcasting and English academic fields over four decades. He is concurrently Special Research Advisor at the Institute of Policy Studies at the National University of Singapore and Adjunct Professor at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University.



**Dr Brenda Chan**

Dr Brenda Chan was formerly an Assistant Professor at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), where she taught courses on popular culture as well as qualitative research methods. She currently teaches in National University of Singapore (NUS) and Singapore Management University (SMU) as adjunct faculty. As an independent scholar, her research interests include Chinese cinema, Asian television dramas and Chinese popular music. Besides Mass Communication, Dr Chan read Chinese Studies for her Bachelor's degree at National University of Singapore, during which she studied modules related to Translation for three years.

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**Mr Cheng Yong Tai**

Mr Cheng Yong Tai is currently the Deputy Chief Editor of Chinese News at MediaCorp Pte Ltd. He oversees news operations for MediaCorp's Mandarin channels, Channels 8 and U, and their digital platforms. With over 20 years in the TV industry, he has experienced the entire gamut of TV news production, as well as planning, coordinating and directing coverage for large-scale news events. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Applied Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies and Sociology from the National University of Singapore.

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**Mr Daniel Ang Teck Heng**

Mr Daniel Ang Teck Heng is the Deputy Director of the Language Services Department in the State Courts. He manages and provides leadership to a pool of more than 50 local interpreters (including Chinese, Malay and Indian). He also works closely with the Foreign Interpreters Management Unit that manages a pool of 120 freelance foreign interpreters. One of Mr Ang's key responsibilities is to manage the resources effectively and efficiently as well as oversee the provision of interpretation and translation services in the State Courts. Mr Ang is also an Assistant Registrar of the Small Claims Tribunals and President of the Singapore Interpreters' and Translators' Union.



**Mr Goh Sin Teck**

Mr Goh Sin Teck started his journalism career as a crime reporter with Lianhe Zaobao after graduating from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. He worked his way up to become the Editor of Lianhe Zaobao and Lianhe Wanbao. He also oversees [zaobao.com](http://zaobao.com), the online edition of Lianhe Zaobao, which has an average daily page view of 4 million and a monthly unique visitor count of 10 million.

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**Mr Ibrahim Hassan**

Mr Ibrahim Hassan is Head of Mediacorp Malay News and Current Affairs. He is also a member of the Malay Language Council. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Social Science from National University of Singapore in 1981.



**Mr Jimmy Toh**

Mr Jimmy Toh is concurrently the Deputy Chief of Government Communications (Operations) and Senior Director of the Public Communications Department, at the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI). He was previously the Senior Director of Engagement in MCI and a Senior Director of Communications Group in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). As SD (Engagement), he oversaw the Government's public consultation agency, REACH, and transformed its business model with an intensified focus on direct, face-to-face engagement with the public on Government policies as well as greater use of technology to improve work efficiency and effectiveness. In 2018, he was also tasked to organise the International Media Centre for the historic Trump-Kim Summit in Singapore. Prior to joining PMO, he had also served in the Singapore Armed Forces for 23 years.

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**Ms K. Kanagalatha**

Ms K. Kanagalatha is a senior member of Tami Murasu's editorial staff. As the Associate Editor of Singapore's Tamil daily, she handles various responsibilities. Apart from writing and editing the news, she also oversees the student tabloid, the youth section, feature articles and special editions. She has been working at the newspaper since 1990 and has held various posts within the organisation, namely, Features Editor, News Editor, Sunday Editor and now, the Associate Editor. In addition, she is a Singapore Literature Award winning Tamil writer, who has published three Tamil books and one English book. She is also an avid follower of Tamil literary developments in the Tamil diaspora.



**Ms Khadijah Seron**

Ms Khadijah Seron is an adjunct lecturer for various international universities where she teaches media studies, journalism, globalisation and intercultural communication. She also provides freelance translation and simultaneous interpretation services for various occasions and in the Singapore Parliament, including national events such as the National Day Rally. With a deep interest in current affairs, she also produces info-educational and documentary series as a freelancer. She read Political Science and Philosophy for her Bachelor's degree at the National University of Singapore and has a Master of Arts in Journalism from Cardiff University. Previously, she was a journalist at Mediacorp.



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**Ms Mazlena Bte Ahmad Mazlan**

Ms Mazlena Mazlan is the Director (Community Outreach) of the Media Division at Ministry of Communications and Information. Previously, she headed the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore's Strategic Communications Unit. Prior to MUIS, Mazlena held several positions in MediaCorp such as Head of Research/Resources & Executive Producer at Caldecott Productions International, News Editor at MediaCorp Radio and Editor, Malay Current Affairs Unit. She was also a journalist with Berita Harian, Singapore Press Holdings (SPH).



**Mr Mohamed Noh Daipi**

Mr Mohamed Noh Daipi is the Director of the Malay Language Centre of Singapore (MLCS), Ministry of Education. The MLCS was set up in 2010 to train Malay language teachers and it has been conducting courses, professional sharing sessions, seminars, immersion programmes and regional conference programmes ever since. Prior to this, Mr Daipi was an Assistant Director at the Curriculum Planning and Development Division, and a Vice Principal of a school.

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**Dr Mohd Mukhlis Bin Abu Bakar**

Dr Mukhlis Abu Bakar is an Associate Professor at the Asian Languages and Cultures Academic Group at the National Institute of Education. He has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Wales, Bangor, UK. He taught at the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore, prior to joining the Institute in 2002. Dr Mukhlis teaches courses in Malay linguistics, discourse analysis, and language and literacy. His research interest spans a number of inter-related fields: language, literacy, bilingualism, culture, and learning at home, in school and in faith settings. He is presently engaged in a funded project on biliteracy and bilingualism in pre-schoolers. He currently sits on the Project Evaluation Committee of the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism.



**Mr Mohd Saat Abdul Rahman**

Mr Mohd Saat Abdul Rahman is Editor of Berita Harian (BH) and Berita Minggu (BM) at Singapore Press Holdings Ltd. Mr Sa'at has been editor of BH and BM since November 2012. He has been in journalism with SPH since 1988. Before his appointment as editor, he was BH's deputy editor/news editor. He also serves on the Boards of HDB and LTA and on several committees including the Malay Language Council. Mr Sa'at has a Master of Business Administration.

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**Mr N Gunalan**

Mr N Gunalan is Deputy Chief Editor of Tamil News & Current Affairs at Mediacorp. He has been in journalism for over two decades having held senior positions at several regional media organisations. His journalism expertise spans various platforms, including digital, television, radio and print. Mr Gunalan has also spent considerable time in corporate communications as the Director of Marketing Communication for a regional hospitality chain and later, founded a boutique communications consultancy serving clients in the hospitality and tourism sectors. He has also served as an adjunct lecturer, teaching modules in journalism and public relations at local tertiary institutions. Mr Gunalan is also a member of the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee. He holds a BA from NUS and an MSC in International Politics of Asia & Africa from the School of Oriental and African Studies. He received the latter as a recipient of the British Government's Chevening Scholarship.

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**Mr Nicholas Goh**

As Founder and CEO, Mr Nicholas Goh works with the Verztec team globally in helping customers set and meet their multilingual communication technology goals. Together, they introduce current and prospective customers to the breadth of Verztec's globalization services, e-learning solutions, software products, custom solutions, localization services, and IT engineering services. Mr Goh has a diverse background in global marketing, globalization consulting & localization project management, IT and new customer acquisition & retention. He was instrumental in building the company's globalization business, which has become the company's fastest growing revenue segment.

Prior to Verztec, Mr Goh held technical and management positions at several Technology MNCs as well as offered management consultancy on an external basis. He holds an Honors Degree, in Computing with Management, from the University of Bradford, UK and has a strong passion in culture & foreign languages as well as technology.

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**Ms Rahayu Mahzam**

Ms Rahayu Mahzam is the MP for Jurong GRC and Advisor for Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisations. She is a lawyer specialising in family law. She is currently an Associate Director with Heng, Leong & Srinivasan LLC and is also an accredited Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre. Ms Rahayu sits on the Malay Language Council, the National Youth Council, National Youth Fund Advisory Committee and member of the REACH Supervisory Panel, She previously sat on the Malay Youth Literary Association (4PM) Management Committee, the National Library Board and the Board of the Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS). She had also been involved in the Reach Supervisory Panel, Censorship Review Committee, the Malay-Muslim Community Leaders' Forum Forward Planning Exercise and the National Integration Working Group for Community.

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**Mr Randy Lim Chi Beng**

As Assistant CEO (Corporate), Mr Randy Lim oversees corporate governance and services in HDB and leads in the formulation of effective corporate strategies and policies to support HDB's operations and services. He directs the 5 Corporate Groups in corporate planning, organisational excellence, human resource development, corporate communications, information systems/ technology, finance, and legal/conveyancing.

Concurrently, as HDB's Chief Data Officer, Mr Lim sets HDB's overall data and analytics strategy, including defining the strategic data priorities within the organisation, and overseeing enterprise-wide data policies/governance, in regard to data consolidation, analysis, sharing and security. He plays a lead role in coordinating the delivery of HDB's digital transformation roadmap and Smart initiatives.

Mr Lim is a Director and Member of the Human Capital & Remuneration Committee on the Board of EM Services Pte Ltd. He also represents HDB in various inter-agency committees including the Infocomm Technology & Smart System Working Committee, MTI's Frontier and MOF's Government Data Steering Committees, the National Emergency Executive and Municipal Services Steering Committee.

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**Mr Seow Jie Ying**

Mr Seow Jie Ying is currently the lead editor at Lingua Technologies International Pte Ltd, overseeing freelance and in-house translators and editors, while focusing on the translation of and subsequent revision of legal, commercial and advertising content. He graduated with a Bioengineering Degree from the National University of Singapore, but set out to pursue a language-related career, inspired by his learning of the Indonesian and Japanese languages. He is enrolled in the Diploma in Business Translation and Interpretation Skills programme under the Confucius Institute as part of his pursuit for constant professional learning.



**Ms Sharmini Viswambharan**

Ms Sharmini Viswambharan is currently Deputy Director of the People & Government Engagement Division at the People's Association. She leads her team to plan policy communication strategies for the community and develops targeted content to improve PA's last-mile engagement with citizens. In this regard, she was instrumental in developing PA's Ask Kopi Kakis series of booklets in multiple languages, to provide simple, concise information on government policies and programmes to citizens at different stages of their lives. She has extensive experience in message design and translations of government communications, and is part of the team that curates learning programmes to equip staff and grassroots volunteers in their government-to-people outreach efforts.

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**Ms Sim Wan Hui**

Ms Sim Wan Hui is the Director of Language Division at the National Heritage Board. She is responsible for Singapore's four language promotion secretariats – the Speak Good English Movement, the Promote Mandarin Council, the Tamil Language Council and the Malay Language Council Singapore. Ms Sim has worked in the arts and heritage sector for almost 30 years. She graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature. She also holds a Master's Degree in Arts and Cultural Management from University of Melbourne.



**Mr Sin Kim Ho**

Mr Sin Kim Ho oversees the development and implementation of the curriculum for Mother Tongue Languages and Sciences as well as programmes for Gifted and Educational Support in the Ministry of Education. During his career with the ministry, he took on roles as a secondary school teacher, lecturer in Junior College, then as Vice-Principal of Pasir Ris Secondary school before taking the helm as principal of Greenview Secondary school in 2004. His prior experience also includes various postings to MOE headquarters in the areas of organisational development and educational technology.



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**Ms Tin Pei Ling**

Ms Tin Pei Ling is an elected Member of Parliament for MacPherson since 2011. She serves on the Public Accounts Committee (13th Parliament) and on various Government Parliamentary Committees.

Ms Tin is currently also the Chief Executive Officer of Business China, a non-profit organisation that harnesses the support of the public sector and private enterprises to cultivate bilingual, bi-cultural talents and strengthen the ties between Singapore and China, so as to sustain and grow the global connectivity of Singapore. Prior to joining Business China, Ms Tin was the Group Director of Corporate Strategy of Jing King (JK) Technology Group (now known as Adera Global), and had years of experience as a business consultant in Ernst & Young Advisory.

Ms Tin holds a Master of Business Administration from the leading business school of the University of Chicago (Chicago Booth). She also holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) (University Scholars Programme) from the National University of Singapore. She is also an alumna of Hwa Chong Junior College and Crescent Girls' School.

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**Ms Vikram Nair**

Mr Vikram Nair is Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC. He is Chairman of the Tamil Language Learning And Promotion Committee, a committee under the Ministry of Education which focuses on the learning of the Tamil language outside the classroom. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Indian Program Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2019, a committee under the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) which provides advice on the range and quality of programs on free-to-air channels on radio and TV carrying Indian content, with a particular focus on PSB-funded Tamil content on Mediacorp Vasantham and Oli. Mr Nair also serves as Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) for Defence and Foreign Affairs and is a member of the GPC for MCI. Mr Nair is a lawyer by profession and is a Partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. His focus is dispute resolution, and he handles a wide range of matters including cases before the Singapore Courts and arbitral tribunals. He has a law degree from Cambridge University, where he was awarded the Lizette Bentwich Prize for law by Trinity College. As a student, he was Director of Debating at the Cambridge Union Society and was ranked amongst the top debaters in the world at the World Universities Debating Championships.

*(Information accurate as of 15 March 2020)*