

Leo Yip

Chairman

Economic Development Board



Leo Yip, born in 1963, joined the Singapore Police Force in September 1982 on award of the Singapore Police Force (Overseas) Scholarship. After graduating with an Economics degree from the University of Cambridge UK, he returned to serve the police in July 1985. He obtained a Master of Business Administration from University of Warwick, UK in 1991 and a Master in Public Administration from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University, USA in 1994. In the Singapore Police Force he held a series of policy, planning and command appointments. His last position was as Director (Operations) at police headquarters.

In January 2000 he became Principal Private Secretary to then Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew till August 2002 when he joined the Ministry of Manpower as the Deputy Secretary in charge of policy and development matters. His responsibilities covered labour relations and welfare, human capital development, manpower policy and planning, corporate planning and organization development. He led the Ministry's work to establish the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) in 2003, and served concurrently as Chief Executive of WDA from September 2003 to June 2005.

Mr Yip was appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Manpower on 1 July 2005. He led the ministry's policy and operations work covering manpower planning, workforce upgrading, foreign workforce policy, occupational safety and health, industrial relations, workplace practices, Central Provident Fund policy, human capital development and global talent attraction.

Mr Yip joined the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) as Deputy Chairman on 1 September 2008. Mr Yip was appointed Chairman of the EDB on 1 July 2009, concurrent with his appointment at the Ministry of Manpower. He also chairs the Board of Directors of EDB Investments. Mr Yip relinquished his appointment as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Manpower on 1 October 2009 to be full-time Chairman of the EDB.