



Mr Lawrence Wong

Minister for National Development
Second Minister for Finance

Member of Parliament
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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Mr Lawrence Wong was elected a Member of Parliament in May 2011 and subsequently held positions in the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Communications and Information, and the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. As Culture Minister, Mr Wong led the bid for the Singapore Botanic Gardens to be recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After the 2015 General Election, Mr Wong was appointed the Minister for National Development and the Second Minister for Finance. He is also a member of the Future Economy Council, the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council and the National Research Foundation Board, and co-chairs the Singapore-Tianjin Economic and Trade Council, as well as the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Joint Working Committee.

Mr Wong contributes to the labour movement as Chairman of the Singapore Labour Foundation, and serves as Advisors to the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) U Associate Leaders' Circle, and the Union of Power and Gas Employees.

Beginning his career as a civil servant, Mr Wong's portfolio included the Chief Executive of the Energy Market Authority, and the Principal Private Secretary to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Prior to these appointments, he was the Director of Healthcare Finance at the Ministry of Health, where he implemented reforms to MediShield, to provide Singaporeans with better protection against large hospital bills.

At the community level, Mr Wong was involved in youth work in the church and voluntary organisations. He co-founded PromiseWorks, a voluntary organisation which develops and mentors youths. PromiseWorks had received the Outstanding New Volunteer Initiative award in 2003.

Mr Wong was educated at the Tanjong Katong Secondary School and the Victoria Junior College. He obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor respectively. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.

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