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Meeting of minds as Nobel Prize laureates and youth discuss global well-being in Singapore

Singapore, 29 June 2022— Rising global temperatures, global pandemics, war in Europe, intensifying geopolitical tensions in Asia and the Middle East, acute food shortages, systemic poverty, resource scarcity and gender inequality.

These are the endemic, globe-spanning issues that 60 students (in the ages from 15 to 35 years old) from Singapore, along with counterparts from the Asia-Pacific region, will be invited to think deeply about during discussions with Nobel Prize laureates and international experts. These conversations will take place during July and August 2022.

The discussions will culminate in a one-day gathering at the **Nobel Prize Dialogue, held in Singapore on 13 September 2022**, where youth and Nobel Prize laureates as well as local and international thought leaders, who come from disciplines that range from economics to climate science gather to share, review and crystallise ideas and suggestions that could help deal with the most critical problems facing the world today.

Organised by the Nobel Prize Outreach and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS Medicine), in partnership with the Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Singapore, the discussions and one-day plenary that make up the Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore will be held under the theme, 'The Future We Want Together'. While the Nobel Prize Outreach has held similar events in the Asia-Pacific region, this is the first Nobel Prize Dialogue that will be held in Southeast Asia.

Mr Teo Chee Hean, Singapore's Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security will grace the opening ceremony as the Guest-of-Honour. The Dialogue will take on a hybrid format, combining a "live" in-person event of about 500 participants with a virtual component where the public may register to view the Dialogue online.

Seeking answers

The [Singapore edition of the Nobel Prize Dialogue](#) seeks to deepen discussions between the research community and the rest of society on topics of global concern. The meeting brings together Nobel Prize laureates, local and international experts, as well as students, providing a rare opportunity to bridge the gap between generations, with students and youth from all over Asia in inter-generational conversations with global thought leaders to explore how mistakes of the past can be avoided and how best to promote humanity's well-being. To date, the following Nobel Prize laureates have confirmed their participation: **Steven Chu, physics laureate 1997**; **Angus Deaton, economic sciences laureate 2015**; **Esther Duflo,**

economic sciences laureate 2019; Serge Haroche, physics laureate 2012; May-Britt Moser, medicine laureate 2014; Paul Romer, economic sciences laureate 2018; George Smoot, physics laureate 2006; and Kailash Satyarthi, peace laureate 2014.

The Dialogue will consider six broad areas, in the context of ongoing global crises: **Education, Climate Change, Health, Happiness as well as Economic and Digital Wellbeing**. These are areas that the youth of today are concerned about, and this unique event will provide opportunities for them to engage with some of the world's foremost thinkers. The catalogue of potential concerns is worryingly long, and includes educational disruption, reduced career opportunities, threat of unemployment and poverty, increasing anxiety, stress and mental health issues, increasing economic and social inequities, digital disruptions and concerns, impact of social media and the rise in misinformation, and limited avenues for artistic expression. In addition, the programme will include a special session to explore conflict prevention, management and resolution as well as the exploration and colonisation of space.

Today's youth, tomorrow's leaders

“Students from all over the Asia-Pacific region will play a leading role in the Dialogue as they will be engaged in discussions with the Nobel Prize laureates prior to the event. Our experience is that these kinds of inter-generational discussions are of great importance for the students, the laureates and the broader society,” said Laura Sprechmann, Chief Executive Officer, Nobel Prize Outreach.

Professor Chong Yap Seng, Dean, NUS Medicine, said, “Our youth is our future. How that future unfolds will to a very large extent be determined by the actions that we take today, to face the myriad crises and challenges that confront humankind. Climate change is an existential threat, as is disease. Poverty and conflict are phenomenon that result from the pursuit of narrow, exclusivist interests that are further entrenched through the advent of technology. Young people must be involved in shaping the decisions and actions that are taken to confront and surmount these threats; their voices and views must be heard and respected and their involvement is paramount. That is the ultimate purpose of the Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore, which we are organising together with Nobel Prize Outreach.”

Charles Tiu, President, AMSA Singapore, added, “AMSA Singapore is honoured to play a key role in the Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore. We thank our partners, NUS Medicine and Nobel Prize Outreach, for empowering youth with a platform to share our thoughts, hopes and dreams through a series of multidisciplinary discussions. As a student-run organisation, AMSA Singapore believes in the importance of youths in decision-making and change. We hope that this event will not only give participants the opportunity to discuss their ideas and aspirations with thought leaders, but also—and more importantly—to start a precedent where young people are more involved in such conversations involving our future.”

You are cordially invited to the Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore on **Tuesday, 13 September 2022, 9am to 10.30pm (SGT)**. More information on the event's programme is appended in the following chart.

Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore

Theme: The Future We Want Together

Day/Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 (SGT)

Venue: Fairmont Singapore / Swissotel The Stamford, Stamford Ballroom, Level 4 –
Raffles City Convention Centre, 80 Bras Basah Road, Singapore 189560

09:00 - 11:00 SGT	Morning session – available as video on demand after the event
12:00 - 17:00 SGT	Afternoon session – LIVE STREAMED
18:50 - 22:30 SGT	Evening session – available as video on demand after the event

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About the Nobel Prize Dialogue

The Nobel Prize Dialogue is an open, cross-disciplinary meeting bringing together a unique constellation of Nobel Prize laureates, world-leading scientists, policy makers and thought leaders to discuss global issues that affect us all. Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore is organised by Nobel Prize Outreach in collaboration with the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS Medicine) and Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Singapore, with the kind support from Nobel International Partners 3M, ABB, Capgemini, Ericsson and Scania.

About Nobel Prize Outreach

Nobel Prize Outreach spreads knowledge about Nobel Prize-awarded achievements and stimulates interest in science, literature and peace in line with Alfred Nobel's vision and legacy. The company reaches a global audience of millions through its high quality productions within broadcast and digital media, which include the official nobelprize.org website and podcasts, the Nobel Prize Concert, as well as a series of intercontinental, inspirational lecture events featuring Nobel Prize laureates.

For more information: www.nobelprize.org

About the National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. We have 17 faculties across three campuses in Singapore, with more than 40,000 students from 100 countries enriching our vibrant and diverse campus community. We have also established our NUS Overseas Colleges programme in more than 15 cities around the world.

Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, 30 university-level research institutes, research centres of excellence and corporate labs focus on themes that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit www.nus.edu.sg

About the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine)

The Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS Medicine) is Singapore's first and largest medical school. Our enduring mission centres on nurturing highly competent, values-driven and inspired healthcare professionals to transform the practice of medicine and improve health around the world.

Through a dynamic and future-oriented five-year curriculum that is inter-disciplinary and inter-professional in nature, our students undergo a holistic learning experience that exposes them to multiple facets of healthcare and prepares them to become visionary leaders and compassionate doctors and nurses of tomorrow. Since the School's founding in 1905, more than 12,000 graduates have passed through our doors.

In our pursuit of health for all, our strategic research programmes focus on innovative, cutting-edge biomedical research with collaborators around the world to deliver high impact solutions to benefit human lives.

The School is the oldest institution of higher learning in the National University of Singapore and a founding institutional member of the National University Health System. It is one of Asia's leading medical schools and ranks among the best in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022 by subject and the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by subject 2022).

For more information about NUS Medicine, please visit <https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/>

About Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Singapore

Established as an independent organisation in 2014, Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) Singapore is a student-run organisation consisting of medical students from all three medical schools in Singapore. AMSA Singapore aims to provide a holistic and global perspective of health-related issues, and ultimately inspire the next generation of young doctors to make a positive difference in our society. To achieve this goal, we utilise a mix of internships, national programmes, and international exchanges, many of which are helmed by our very own members.

AMSA Singapore is registered with the Registry of Societies, Singapore. We are a chapter of the Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) International and a full member of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA).

For more information about AMSA Singapore, please visit <http://www.amsasingapore.org>.