



## **ASSOC. PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM**

Assoc. Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim's love of learning and caring, and how they benefit people and society marks his journey from academia to politics. Having benefited from the '*gotong royong*' spirit growing up in the kampongs, he aims to promote that same spirit and a more caring and gracious society.

As Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development, he assists the Ministers from both ministries in the discharge of their duties and function, including the formulation of policies and programmes.

Assoc. Prof Faishal was elected as Member of Parliament (MP) for Marine Parade GRC in 2006 and is today, MP for Nee Soon GRC.

His career began with the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore after he graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1993. He completed his Master degree at NUS while working and graduated in 1996 as the best overall student in his cohort. He joined NUS as a Senior Tutor in 1996. In 2000, he was awarded his PhD (Management Science) from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology under the NUS-Overseas Graduate Scholarship. He was appointed Associate Professor at NUS.

Having spent many years as a grassroots leader, he regards strong community bonds as important for individual and community success. He instituted several local initiatives based on interactions with his residents including bus-services to the local polyclinic, street-side soccer competitions for youths and a Gracious Living campaign across Nee Soon.

He champions education as a powerful social leveller and is the Deputy Chairman of the National Community Leadership Institute and board member of Singapore Polytechnic. Having achieved success based on merit of one's capabilities, he is a strong believer in meritocracy. He upholds the principle that success is determined by what individuals can bring to society through their education and learning, and not by grades alone.

Assoc. Prof Faishal enjoys cycling around his estate and Yishun. He chairs a national committee to promote pedestrian and cyclist safety. Outside of office, the philosophical side of him takes over as he indulges in reading – a habit formed since his younger days. He also makes it a point to spend quality time with his wife and two children in sports and nature walks.