

PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE NOMINATED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF NAMES

The general public is invited to submit names of persons to the Special Select Committee of Parliament for nomination by the Committee for appointment by the President as Nominated Members of Parliament (NMPs).

2 The persons to be nominated by the Committee shall be persons who have rendered distinguished public service, or who have brought honour to the Republic, or who have distinguished themselves in the field of arts and letters, sports, culture, the sciences, business, industry, the professions, social or community service or the labour movement.

3 Only names of persons who qualify for appointment as nominated Members of Parliament should be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

4 Under Article 44(2) of the Constitution, a person is qualified for appointment as a Nominated Member of Parliament if –

- (a) he is a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) he is of the age of 21 years or above on the day of nomination;
- (c) his name appears in a current register of electors;
- (d) he is resident in Singapore at the date of his nomination and has been so resident for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than 10 years prior to that date;

- (e) he is able, with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable him to take an active part in the proceedings of Parliament, to speak and, unless incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause, to read and write at least one of the following languages, that is to say, English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil; and
- (f) he is not disqualified from being a Member of Parliament under Article 45 of the Constitution.

5 Mdm Speaker will meet representatives of seven Functional Groups, namely (a) business and industry; (b) the professions; (c) labour movement; (d) social service organisations; (e) civic and people sector; (f) tertiary education institutions; and (g) media, arts and sports organisations, to inform them of the procedure in submitting nominations to the Special Select Committee. A Coordinator has been appointed by Mdm Speaker for each Functional Group to seek the views of their constituent organisations and to submit names of suitable candidates to the Special Select Committee for consideration.

6 The Coordinators of the seven Functional Groups are:

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| Business and Industry: | Mr Teo Siong Seng
Chairman
Singapore Business Federation
10 Hoe Chiang Road,
#22-01 Keppel Tower
Singapore 089315 |
| Labour: | Ms Mary Liew
President
National Trades Union Congress
NTUC Centre, One Marina Boulevard
Singapore 018989 |

Professions:	Dr Lim Shih Hui Master Academy of Medicine, Singapore 81 Kim Keat Road #12-00, NKF Centre Singapore 328836
Social Service Organisations:	Mr Sim Gim Guan Chief Executive Officer National Council of Social Service 170 Ghim Moh Road #01-02, NCSS Centre Singapore 279621
Civic and People Sector:	Mr Ang Hak Seng Chief Executive Director People's Association 9 King George's Avenue Singapore 208581
Tertiary Education Institutions:	Prof Tan Chorh Chuan President National University of Singapore University Hall Lee Kong Chian Wing, Level 6 21 Lower Kent Ridge Rd Singapore 119077
Media, Arts and Sports Organisations:	Prof Chan Heng Chee Chairperson National Arts Council 90 Goodman Road Goodman Arts Centre Blk A #01-01 Singapore 439053

7 Any organisations wishing to nominate persons for consideration could submit their nominations to the abovementioned Coordinators. The invitation for submission of names to the Special Select Committee is open to the general public. A person not selected by a Functional Group may be submitted by another proposer. The Special Select Committee will consider all applications.

8 In proposing names for consideration as NMPs, the attention of the organisations and members of the public is drawn to the provision of the Constitution which states:

“The persons to be nominated shall be persons who have rendered distinguished public service, or who have brought honour to the Republic, or who have distinguished themselves in the field of arts, letters, culture, the sciences, business, industry, the professions, social or community service or the labour movement.”

9 Submission of names must be made using the forms available from the Parliament website (www.parliament.gov.sg) or the Office of the Clerk of Parliament at Parliament House, 1 Parliament Place, Singapore 178880. The closing date for submission of names is **23 February 2016 at 4.30 pm.**

10 The process for the consideration of persons proposed to the Special Select Committee of Parliament is set out in the Annex.

Office of the Clerk of Parliament
Singapore, 2 February 2016

**PROCESS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
PERSONS PROPOSED AS NOMINATED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

The Special Select Committee's (Committee) process for the consideration of persons proposed as Nominated Members of Parliament is as follows:

STEP 1

The general public is invited to submit names of persons to the Special Select Committee of Parliament for nomination by the Committee for appointment by the President as Nominated Members of Parliament (NMPs).

STEP 2

The Committee will inform elected Members of Parliament of the persons proposed and seek their views on the suitability of such persons for appointment as nominated Members of Parliament.

STEP 3

The Committee will meet to scrutinise all the applications and consider the views received from elected Members of Parliament. The Committee will then proceed with interviews. In deliberating on the persons to interview, the Committee is guided by the criteria set out in section 3(2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

STEP 4

The Committee will meet over a few days to interview candidates.

STEP 5

Following the interviews, the Committee will meet to discuss and agree on the persons to nominate for appointment by the President as nominated Members of Parliament. In its deliberations on the persons to recommend for appointment, the Committee is guided by the criteria contained set out in section 3(2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, which provides that the persons to be nominated:

- shall be persons who have rendered distinguished public service, or who have brought honour to the Republic, or who have distinguished themselves in the field of arts and letters, culture, the sciences, business, industry, the professions, social or community service or the labour movement; and
 - will be able to reflect as wide a range of independent and non-partisan views as possible.
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