



## Mr Tan Chuan-Jin

Speaker of Parliament

Republic of Singapore

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**Mr Tan Chuan-Jin** is the current Speaker of Parliament. He was elected to the post by Members of Parliament (MP) on 11 September 2017, making him the 10<sup>th</sup> Speaker of Singapore since the First Legislative Assembly of 1955.

As Speaker, Mr Tan presides over Parliamentary debates and ensures fair and full discussions on national issues.

Mr Tan also oversees SG Cares, a national movement which encourages Singaporeans to volunteer and give back to society. He is concurrently the Adviser to the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) and the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC). Mr Tan is also the Patron of the Centre for Fathering, Club Rainbow (Singapore), and SHINE Children & Youth Services.

Since 2014, Mr Tan served as the President of the Singapore National Olympic Council. In October 2021, he was appointed as a Member of the Climate Governance Singapore Advisory Board. In April 2022, Mr Tan took on the chairmanship of Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum Advisory Committee.

Before becoming Speaker, Mr Tan served as the Minister for Social and Family Development (MSF) from April 2015 to September 2017. He introduced initiatives to pre-empt developing issues, strengthen social support

systems, infrastructure and services for the vulnerable and galvanise the larger community to care for the less fortunate around them. This included the amendment of the Women's Charter in 2016 and the piloting of KidSTART to support low-income and vulnerable children to enable them to have a good start in life. He also implemented a common regulatory framework for childcare centres and kindergartens under the Early Childhood Development Centres Act to ensure more consistent and higher quality in standards in the early childhood sector. Mr Tan also helped strengthen the ecosystem of support for persons with disabilities to improve their quality of life through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Enabling Masterplan to foster a more inclusive society.

Prior to the MSF, Mr Tan headed the Ministry of Manpower from August 2012 to April 2015, first as Acting Minister than as Minister for Manpower. Mr Tan focused on creating better jobs, increase income and strengthen retirement adequacy for Singaporeans. He introduced the Silver Support scheme and oversaw the implementation of the Progressive Wage Model. Mr Tan also introduced the Fair Consideration Framework to ensure a level employment playing field for Singaporeans and instituted the WorkRight programme to ensure workers know their rights and employers to comply with employment standards. This included amending the Employment Act to better protect Professionals, Managers and Executives, the Industrial Relations Act to provide more options for representation of executives at the workplace, and the setting up of the Employment Claims Tribunal, a more accessible system to resolve salary-related claims.

His previous appointments included Senior Minister of State for National Development (August 2012 to September 2013) and Minister of State for National Development and Manpower (June 2011 to July 2012).

Mr Tan has been an elected MP for Kembangan-Chai Chee constituency in Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency since 7 May 2011.

Before joining politics, Mr Tan had served in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) for nearly 24 years. In the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, he led the

SAF's relief efforts to Meulaboh, Aceh in Indonesia. The mission provided much needed humanitarian assistance in an area that was devastated and cut off. This remains the SAF's largest military operation to date.

Mr Tan was born on 10 January 1969. He studied in the Anglo-Chinese School and Raffles Junior College. He was awarded the SAF Overseas Scholarship to study Economics at the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom. Mr Tan holds a Master's Degree in Defence Studies from King's College London and a Master's Degree in Public Management from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

Mr Tan is married with two children. He enjoys running and photography. He has published books capturing his travel photographs and has auctioned the books and prints. Through these efforts, he has raised over \$5m in support of charitable causes to date.

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