



Ms Denise PHUA
Mayor, Central Singapore District
Member of Parliament, Jalan Besar GRC

Ms Denise Phua has been serving as a Member of the Singapore Parliament since 2006. She was last re-elected to the Jalan Besar GRC in July 2020.

Ms Phua also serves as the Mayor for Central Singapore District since 2014. As Mayor, Ms Phua and her team curated more than 50 initiatives and assistance schemes that benefit the ground needs. These needs cut across four key communities (children, youths, adults and elderly) and four key causes (healthy lifestyle, arts and culture, special needs and environment).

Some of the initiatives impact beyond the Central District; such as annual Purple Parade and The Purple Symphony Orchestra, Singapore's largest inclusive orchestra.

An avid learner, Ms Phua is also Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) for Education and spoke up frequently on education and future workforce issues.

Ms Phua is best known for her advocacy for those at risk of being left behind in Singapore. She speaks up frequently for the disabled and Singaporeans with low-skilled and low-income backgrounds. She is one of the key architects behind three 5-year Enabling Masterplans for the Disabled in Singapore.

Prior to her current portfolio, Denise acquired more than 2 decades of local and overseas corporate management experiences in HR, training and development, and marketing. Her past employments include Hewlett-Packard, the Wuthelam Group, and as founder/ Managing Director of the Centre for Effective Leadership (Asia).

Ms Phua gave up her corporate career in 2005 to become a full-time special needs volunteer at Pathlight School, an autism school which she co-founded the year before. She devotes much of her time and monies as an active volunteer and now supervises two charities – Autism Resource Centre (Singapore) and Autism Association (Singapore), and two special schools – the Pathlight School and the Eden School.

Ms Phua is married with two children, one of whom has special needs.