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THE LEE KUAN YEW DISTINGUISHED VISITOR PUBLIC LECTURE AT NTU

Professor (Prof) James Gustave Speth is scheduled to deliver a lecture on "The Severity of Climate Risks, The Business Community, and the Coming Technological Revolution" at Nanyang Technological University:

Date: Wednesday, 19 January 2005
Time: 6.00 pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre 2A
Academic Complex North
Nanyang Ave
Nanyang Technological University

Synopsis of lecture

Climate change poses one of the greatest threats mankind has ever faced. At least half of the problem is caused by fossil fuel use, and coal and other fossil fuel use is increasing rapidly, especially in Asia. There is now broad international agreement that the threat is real, so the key questions become: (1) How much time do we have? (2) Do we have the O2technology to reduce emissions? (3) What is the least cost path to a solution? (4) How to deal equitably with low-income developing countries?

This lecture will review the urgency of the climate change challenge, what this challenge will mean for business, and the need for a revolution in technology. It will also address the role of Singapore as a bridge between industrial and developing countries on these issues.

About Professor James Gustave Speth

Prof James Gustave Speth is a world leader in the field of the environment. A law graduate from Yale, he is founder of the Washington-based environmental think-tank, the World Resources Institute, and former chief of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The author of numerous books, articles and papers on the environment, he has provided leadership to the US Presidential Task Force on Global Resources and the Environment, the National Commission on the Environment as well as many other national organizations.

Prof Speth has won numerous national and international awards for his work in the environment. These include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Environmental Law Institute, the Special Leadership Award from the UN Sustainable Development Program, and the Blue Planet Prize in Japan, which, in 2002, honored his "lifetime of creative and visionary leadership in the search for science-based solutions to global environmental problems and for pioneering efforts to bring these issues, including global climate change, to broad international attention."

Recently reappointed for a second term as Dean of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Prof Speth's vision to make his School "the first truly global school of the environment", and the world's premier centre for environmental science and policy.

About the Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitors Programme

The Lee Kuan Yew Endowment Fund was established in 1983 by friends and well-wishers of the former Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. This endowment is used to fund the Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitors Programme.

The objective of the programme is to invite internationally eminent and outstanding academics and scholars to Singapore as Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitors to make high level contributions to NTU, NUS and to Singapore in general. The Programme got off to an excellent start in January 1985 with the appointment of Dr Sydney Brenner, Director of the Medical Research Council Centre, Cambridge, as the first Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitor. To date, a total of 54 Distinguished Visitors have been to Singapore under the Programme.

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