

Mr Lim Chuan Poh
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Mr Lim Chuan Poh is Chairman of A*STAR – the Agency for Science, Technology and Research – a Singaporean public sector body spearheading research to advance scientific discovery and develop innovative technology, further economic growth and improve lives.

After gaining BA and MA Mathematics degrees from Cambridge, he attended the Camberley Staff College in 1988, receiving the Best Overseas Student Award. He also gained an MBA from Cornell University in 1993.

Prior to leading A*STAR, Mr Lim was Permanent Secretary at the Singaporean Ministry of Education from 2003-2007. Here, he oversaw the transformation of Singapore's publicly-funded universities into Autonomous Universities, enabling them to reach new peaks of excellence. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Academic Research Council and a new Academic Research Funding Framework. Before this, he spent 23 years with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) where he became Chief of Defence Force.

Mr Lim has been a Board Member of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) since 2003, and Singapore's National Research Foundation since 2006. He currently chairs the Governing Board of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, a joint Medical School between NTU and Imperial College. He co-chairs the Health and Biomedical Sciences, and the National Cybersecurity R&D Executive Committees. In 2013, Mr Lim became an Adjunct Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

In recognition of his significant contributions to the SAF, Mr Lim was awarded the Public Administration and the Meritorious Service Medals. He was twice awarded the US Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) and has received the Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant (Thailand) and Indonesia's Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama 1st Class.

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