Keynote Speaker: Mr Lo Yoong Khong

Biography

Yoong Khong has been with IDA since 1991. His current responsibilities include formulation and implementation of policies and programmes to attract and nurture top infocomm-savvy talents for Singapore. This includes spearheading the infocomm manpower thought leadership, establishing world-class infocomm education, developing the capability of infocomm manpower, attracting and retaining international infocomm talents, nurturing an infocomm-savvy workforce, and promoting elearning innovation and adoption.

Prior to this, Yoong Khong was in-charge of IDA’s initiatives aimed at fostering computerisation and e-commerce adoption among small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). His major initiatives include pioneering the Singapore@Work TV programme, spearheading industry-wide projects such as ShopNet and BookNet, introducing e-commerce incentives, and facilitating the national Y2K efforts in Singapore. Yoong Khong was also in the R&D arm of IDA, the Information Technology Institute. His responsibilities included managing a pool of officers to provide business development support to the R&D programmes. He was actively involved in some IT2000 initiatives such as the implementation of AITP (Accelerating the use of IT in Primary Schools) and the Library2000 study. He also worked as a software engineer on software reuse and pen-computing applications in the early years of his career.

He obtained an honours degree in Computer Science from the University of Minnesota (U.S.) and he is a member of the SCS (Singapore Computer Society). He was an editorial member in the SCS bi-monthly publication and co-led a team of 25 young professionals to visit IT companies in Japan in 1994. He was also the secretary to the Singapore IT Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee (SITDRAC) and advisory member to the IT Committee of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and The Association of Small and Medium Enterprises. He is now advisory council member to the Infocomm schools at Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore.
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