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## FEATURED SPEAKER



### DR CHEN SHILING

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HAPPEE HEARTS

**Dr Chen Shiling** is a physician with special interests in dementia and adults with intellectual disability (ID), and is deeply passionate about improving the lives of both populations. She is the founder of registered IPC charity “Happee Hearts Movement”, which runs IDHealth, a healthcare service that advocates and provides for the health needs of adults with ID and their caregivers.

She also works with Khoo Teck Puat Hospital in supporting persons with dementia and their families.

Dr Chen is currently a member of the Management Committee of Dementia Singapore (DSG) and chairs their Programmes and Services Sub-Committee. Concurrently, Dr Chen also serves on the Board of AWWA and is also in their Programmes and Services Committee. She is also a member of the Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Allied Professionals Advisory Panel.

Dr Chen is also an appointed member of the Adult Protection Team (APT), Ministry of Social and Family Development, and a member of the 4th Enabling Masterplan (EMP2030) Steering Committee. Dr Chen is also a member of the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) Clinical Ethics Committee.

# FEATURED SPEAKER



## MS KAREN NGUI

HEAD OF DBS FOUNDATION  
DBS BANK

**Ms Karen Ngui** joined DBS in June 2005. She is Managing Director and Head of DBS Foundation, where she brings DBS's purpose-driven spirit to life and drives the bank's commitment to being a force for good and creating impact beyond banking. Karen also oversees the bank's employee volunteerism initiative, DBS People of Purpose.

DBS Foundation is committed to uplifting the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable communities in Asia by providing essential needs and fostering inclusion. It also nurtures innovative social enterprises and other businesses for impact that create positive impact.

Karen was instrumental to the foundation's formation in 2014, when it was established to champion social entrepreneurship. Since then, DBS Foundation has catalysed the growth of numerous purpose-driven businesses through grants, mentorship, capacity-building and business and networking opportunities. In 2022, its mandate broadened to support the vulnerable directly through community programmes.

DBS Foundation's efforts in its first decade have benefited 10 million beneficiaries. In 2024, the bank further deepened its commitment to supporting the vulnerable by pledging up to SGD 1 billion and 1.5 million employee volunteer hours over ten years.

With ageing societies becoming an increasingly urgent concern, DBS Foundation is also intensifying efforts to redefine ageing and enable people of varying life stages and circumstances to age well with dignity, purpose and joy.

Karen was previously Head of DBS Group Strategic Marketing and Communications for 20 years from 2005 to 2025. Karen has over 35 years of experience in corporate branding, marketing and communications for financial institutions, and joined DBS from Standard Chartered Bank where she was Global Head, Brand Management and Strategic Marketing.

## FEATURED SPEAKER



**MS SALEEMAH ISMAIL**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
NEW LIFE STORIES

As CEO of New Life Stories, **Ms Saleemah Ismail** supports children of incarcerated parents through family-centred, systemic care. She has worked with UNIFEM, UN Women and UNDP across Asia and South America. She also co-founded Aidha, a business school empowering migrant women.

In 2014, she founded New Life Stories, leading efforts to break intergenerational cycles of trauma and social disadvantages through restorative practice.

## MODERATOR



### MR MARTIN TAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
THE MAJORITY TRUST

**Mr Martin Tan** is the CEO of The Majority Trust (TMT), a philanthropic organization in Singapore that works with donors and charities to build a thriving community in Singapore. Over the past 8 years, TMT raised over \$82M from over 613 donors that supported over 338 grantee partners that reached over 600,000 beneficiaries in Singapore.

Martin serves as board member of Founders Memorial, Ray of Hope, Children's Museum Singapore, and Halogen Singapore (which he co-founded in 2003). He previously served on the boards of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS), National Library Board, National Family Council and National Youth Council. He served as Honorary Secretary of National Family Council, Deputy Chairperson of Marriage Central and Council Member of the 13th National Youth Council.

Martin was the Executive Director of the Institute for Societal Leadership at Singapore Management University and has worked with leaders in various sectors globally as a platform speaker and leadership facilitator. Martin was awarded The JCI Outstanding Young Person Award, inducted as Asia 21 Fellow, Singapore Youth Award, and appointed as Global Council Member at Asia Society.