

Singapore renews five-year MoU with Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

*Up to 50 young scientists from Singapore will attend the annual Lindau
Meetings from 2025 to 2029*

Singapore, 1 July 2024: The National Research Foundation (NRF) signed its third Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings today. The MoU which extends from 2025 to 2029 will provide up to 50 nominated undergraduates, doctoral students, or postdoctoral scientists from Singapore the opportunity to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

2 The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings¹ are annual scientific conferences held in Lindau, Germany, that bring together 30-40 Nobel Laureates and the next generation of scientists to foster scientific exchange. Since 2011, when the first agreement between NRF and the Lindau Council and Foundation was initiated, more than 80 young scientists and researchers from Singapore have benefited from the exchange of knowledge, ideas and experience with their international counterparts and Nobel Laureates.

3 Representatives from the Lindau Council and Foundation will similarly attend the Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS)² in Singapore, which is an annual international multi-disciplinary gathering organised by the NRF. The GYSS was inaugurated in 2013 by former President of Singapore Dr Tony Tan, and is modelled after the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. It provides a platform for conversations on science and research, technology innovation and society, and solutions to global challenges. Speakers at the summit comprise Nobel Laureates, Turing Awardees, Millenium Technology Prize Winners, and Fields Medalists.

4 The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the Foundation Dinner of the 73rd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting. Signatories comprise:

- a. President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings and member of the Board of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, **Countess Bettina Bernadotte af Wisborg**.
- b. Chairman of the Board of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings and member of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Kluge**.
- c. Managing Director and Member of the Executive Board of the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, **Mr Nikolaus Turner**.
- d. Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Foundation, Singapore, Prime Minister's Officer, **Mr Beh Kian Teik**.

¹ For more information about the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, refer to [Home – Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings \(lindau-nobel.org\)](https://lindau-nobel.org)

² For more information about the Global Young Scientists Summit, refer to [Global Young Scientists Summit \(nrf.gov.sg\)](https://nrf.gov.sg)

e. Director, Government Scientific Advisors Office, National Research Foundation, Singapore, **Dr Jasbir Singh**.

5. **Prof. Dr Jürgen Kluge**, Chairman of the Board, Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings: “We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing and again renewed cooperation with the National Research Foundation, Singapore. The MoU signed recognizes the importance of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings with tomorrow’s academic elite from all over the world, and the distinct role of NRF as promoter of research in Natural Sciences and Economics in Singapore.”

6. **Mr Beh Kian Teik**, Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Foundation, Singapore: “Building a network of understanding and friendship amongst peers is today implicit for any young researcher starting out their careers. The opportunity to attend Lindau, to engage with eminent scientists and forge ties with young scientists across the globe, will inspire the next generation of scientists to be open to new scientific possibilities and appreciate the value of collaborative efforts.”

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