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## SMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SMUAA) FIRESIDE CONVERSATIONS

Dear SMU Alumnus,

The SMU Alumni Association is proud to launch the **SMUAA Fireside Conversations**.

SMUAA Fireside Conversations are targeted at benefiting the SMU alumni community by providing a casual forum for alumni to engage with an established topic expert (e.g. industry, economics, politics, sociology, arts, science, leadership and management). The constructive discussions will broaden the knowledge of SMU alumni and provide insights into various sectors and the latest market developments. In addition, these Fireside Conversations also provide a platform for SMU alums to network with one another and with our distinguished guests.

We are honoured to have **Mr Ho Kwon Ping** kick-start our inaugural event. Mr Ho will be sharing his thoughts on important transitions in one's career, different choices one needs to make especially in today's challenging time.

To make it more engaging, we aim to accommodate no more than 40 SMU alumni. So please confirm your seats now before places run out.

<b>Date</b>	Friday, 15 May 2009
<b>Time</b>	7.30pm to 9.00pm (Registration starts at 7.00pm. <i>Please be punctual as we will start on time.</i> )
<b>Venue</b>	University Lounge, Level 6, SMU Administration Building, 81 Victoria Street

Wine and cheese will be served. For catering purposes, please RSVP to [alumni@smu.edu.sg](mailto:alumni@smu.edu.sg) by Thursday, 30 April 2009.

We look forward to seeing you on 15 May.

**MR HO KWON PING, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN,  
BANYAN TREE HOLDINGS LTD**



**Mr Ho Kwon Ping** is Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings, which owns both listed and private companies engaged in the development, ownership and operation of hotels, resorts, spas, residential homes, retail galleries and other lifestyle activities in the region.

In addition to his commitment with Banyan Tree Holdings, KP is also Chairman of Singapore Management University; Chairman of MediaCorp Pte Ltd; member of Asia-Pacific Council of The Nature Conservancy; member of the Asia Regional Advisory Board of London Business School; member of the International Council of the Asia Society; member of the INSEAD International Council.

Mr Ho has been honoured with Innovation Award ( HICAP, 2003), Travel Personality of the Year (Travel Trade Gazette Travel Awards, 2004), 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow at the World Economic Forum (2005), and Business Week magazine's 25 Stars of Asia (2005). He was also bestowed the 2005 Entrepreneurship Award by the London Business School; Lifetime Achievement Award from the Advertising Hall of Fame Awards (2005); Lifestyle, Hospitality & Retail Entrepreneur of the Year from Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2006); CEO of the Year at the Singapore Corporate Awards 2008, and Hotelier of the Year at the Stylemaker Awards (2008).