



## **SINGAPORE**

### **H.E. Ms. Laura Hwang Cheng Lin**

Laura Hwang is a highly experienced Singaporean, who has been recognized for her leadership in both the financial and community service sectors for her strong strategic, business and leadership abilities.

Her 17-year career in banking saw her being appointed as the first Singaporean and woman to head an international financial company in Singapore, which has made her a role model for many younger women to enter the industry. Her responsibilities included Corporate Banking, Foreign Exchange, Asset Management and Private Banking in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia. She was appointed to the Bank's financial arms in Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Her financial expertise has seen the successful development of a family investment vehicle and her appointment to non-profit boards, including serving and chairing audit committees and investment committees.

As the President of the SCWO from 2010-2014, she led the coordinating Council for 57 organisations with a combined outreach of over 700,000. Her experience with this large constituency has connected her with a variety of perspectives and contacts at all levels - from grassroots to Government. She has successfully motivated changes to the Women's Charter and the establishment of improved legal and support systems for divorced women & families with Maintenance Support Central. She is co-chair of BoardAgender.

During her service till July 2014 as 3<sup>rd</sup> Director of the ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organisations, she has developed a strong regional perspective, understanding and contact across the region. She is a highly regarded speaker and moderator at seminars and conferences in ASEAN, Dubai and in 2013, a forum for the All China Women's Federation in Beijing. Other appointments held include:

- Chairperson, Audit Committee, KKHospital Endowment Fund
- Chairperson, Finance and Establishment Committee, CFF
- Member, Investment Advisory Committee, Singapore Council of Women's Organisations

- Chairperson, Arts Consultative Panel, Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts
- Committee Member Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD)
- Member Singapore50 Economic & International Committee

She has received the PBM (Public Service Medal, the National Day Award) for services to MCI in 2013. Other Honours that she has received include:

- APEC WES Social Innovation Award in San Francisco 2012
- Friends of MCYS Award for Community Service 2012
- Friends of MCCY Award for services for the arts 2014