

Mr Goh Chok Tong

Senior Minister

Republic of Singapore



Mr Goh joined the Administrative Service of the Singapore Government in 1964 where he served in the Economic Planning Unit. Two years later, he was awarded a fellowship for postgraduate studies in Development Economics at Williams College, Massachusetts, USA. After receiving his Masters degree, he returned to Singapore to work in the Ministry of Finance.

On 28 November 1990, Mr Goh succeeded Mr Lee Kuan Yew as Singapore's second Prime Minister. On 12 August 2004, Mr Goh relinquished the office of Prime Minister to pave the way for political self-renewal. At the request of his successor, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Mr Goh remained in the Cabinet as Senior Minister. He also took on the appointment of Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

In the ruling People's Action Party, Mr Goh has served in the Central Executive Committee since 1979. He was Second Assistant Secretary-General (1979-1984) and Assistant Secretary-General (1984-1992). From 1992 to December 2004, he was the Secretary-General. In December 2004, Mr Goh relinquished the position of Secretary-General to enable a younger team to assume the party's leadership. However, he remains a member of the Central Executive Committee.

As Prime Minister, Mr Goh was Chairman of the People's Association, a statutory board promoting racial harmony, social cohesion, community services and grassroots activities. He is also a permanent member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights, chaired by the Chief Justice of Singapore.

Mr Goh had served on various boards affiliated with the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC). In recognition of his contributions, Mr Goh was conferred the Medal of Honour in 1987 and the Distinguished Comrade of Labour Award in 2001 by the NTUC.

Mr Goh was awarded the Gold Olympic Award by the International Olympic Committee in 2001 for his efforts in promoting and developing sports in Singapore.