

Halimah Yacob

2017 - 2023 (Chancellor)

Madam Halimah Yacob has been a Member of Parliament since 2001 serving the Jurong Group Representation Constituency, and later in 2015 the Marsiling-Yew Tee Group Representation Constituency. She has previously served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Social and Family Development in 2011. In January 2013, she became the Speaker of the Singapore Parliament, the first woman to be elected to this post.

Mdm Halimah is known as a strong labour advocate, championing many issues on behalf of workers, when she was serving in the labour movement as the legal counsel as well as the Deputy Secretary General of the NTUC. She is also well-known in the Geneva-based International Labour Organisation (ILO), having assisted in the work of numerous committees and successfully helped to negotiate several ILO instruments.



Education

- LLB (Hons) (University of Singapore)
- LLM (National University of Singapore)

Career

- 1978 National Trades Union Congress
 - Director of the Singapore Institute of Labour Studies
 - Director of the Women's Development Secretariat
 - Director of the Legal Services Department
 - Executive Secretary of the United Workers of Electronics and Electrical Industries
 - Deputy Secretary General
- 1999 Director of the Singapore Institute of Labour Studies (now known as the Ong Teng Cheong Institute of Labour Studies)

Offices held

- 2000 - 2002 Workers' Vice-Chairperson of the Standards Committee of the International Labour Conference in Geneva & 2005
- 2000 - 2011 Dy Member in the Workers Group of the Geneva Based Governing Body of International Labour Organisation
- 2002 - 2007 Member, Nanyang Polytechnic Board of Governors
- 2003 - 2004 Workers' Spokesperson for the ILC Committee on Human Resources Development and Training Economic Review Committee
- 2003 - 2009 Member, Housing & Development Board
- 2004 - 2008 Member, Economic Development Board
- 2005 - 2008 Member, Jurong Town Corporation
- 2006 - 2011 Member, NUS Board of Trustees
- 2009 - 2012 Member, Temasek Cares Board

Honours

- 2001 Berita Harian Achiever of the Year Award
- 2003 Her World Woman of the Year Award
- 2011 AWARE Heroine Award
- 2014 Singapore Women's Hall of Fame
- 2016 Honorary Doctor of Laws