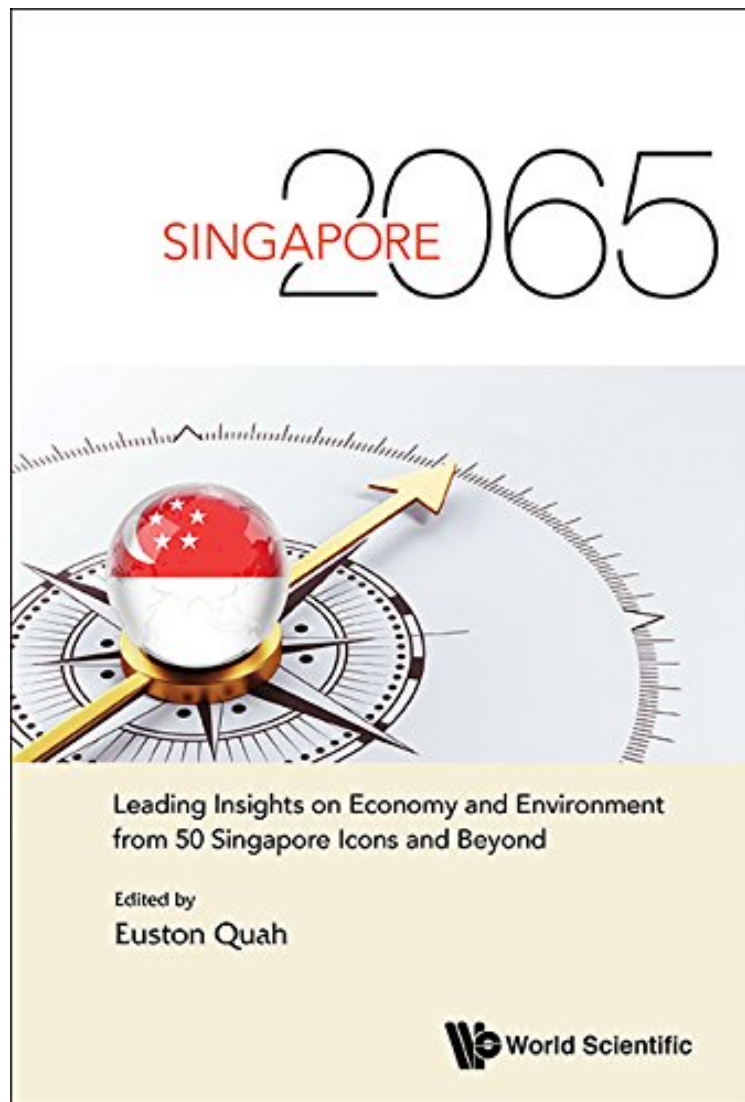


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"There are few issues that are more important than the economy and the environment in the 21st century for any country. They are especially important to Singapore, given its size and open economy. As the nation celebrates its 50th birthday, justifiably proud of its achievement, it is also timely to contemplate what the future might hold and what we need to do to ensure continued success as a nation. In Singapore 2065, you will find food for thought. What is of particular interest is that the deeply thoughtful essays collected in this volume crisscross at different points, and also raise a number of fundamental issues concerning value and identity that are inextricably tied to Singapore's future development. This book certainly provides keen insight into the economic and environmental challenges we face, but it also compels us to reflect on the larger story of "Majulah Singapura" as we march into the future." -- Alan K L Chan, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

From the Inside Flap

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