

COMMISSIONER KHOO BOON HUI

He began his career in the Singapore Police Force (SPF) in 1977, after a short stint in the Singapore Armed Forces. During his career with the Police, he has held various appointments, including Director Strategic Planning in 1987, Police Chief of Staff in 1990, Director Criminal Investigation Department in 1991 and Deputy Commissioner of Police in 1995. In July 1997, he was appointed Commissioner of the Singapore Police Force.

Mr Khoo obtained his Bachelor of Arts (Engineering & Economics) from Oxford University in 1976 and his Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard in 1982. He attended the Advanced Management Program at Wharton in 2002.

For his contribution to the police service, he was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1992, the Long Service Medal in 1998 as well as the Meritorious Service Medal and 2nd Clasp to the Singapore Police Service Long Service in 2003.

He was also conferred the Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand by the King of Thailand in Mar 2002, the Bintang Bhayangkara Utama by the President of Indonesia in Jun 2002 and the Panglima Gagah Pasukan Polis (Kerhormat) (Knight Grand Commander, Order of Police Heroism) by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia in Apr 2003. In Jul 2004, Mr Khoo was conferred the Darjah Pahlawan Negara Brunei Yang Amat Perkasa Darjah Pertama (Order of the Hero of the State of Brunei) by the Sultan of Brunei.

Mr Khoo has continued to lead the SPF to achieve low crime rates in Singapore, making it one of the safest cities in the world. The SPF's successes have been attributed to its key thrusts of Developing Community Partnership, Enhancing Operational Capability and Strengthening Internal Resilience. During Mr Khoo's tenure, community policing continued to be a key policing strategy in tackling crime and dealing with the community's safety and security concerns. Coastal and maritime security, intelligence, technocrime investigations and other operational capabilities have also been significantly enhanced. In 2003, SPF rose to the challenge and played a critical role in the national effort in containing the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), particularly in the areas of enforcement of provisions in the Infectious Diseases Act, security of medical establishments and contingency planning.

In the area of internal resilience, he has adopted progressive organisation management and development tools and practices in organisational learning, benchmarking organisational excellence, service excellence, corporate communications and HR programs, such as introducing workplace health, work-life balance and organisational health surveys.

In 2002, the Singapore Police Force was one of 2 organisations awarded the Singapore Quality Award, equivalent to the US Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the European Quality Award. It went on to receive the Singapore Innovation Class in 2003 and the Singapore Service Class in 2004. The SPF was also awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award by Head of the Civil Service in 2004.