

**Profile of Dr Aline Wong**

Dr Aline K Wong, former Senior Minister of State for Education, received her education at the University of Hong Kong where she read Economics and Political Science for her Bachelor's degree. She furthered her studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she obtained her Masters and Ph.D. in Sociology (1964 and 1970).

She began her academic career at the then University of Singapore in 1971, and became a full Professor in Sociology in 1991 at the National University of Singapore.

In 1984, Dr Wong entered politics and was elected Member of Parliament for four consecutive terms (1984-2001). In 1990, she was appointed Minister of State for Health, and in 1994, concurrently as Minister of State for Education. She became Senior Minister of State in 1995 and held that position until she retired from politics at the end of 2001. She returned to the National University of Singapore and continued her academic work as Professor until 2003, when she became Chairman of the Housing and Development Board (2003-2007).

Since 2005, she has been an Academic Advisor at SIM University (UniSIM). She has been closely involved, since the establishment of the University, with the introduction, oversight and support for a number of degree programmes, particularly in the School of Arts & Social Sciences and the School of Human Development and Social Services. She also served as a member on UniSIM's Board of Trustees (2005-2011); a Director of Mediacorp (2003-2009); Board member of the Council for Third Age (2007-2011); a member of the Board of Visiting Justices (2008-2012); member of the Social Work Accreditation Board (2009-2010); and a Director of the Singapore Symphonia Co. (2002-2008). Recently, she has been Chairperson of the MSF Child Development Network Advisory Committee (2011-2013); and Advisor to the HDB on Social-Economic Research (2007-2014).

Currently, she is an Adjunct Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, a member of the Public Guardian Board and a Board member of WINGS. She also serves as a member on the Advisory Board, Centre for Liveable Cities (MND).

Dr Wong was awarded the International Women's Forum "Women Who Make a Difference" award in 2006, and was inducted into the SCWO inaugural "Singapore Women's Hall of Fame" (2014). In 2010, she was appointed by the government as Singapore's Representative for Women's Rights to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children. She served in that capacity until end 2014.