



## Eye on Asia

### China's Belt & Road Initiative: Opportunities and Implications

Join **Dr Koh Chin Yee**, Vice-president of South Seas Society, as he explains China's Belt and Road Initiative, its implications and the opportunities it will bring to Singapore and Southeast Asia.

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In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping presented the region with an ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The response to the initiative was a mix of enthusiasm, scepticism and outright rejection.

What exactly is BRI? Why did China propose it? How will Singapore and Southeast Asia benefit and what are its implications? Why do some countries view it as a threat? How does BRI fit into the big picture of the rise of China? What role does it play in the love-hate relationship between China and US?

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### **About the Speaker**

**Dr Koh Chin Yee** is the Vice-president of South Seas Society, an 80-year-old academic body with a focus on Southeast Asia research. He has held appointments in China affairs in several government bodies and corporations before starting his own business in 2014. He has lectured for the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Chinese Studies Department as well as NUS Business School's executive education programmes, and is regularly invited overseas to speak at various universities.