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H.E. A. SELVERAJAH

AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

H.E. A. Selverajah is Singapore's first resident Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey. Mr. Selverajah joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979. He previously served as Singapore's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium (with concurrent accreditation to the European Union, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Holy See) from September 1999 to July 2003. Mr. Selverajah also served as Singapore's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany (with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Greece) from August 2003 to July 2008 and as Singapore's Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines from August 2008 to March 2012. While in the Ministry Headquarters, Mr Selverajah had served in various portfolios including Director (Policy, Planning & Analysis Directorate II) and Director (Information, Management & Research). Mr Selverajah was also the Dean of the Ministry's Diplomatic Academy from March 2012 to July 2015, during which time he was also concurrently Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Denmark from October 2012 to July 2015 and Special Envoy for Arctic Affairs from January to July 2015.

Mr Selverajah graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1979 and obtained a master of International Affairs from Columbia University in 1985. He was awarded the Public Administration (Silver) Medal in November 2000. Ambassador Selverajah was conferred the decoration of the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory by Pope John Paul II in October 2002, and the Order of Sikatuna with the rank of Datu (Gold Distinction) by Philippine President Benigno S Aquino in February 2012. He is married to Mme. S. Saandhamma and they have two sons.