

Mr Goh Chok Tong
Senior Minister, Republic of Singapore

Born on 20 May 1941, Mr Goh Chok Tong is Senior Minister of Singapore and Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

Mr Goh joined the Administrative Service of the Singapore Government in 1964. In 1969, he joined the national shipping company, Neptune Orient Lines, and was its Managing Director from 1973 to 1977. In 1976, Mr Goh was elected the Member of Parliament for Marine Parade Constituency and has been re-elected in eight subsequent elections, most recently in 2006. In 1977, he was appointed Senior Minister of State for Finance. Between 1979 and 1990, Mr Goh held various ministerial positions as Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister for Health and Minister for Defence. In 1985, he was also appointed First Deputy Prime Minister.

On 28 November 1990, Mr Goh succeeded Mr Lee Kuan Yew as Singapore's second Prime Minister. Mr Goh remained Prime Minister until 12 August 2004, when he relinquished the position to pave the way for political self-renewal. Mr Goh remained in the Cabinet as Senior Minister and also took on the appointment of Chairman of MAS.

Mr Goh led the People's Action Party to victory in three General Elections in 1991, 1997 and 2001. From 1992 to 2004, Mr Goh was the Secretary-General of the party. He relinquished the position in December 2004 to enable a younger team to assume the party's leadership, but he remains a member of its Central Executive Committee.

Mr Goh received a Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class) in Economics from the University of Singapore in 1964 and a Master of Arts in Development Economics from Williams College, USA in 1967.

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