



## **S. RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

A Graduate School of Nanyang Technological University

### **International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation**

**24 February 2009**

Singapore will host the first International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation (ICTR) from February 24-26, at the Goodwood Park Hotel, Singapore. The conference is organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) a specialist centre of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. This conference is conducted in collaboration with the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG).

The 3-day international conference will include over 20 invited speakers from countries with known rehabilitation programmes. Over 140 security specialists, psychologists and counsellors active in both research and in the operational process of rehabilitating extremists and terrorists will be participating.

The press are invited to participate in the event from 9:00am-10:30am for the Opening of the Conference and the launch of a web portal on 24 February. The rest of the conference will be closed door. The Guest of Honour for the Opening Ceremony will be Minister of Law and Second Minister Home Affairs, Mr. K. Shanmugam.

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**Background Information**

**About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies**

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was inaugurated on 1 January 2007 as an autonomous School within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). It was formerly known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established in 1996.

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

For more information about RSIS, please visit [www.rsis.edu.sg](http://www.rsis.edu.sg).

**About the International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)**

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research seeks to integrate academic theory with practical knowledge, which is essential for a complete and comprehensive understanding of threats from politically motivated groups. ICPVTR conducts research, training and outreach programmes aimed at reducing the threat of politically motivated violence and at mitigating its effects on the international system. Its

research staff comprises functional and regional analysts from Southeast Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe, North America and the Middle East. They are drawn from academia and from government agencies and also include Muslim religious scholars. The Centre seeks to maintain its unique cultural and linguistic diversity.

**About the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG)**

RRG is an acronym for the Religious Rehabilitation Group. The RRG is a voluntary group formed by individual ulama and asatizah (Islamic scholars and teachers) community in Singapore, primarily towards performing counseling works on the detained Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) members. The main objective of the RRG is towards countering the ideological misunderstanding of the JI members through counselling in order to stimulate their minds to understand that living harmoniously in Singapore is practicable and fulfilling. The RRG also conducts public presentations to provide insights on issues relating to counter ideology with the hope of preventing extremism and radicalization from taking roots in Singapore in order to preserve the safety and security of the nation.