

## **Muse of the Asian Century**

Kishore Mahbubani makes Top 100 Global Thinkers list for the third time. -tabla!

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WHAT'S common to US president Barack Obama, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, International Monetary Fund MD Christine Lagarde and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy dean Kishore Mahbubani?

All of them have been named in the Foreign Policy magazine's Top 100 Global Thinkers in 2011 list. Prof Mahbubani finds himself in the list a third time.

Foreign Policy, a bi-monthly American magazine, said: "With the United States mired in economic crisis and political dysfunction while China and India continue to grow at a healthy clip, this Singaporean diplomat-turned-academic is now taking a well-deserved victory lap on op-ed pages from Tokyo to New York."

The National University of Singapore, of which the LKY School is a part, said in a statement that Prof Mahbubani is being recognised "for being the muse of the Asian Century" - for being among the first to argue that Asian powers are ascending while the influence of Western democracies is declining.

Reacting to his inclusion in the list, Prof Mahbubani said: "It's truly a great honour to be included in the Foreign Policy list a third time. I fear that this may be an undeserved honour, but I do hope that it will draw global attention to the good work done by the LKY School and NUS in promoting research on key global challenges."

NUS president Tan Chorh Chuan said: "We are particularly proud as Kishore is not only a distinguished faculty but also an outstanding alumnus of NUS. His depth of knowledge and understanding on international relations, expressed through his speeches, articles and books, provide important insights into the world we live in."