

CEO Challenge Business Perspectives Briefings Insights for You and Your Organization

The Conference Board CEO Challenge[®] 2013: The Asia Economic and Business Context

Friday May 17, Singapore

Hosted by the Singapore Business Federation

Join this Business Perspectives Briefing to learn of the most pressing challenges on the minds of CEOs, as reflected in ***The Conference Board CEO Challenge***[®] 2013 report. CEOs around the world rank **Human Capital** – how best to develop, engage, manage, and retain talent – as their most critical challenge. **Operational Excellence** – the measure of organizational effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment – is the second biggest challenge organizations face. **Innovation**, the top challenge in last year's results, comes in at number three globally in 2013.

At this briefing, Bart van Ark, Executive Vice President and Chief Economist at The Conference Board, will share the findings from the study and invite comparison between challenges faced in Singapore, Asia, and globally. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion on the global and Asia economic and business environment, the impact on business leaders, and the strategies needed to meet business challenges.

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SPEAKER



Bart van Ark
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Chief Economist
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PROGRAM

2:00 pm	Registration
2:25 pm	Welcome
2:30 pm	Presentation by Bart van Ark
3:30 pm	Panel discussion
4:30 pm	Adjourn

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

C-suite management and heads of strategy, planning, finance, operations and human capital; and all executives responsible for implementing strategies to address CEOs' challenges.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE BOARD CEO CHALLENGE

Since 1999, The Conference Board CEO Challenge® has asked CEOs, presidents, and chairmen across the globe to identify their most critical challenges. This year's survey features a revised set of 10 overall challenges, including the addition of Operational Excellence and Trust in Business. In addition to ranking Human Capital and Operational Excellence as the top challenges globally, CEOs show considerable regional convergence on top ranked challenges, while industry views differ. The key strategies that CEOs picked to deal with their top challenges show a focus on current employees and resources, and on improving processes and existing customer relationships in order to build internal strength and create value. <http://ceochallenge.org>

ABOUT THE SINGAPORE BUSINESS FEDERATION

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Bart van Ark, Ph.D.

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Bart van Ark is executive vice president and chief economist of The Conference Board. He leads a team of almost two dozen economists who produce a range of widely watched economic indicators and growth forecasts, as well as in-depth global economic research. A Dutch national, he is the first non-U.S. chief economist in the 95-year history of The Conference Board.

Van Ark is an expert in international comparative studies of economic performance, productivity, and innovation. As a consulting director of international economic research for The Conference Board for 10 years he was responsible for its annual flagship publication on productivity and instrumental in helping to expand its comparative analytical capabilities to include productivity and labor- and consumer-market research across countries and regions. Van Ark continues to steward the longstanding research collaboration of The Conference Board with the University of Groningen in the Netherlands; a professor there since 2000, he holds the university's chair in Economic Development, Technological Change and Growth.

Van Ark obtained his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in economics from the University of Groningen. From 1988 to 1990 he worked as a research associate with the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (UK) on international comparisons of economic performance in Europe. He has participated in international research projects such as the Productivity Research Program of the McKinsey Global Institute. Van Ark has been extensively published in national and international journals, including the Journal of Economic Perspectives, Economic Policy, the Review of Income and Wealth, and The Brookings Papers on Economic Activity. He is a member of the editorial boards of several academic journals and serves on various advisory committees in the areas of productivity and national accounts.