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EDUCATION	<p>DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, MONASH UNIVERSITY, July 2018</p> <p>MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN STRATEGIC STUDIES cum CERTIFICATE IN TERRORISM STUDIES, RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES of NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, June 2010</p> <p>BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE (SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDIES) FIRST CLASS HONORS, UNIVERSITY MALAYA, July 2007</p> <p>Exchange student - Thammasat University, 2004</p> <p>Exchange student - National University of Singapore, 2005</p>
LANGUAGE SKILLS	<p>Oral: Proficient in English, Malay and Cantonese, Basic Mandarin</p> <p>Written: Proficient in English and Malay, Basic Chinese</p>
AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS	<p>Recipient of the Southeast Regional Programme Travelling Classroom Award, 2004</p> <p>Monash University Merit Scholarship, 2014- 2018</p> <p>Member of Hawaii Pacific Forum Young Leaders</p> <p>Member of Asian Political and International Studies Association</p>
WORKING EXPERIENCE	<p>SENIOR LECTURER, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY MALAYA, current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lectures – ASEAN Studies, Regionalism in Southeast Asia, Politics and Governance in Southeast Asia• Conduct research projects• Collaborate with internal and external colleagues on related fields• Supervise Masters and PhD Students• Apply for grants and funding for research <p>SENIOR ANALYST, COORDINATOR OF HISTORY AND REGIONAL STUDIES, current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Propose and conduct research projects• Prepare policy briefs, crisis assessment pieces and reflection pieces in both Malay and English language• Assist the state government to conduct surveys and analysis on subjects of concern• Identify issues of concern to the state government and propose recommendations for better governance• Organize webinars• Apply for grants and funding for research• Train interns <p>HEAD OF RESEARCH, INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC ANALYSIS AND POLICY RESEARCH, 2019 -2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead the research team to identify national issues and to propose for policy recommendations• Prepare policy briefs and reports• Lead political research and help strategize for effective political campaigning• Assist senators and MPs in drafting of parliamentary debates and questions• Provides political consultancy• Collaborate with other think tanks, NGOs and state agencies• Organize national and regional conferences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct consultations with students on academic matters • Assist in coordination and organizing workshops and seminars <p>SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST, RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, July 2012-June 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts research on the Chinese community in Malaysia, Christian mobilization in Malaysia, Electoral dynamics in Malaysia, Political Islam and Social Movements in Malaysia, US Malaysia Strategic Alliance, and the Ambalat Dispute between Malaysia and Indonesia • Assists in other research works related to Southeast Asia • Organize conferences and seminars and perform administrative support to these events • Writing commentaries and journal articles pertaining to contemporary issues in Malaysia • Meetings and coordination with other think tanks or external parties when required <p>RESEARCH ANALYST, RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, 2010 - June 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts research on the Chinese community in Malaysia, Christian mobilization in Malaysia, US <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Malaysia Strategic Alliance, Social Movements in Malaysia and Malaysia youth's sentiments • Assists in other research works as delegated by superior • Organizes conferences and seminars and perform administrative support to the related events • Performs other duties assigned by Co-ordinator of Malaysia Programme • Writing commentaries, policy briefs and journal articles pertaining to contemporary issues in Malaysia <p>TRAINING ADMIN EXECUTIVE, MINDCHAMPS PRESCHOOL PTE LIMITED (SINGAPORE), 2007 - 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ In charge of all general administration matters and operations of the center
<p>• PUBLICATIONS</p>	<p>Journal articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choong, P.Y, 2013, Continuing Revolt of the Urban Chinese Voters: The Case of Kepong, <i>The Roundtable, The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs</i>, Vol 102, No 6, pp 549-556 • Choong, P.Y and Liow, Joseph C.Y. 2012, Negotiating Religious Freedom: Christianity in Muslim Majority Malaysia, <i>Peace and Policy</i>, Vol 17, pp 78-94 • Choong, P.Y, Defending Rights, Resisting Repression: The Christian Community in Malaysia, <i>Ethnicities</i>, under reviewed <p>Book Chapters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choong P.Y, 2015, The Case of Titiwangsa: Changing Features of Election Campaigns in Johan Saravanamuttu, Lee Hock Guan and Mohamed Nawab Mohamad Osman (eds), <i>Coalitions in Collision: Malaysia's 13th General Election</i>, Singapore: ISEAS, pp 221- 234 • Choong, P.Y, 2014, Grassroot Movements' Dependency on New Media Contemporary Malaysia: Prospects and Limitations in Alan Chong and Faizal bin Yahya (eds), <i>State, Society and Information Technology in Asia: Alterity between Online and Offline Politics</i>, New York : Ashgate, pp 93-108 • Choong, P.Y, 2013, Kepong and Titiwangsa: Messages or Money? In Meredith Weiss(ed), <i>Electoral Dynamics in Malaysia: Findings from the Grassroots</i>, Malaysia and Singapore: Gerak Budaya and ISEAS Publication, pp 125-138 • Choong, P.Y and Liow, Joseph C.Y. 2013, Negotiating Religious Freedom: Christianity in Muslim Majority Malaysia in Chaiwat Satha-Anand and Olivier Urbain (eds), <i>Protecting the Sacred, Creating Peace in Asia Pacific</i>, Transaction Publishers: New Jersey, pp 107-130 • □ Choong, P.Y, 2011, More than a Cake Party: Evolving Protest in Malaysia Issues in Yang Razali

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Conference Papers

- □ Choong, P.Y, 2012, Contemporary Malaysia: Effecting Changes through New Media and Social Movements, paper presented to Asia's Civil Spheres: New Media, Urban Public Space, Social Movement, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- □ Choong, P.Y, 2013, Malaysia's Christian Community: Voting Wisely for a Better Malaysia, paper presented at EUROSEAS Conference, Lisbon
- □ Choong, P.Y, 2014, The Case of Titiwangsa: Changing Features of Election Campaigns, paper presented at Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore
- □ Choong, P.Y, 2014, The Fear of Minorities: Malaysia's Right Wing Groups Paper presented at Asian Political and International Studies Association in Chiangmai

Op-Eds, Commentaries and Policy Briefs

- Choong, P.Y, 2010, MC 's New President: From Disgrace to Community Hero?, *RSIS Commentaries*, No 100, 25th August 2010
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- Choong, P.Y and Farish Noor, 2011, Post Sarawak Elections : The Sway of Chinese Voters, *RSIS Commentaries*, No.69, 3rd May 2011
- Choong, P.Y, 2011, The Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) and the Federal Government: Politicization of the Christian Community in Malaysia, *RSIS Malaysia Update*, May 2011
- Choong, P.Y, 2011, Malaysia : The Undulation of the Yellow Wave, *Asia Times Online*, 7th July 2011
- Choong, P.Y, 2011, The Icons and Implications of Post Bersih Rally, *Asia Times Online*. 12th July 2011
- Choong, P.Y, 2011, Does Malaysia Need the ISA?, *The Diplomat*, 29th November 2011
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- Choong, P.Y, 2012, The Main Concerns of Middle Class Malaysia Youth: A brief Survey, *Malaysia Update*, March 2012
- Choong, P.Y, 2012, Malaysia's Bersih 30: Sentiments, Perceptions and Politics, *RSIS Commentaries*, 10th May 2012- Republished in Jakarta Post, Indonesia and LianheZaoBao (Singapore) 马来西亚净选盟30大集会
- Choong, P.Y, 2012, MC 's Battle Cry: Without Fear or Without Wisdom, *RSIS Commentaries*, 2nd November 2012
- Choong, P.Y, 2013, The Rural-Urban Divide is Blurring, *Singapore's Today*, 24th March 2013. Republished as RSIS commentary

□ Choong, P.Y, 2013, The Disputed "mbalat": Mapping the Concerns of Malaysians and Indonesians, *RSIS Policy Brief*, March 2013

□ Choong, P.Y, 2013, The 'Ilah' Issue Revisited *RSIS Commentaries*. 11th November 2013

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RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

(1) *Research that has been completed and is ongoing;*

Innovations needed in Elderly Care in Penang (Completed)

Identified inconsistencies and gaps in providing elderly care for Penang residents.

Improving Street Food Hygiene and Safety in Penang (Completed)

Examined issues of food hygiene and safety in Penang and proposed how to work with local councilors and hawkers' association in Penang to improve food safety. An exco brief with concise steps to improved street food safety was presented to the Chief Minister of Penang.

Penang Sports Masterplan (Completed)

A state level quantitative study that seeks to understand what sorts of sports facilities that need to be improved or upgraded in Penang.

From Covid Crisis to Constitutional Crisis: The King and His Prime Minister (Ongoing)

- In the initial stages of planning a research article on the constitutional crisis in Malaysia. The idea was jointly conceived with Professor Joshua Neoh, College of Law of Australian National University.

(2) *Describe the output and outcomes of your research*

Innovations needed in Elderly Care in Penang for the Penang State Government

A report on hurdles in providing adequate elderly care in Penang was produced to the Penang State Executive Councillor Mr Phee Boon Poh for further deliberation and actions. The report recommends the state to reconsider changing policies on land gazettement to accommodate to more private operators who are interested in setting up elderly care centers. Furthermore, the report suggests the state government to incentivize young people to serve as social workers to accommodate to the needs of the rising elderly population in Penang.

Penang Sports Masterplan for the Penang State Government

A quantitative study which surveyed more than 1500 respondents in Penang. Policies recommendation in the report include an upgrade of jogging treks and uplift existing sports facilities, to create a smart apps for users to book for sports facilities and to charge a minimal fee from users. These policies recommendations have been briefed to all relevant stakeholders from the state government. The report will be used for the planning of Penang Sports Masterplan - a project in line with the Penang 2030 vision.

(3) *Activities as consultant (state name of project/ organisation, role and period)*

Tanjung Piai 2019 election/ Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research, Political Consultant (November 2019)

- Provides assistance and helps strategize for the by-election of Tanjung Piai. Participates in the core team to help tweak campaigning strategies during the campaigning period. Provides talking points for the standing candidate and supporting speakers. The standing candidate won the by-election.

Political consultancy for a political party in Malaysia (2019-2020)

- Compiles past electoral results and analyzes which seats should the party considered to contest and which candidate should be place in that particular seat.
- Helped analyze the implications of the party if it joins the Perikatan Nasional government.
- Assisted in providing inputs for the 12th Malaysia Plan - in particular on the Higher Education component.