

## Benjamin William

Mr Benjamin Jeyaraj William has been the Secretary General of the Singapore Red Cross Society with effect from 1 March 2012.

Benjamin joined the Foreign Service in October 1981 and served in the Regional and Economics Department and subsequently as the Country Officer for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific from 1986 to 1988. Between 1988 and 1993, he first served as First Secretary in the Singapore High Commission in Bandar Seri Begawan and later as First Secretary and Deputy Chief of Mission in the Singapore Embassy in Manila.

At MFA HQ, he held several management positions, both in corporate services, consular affairs and the policy, planning and analysis divisions, covering regions like North America, Europe, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific. From 2002-2004 Benjamin was Director-General for ASEAN Singapore. He served as Singapore's Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from Oct 2007 to Jan 2011.