



Profile of Bhajan Singh, PBS and PBM

1. Tertiary Education

- Bachelor of Arts and Social Science, Singapore University (SU), (1975)
- Bachelor of Arts and Social Science, (Honours), Singapore University (SU), (1976)
- Masters of Education, National University of Education (NUS), (1986)

2. Contribution as a Teacher with the Ministry of Education (MOE)

- Joined the Singapore Education Service, under the Ministry of Education, in 1966
- Teacher in Raffles Institution:
 - (a) (1966 - 1968) – Taught Secondary One to Pre-University
 - (b) (January - July 1975) – Taught Secondary 1, 2 and 3
- Bartley Secondary School (1976 - 1979) Taught Secondary 4, Pre-University 1 and 2

3. Contribution to the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) - 1968 -1981

- MINDEF Staff Officer (1969 -1971) - National Service
- 66 SIR – Singapore Infantry Battalion - Staff Officer (1972 1977)
- 2 SIB-Singapore Infantry Brigade - Staff Officer (1979-1981)

4. Leadership Role in Singapore Education Service

- Vice-Principal, Serangoon Garden Secondary School (1979)
- Principal, Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School (1980 - 1982)
- Education Consultant to the Singapore School for the Blind (1980 - 1984)
- Principal, Si Ling Secondary School (1983 - 1995)¹
- Trained by MOE in *“Strategies for Principals to Implement Change In Schools”* (1985)
- Trained as a Trainer (in 1987) by the Singapore Institute Of Management, for MOE, on:
 - (a) *“Human Relation Skills vital in the School Context”;*
 - (b) *“Problem Solving Skills at the Departmental Level”;* and
 - (c) *“Coaching and Counselling Skills for Heads of Departments.”*
- Member of The *National Cadet Corp Council (1987- 1989)*
- Member of The *National Police Cadet Corp Council (1992 -1994)*
- Trained as a Chief Examiner, by representatives from the University of Cambridge (1993)

¹ [Si Ling's Miracle Worker, The Straits Times, June 13, 1993](#)

5. Contribution at the Sikh Community Level

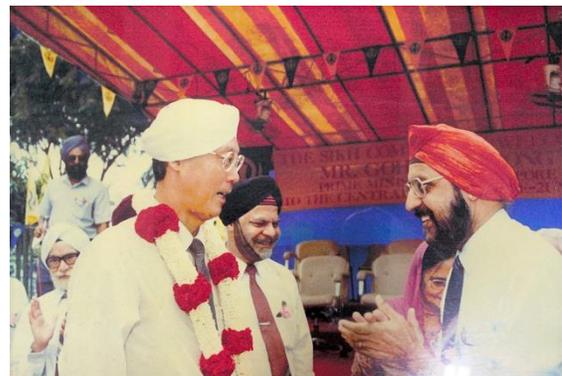
- Founder Chairman of the Singapore Sikh Education Foundation (1990 – 2013)
- Chief Examiner for the Community's National Punjabi Language Programme (1990 – 2001)
- Consultant for the International Punjabi Language Curriculum from Primary 1 to Pre-University levels
- Created the Centralized Examination System for the regional schools of the Singapore Sikh Community (1994 – 1995)

6. Chairman Sikh Advisory Board (1989 – 1996) AND (1997 – 2005)

- Appointed to the Sikh Advisory Board as a Government Representative for a period of 12 years
- Advised the Singapore Government on all matters related to the Sikh Way of Life and Sikh Community welfare



Mr. Bhajan Singh as Chairman of Sikh Advisory Board with PM Lee Kuan Yew (1990)



Mr. Bhajan Singh as Chairman of Sikh Advisory Board with PM Goh Chock Tong (1993)

- Set up the Sikh Welfare Council, in 1995, to address the needs of the Community jointly with the Ministry of Community Development and the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)

7. Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)

- Appointed, by the Government, as a Member a National Education Task Force to set up SINDA, in 1991

- Member of the SINDA Executive Management Council (1991 - 1996), which made the policy and prepared the strategic plan to achieve the objective of the organization

8. National Level Appointments

- **Member of the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony (1992 - 2015)**



Appointment to Presidential Council in 1992



Mr. Bhajan Singh, Member of Presidential Council (with President Ong and President Elect S.R. Nathan)

- **Member of the National Steering Committee for Racial Harmony (2002-2006)** – work out the plan and strategies for racial harmony in the context of National Policy

9. Contribution to International Education

- Consultant to Thai Sikh International School, TSIS (1992 – 2010)
 - (a) TSIS, converted from being University of London Examination School to Cambridge International system;
 - (b) TSIS became a full-fledged Cambridge International Examination Centre ; and
 - (c) 2005- TSIS became Member of the Council of Internal Schools (CIS)
- Member of the TSIS Governing Board (2011 – 2015)
- Project Director for the full Accreditation of TSIS by CIS -2013
- Advisor to the TSIS Governing Board (2016 – to date)

10. Contribution to the South Asian Mother Tongue Programme, (Approved by the Government in October 1998)

- Wrote to Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew in 1990, for the Approval for Primary School Leaving Examination for South Asian Languages (approval came in 1995, under Prime Minister Goh Chock Tong)
- **Founder President of the Board for Teaching and Testing of South Asian Languages, BTTSAL (2002 – 2015)**



Mr. Bhajan Singh, President of the Board for Teaching and Testing of South Asian Languages with PM Lee Hsien Loong (2006)

- Chief Examiner of the Board 2002 to 2015
- Developed the Common Examination System for the 5 South Asian Languages (2002 - 2005) under the BTTSAL
- Project Director for the Common Curriculum for the 5 South Asian Languages from Primary One to Pre-University level (2003 - 2007)
- As President of the BTTSAL, wrote to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, in January 2007, for their recognition as Mother Tongue Language in lieu of Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages

- Obtained Recognition and Approval for teaching of the South Asian Languages, as Mother Tongue Languages in the Singapore School System, in March 2007 (Announcement by Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister of Education on 20 March 2007)
- Signed the Letter of Undertaking (LOU) with the Ministry of Education, to implement the



Signing of LOU between Mr. Bhajan Singh, President of BTTSAL and Ho Peng, the Representative of the Singapore Government, June 2007, to implement the new Mother Tongue Policy

11. Research and Publications

Author and Textbook Writer:

- Co-Author of “At the Crossroads” – A Blueprint for educational development of Singapore Indians
- English Textbook for Secondary Schools, Singapore
- History & Contribution of Sikhs in Thailand
- History & Contribution of Sikhs in Malaysia
- Future Traits of Sikh Leadership in Singapore

12. Honours and Awards

Year	Honour and Awards
1991	Honoured by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in 1991, with <i>Bhai Vir Singh International Award</i> , for contribution to Education and Community

1999	Special Recognition Award, by Mr. Abdullah Tarmugi, Minister for Community Development, <i>Friend of the Ministry of Community Development</i> , for launching outstanding contribution to community development programmes, in the context of National Policy
2000	Awarded the <i>Pingkat Bakti Setia</i> (Long Service Award), by RADM Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Education
2005	Conferred the <i>Pingkat Bakti Masyarakat (PBM)</i> , The Public Service Award , by His Excellency, the President of Singapore
2011	Awarded <i>Special Recognition for Contribution to the Development of South Asian Languages, in Singapore</i> , by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India
2014	Honoured by the Royal Thai Princess, for <i>Contribution to International Education in Thailand</i>
2018	Presented the Pioneer Educationist Award by Her Excellency President, Halimah Yacob, on the occasion of the 100 th Anniversary of Sri Guru Singh Sabha
2021	Honoured by Mr. Lawrence Wong, Minister of Education for outstanding contribution as the Founder Chairman of the Singapore Sikh Education Foundation from 1990 to 2013



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