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Mr Gopinath Pillai is a businessman with investments in education, logistics and information technology. He is Chairman of a port-related logistics company in India, Gateway Distriparks Ltd, and a Director of a listed education company in London, AEC Education Plc. He is also Director of several other companies in Singapore and India, all substantially owned by KSP Investments Pte Ltd, an investment holding company in which Mr Pillai is a significant shareholder.

Mr Pillai holds several key public and professional appointments. He has been Singapore's Non-Resident Ambassador to Iran since 1990. He is the Chairman of the Management Board of the Institute of South Asian Studies, Director of National Heritage Board as well as Deputy Chairman of Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital Limited.

Mr Pillai's previous appointments include Singapore's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Chairman of NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Ltd, Trustee of NTUC Healthcare Co-operative Ltd, Director of NTUC Choice Homes Co-operative Ltd and President of the National University of Singapore Society.

Mr Pillai is the recipient of several notable honours and awards. He received the Public Service Star Award [BBM] (1999) from the Singapore government, Friend of Labour Award (NTUC, 1987), Friend of MCD Award (1998), Meritorious Award (NTUC, 1990) and the Friend of IT Award (SCS, 2001).

Mr Pillai is a graduate of the University of Malaya in Singapore.