THE Government has appointed Mr Albert Chua as Singapore’s next High Commissioner to Australia and he will assume the post on March 26, according to a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Prior to his posting to Canberra, Mr Chua was the deputy secretary (special duties) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr Chua joined the Administrative Service of the Singapore Civil Service and was appointed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992.

He has held various appointments while in the ministry, serving as the deputy trade representative at the Singapore Trade Office in Taipei from March 1994 to February 1997.

He was appointed deputy director of policy planning and analysis directorate II from February to July 1997.

From August 1997 to July 1999, he served as senior deputy director and then as acting director and director of policy planning and analysis directorate III.

In July 2000, Mr Chua was appointed director of directorate III and the international economics directorate. He was appointed deputy secretary (policy) from August 2001 to February 2004.

In March 2004, he was appointed principal private secretary to then-prime minister Goh Chok Tong. He served as principal private secretary to Senior Minister Goh from August 2004 to September 2007.

Mr Chua has served as board member of the National Heritage Board and as council member of the National Arts Council. He is currently a member of the Singapore Management University’s board of trustees.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in English literature from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom in 1990. He obtained a master’s degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2000.

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