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## Press Release

# CHANGES IN PERMANENT SECRETARY APPOINTMENTS

With effect from 1 November 2011, Mr Benny Lim, Permanent Secretary (Home Affairs) and Permanent Secretary (Prime Minister's Office), will be appointed Permanent Secretary (National Development) and Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination). He will continue concurrently as Permanent Secretary (Prime Minister's Office).

2. Mr Tan Tee How, Permanent Secretary (National Development), will be appointed as Permanent Secretary (Home Affairs) from the same date.

3. Mr Peter Ong will relinquish his appointment as Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination). He will remain as Head of Civil Service, Permanent Secretary (Special Duties) in the Prime Minister's Office and Permanent Secretary (Finance).

### Background

#### **Mr Benny Lim 林双河**

Mr Benny Lim, 55, joined the Singapore Police Force in 1975. In the course of his career with the Singapore Police Force, Mr Lim rose to the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Police and held various appointments including Director, Internal Security Department. He was appointed Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs in 2004 and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs a year later. He was appointed concurrently as Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office on 1 September 2011.

Mr Lim holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in English from the National University of Singapore and a Masters of Science degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

## Mr Tan Tee How 陈继豪

Mr Tan Tee How, 52, joined the Administrative Service in 1983. He held various appointments in the early part of his career in the Administrative Service. He was appointed Director (Administration), Ministry of Home Affairs in 1990, Controller of Immigration in 1994 and Deputy Secretary (Services) in the Ministry of Information and the Arts in 1995. He was appointed Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister in 1997. From May 2000 to December 2003, Mr Tan was the Chief Executive Officer of National Healthcare Group. In 2004, he was appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Development.

Mr Tan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) degree from the National University of Singapore under a Local Merit Scholarship. He also holds a Masters in Public Administration degree from Harvard University, USA.

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