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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Malaysia confers Singapore Head of Civil Service, Peter Ong, “Knight of the Most Distinguished Order Of The Crown” Award**

Singapore Head of Civil Service, Peter Ong, has been conferred the award of Darjah Kebesaran PANGKLIMA SETIA MAHKOTA (P.S.M.) (Honorary) (Knight of the Most Distinguished Order Of The Crown) by His Majesty The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Malaysia XIV, Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, on the occasion of the Official Birthday Celebration of His Majesty.

The award ceremony took place on 2 June 2012 at the Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur. The PANGKLIMA SETIA MAHKOTA (P.S.M.) award, which carries the title “Tan Sri”, is a Federal award conferred on citizens and foreign nationals who have made outstanding and meritorious contributions.

Mr Ong said: “I am deeply honoured to be conferred this award. I am very happy to see the growing depth and breadth in relations between both our Public Services over the years. We just held the 35<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Public Service Games and 4<sup>th</sup> Joint-Seminar Programme for Malaysia and Singapore Public Sector Leaders in April. These annual events are key highlights of the ongoing active exchanges on topics of mutual interest.

“I look forward to working with our Malaysian colleagues to strengthen these institutional links and foster camaraderie among our public sector leaders. The strong Public Service links will serve to promote greater collaboration between our two countries,” Mr Ong added.

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