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### CHANGES IN PERMANENT SECRETARY APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments will take effect from 1 April 2012:

- a) **Ms Yong Ying-I (杨颖仪)** will be appointed as Permanent Secretary (Public Service Division). She will relinquish her appointment as Permanent Secretary (Health) and remain concurrently as Permanent Secretary (National Research and Development);
- b) **Ms Lim Soo Hoon (林素芬)**, Permanent Secretary (Public Service Division), will be appointed as Permanent Secretary (Finance) (Performance);
- c) **Ms Chan Lai Fung (陈丽芬)**, Permanent Secretary (Finance)(Performance), will be appointed as Permanent Secretary (Education Policy);
- d) **Mrs Tan Ching Yee (曾庆怡)**, Permanent Secretary (Education), will be appointed as Permanent Secretary (Health); and

- e) **Ms Yeoh Chee Yan (杨紫燕)**, Second Permanent Secretary (Education), will be re-designated as Permanent Secretary (Education Development).

## **Background**

### **Ms Yong Ying-I**

Ms Yong Ying-I, 48, joined the Administrative Service in 1985 after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Economics from Cambridge University on an Overseas Merit Scholarship. She also has a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard University.

Ms Yong served in the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Home Affairs before her appointment as Principal Private Secretary to the then Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in 1997. She also served in the former Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore. She was appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Manpower in 2002 and became Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health in 2005. She has been concurrently Permanent Secretary (National Research and Development) since 2011.

### **Ms Lim Soo Hoon**

Ms Lim Soo Hoon, 53, joined the Administrative Service in 1981 after graduating with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from the University of Adelaide on a Colombo Plan Scholarship. She also has a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University.

Ms Lim has served in various portfolios in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the former Ministry of Communications and Information, the former Ministry of Labour and the Registry of Vehicles. She was appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of

Community Development in 1999 and became Permanent Secretary (Public Service Division) in 2005.

### **Mrs Tan Ching Yee**

Mrs Tan Ching Yee, 47, joined the Civil Service in 1986 after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Cambridge University on an Overseas Merit Scholarship. She also has a Master of Science degree in Management from Stanford University.

Mrs Tan was a Statistician and Research Economist in the Ministry of Trade and Industry before she was appointed to the Administrative Service in 1991. She has served in various portfolios in the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts and the InfoComm Development Authority of Singapore. She was appointed Second Permanent Secretary (Education) in 2005 and Permanent Secretary (Education) in 2007.

### **Ms Chan Lai Fung**

Ms Chan Lai Fung, 48, joined the Administrative Service in 1987 after graduating with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from Monash University on a Colombo Plan Scholarship.

Ms Chan has served in various portfolios in the former Ministry of Communications and Information, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Public Service Division, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Trade and Industry. She was appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law in 2006 and Permanent Secretary (Finance)(Performance) in 2009.

## **Ms Yeoh Chee Yan**

Ms Yeoh Chee Yan, 51, joined the Ministry of Defence in 1985 after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of London and a Master of Science degree in Social Psychology (with Distinction) from the London School of Economics.

Ms Yeoh was appointed to the Administrative Service in 1997. She has served in various portfolios in the Public Service Division, Ministry of Community Development and Ministry of Defence. She has been Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education since 2008.

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