

## PRESS RELEASE

### RETIREMENT OF PERMANENT SECRETARY

Mr Lam Chuan Leong (蓝传亮), 58, Second Permanent Secretary (Special Projects), Ministry of Finance, will retire from the Administrative Service with effect from 1 April 2006 after 35 years of distinguished service. Mr Lam will continue to contribute to the public service after his retirement as Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He will also continue as Chairman of the Competition Commission of Singapore and Chairman of the InfoComm Development Authority of Singapore.

2 Mr Lam joined the Administrative Service in 1970 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science First Class Honours degree in Physics from the former University of Singapore. He obtained a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University in 1978.

3 He began his career in the Ministry of Finance in 1970. Subsequently, he took on various appointments, some of which were Head (Air Manpower Department), Republic of Singapore Air Force and Deputy Secretary (Air Force), Ministry of Defence and Principal Private Secretary to then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

4 Mr Lam was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information from 1984 to 1986. He played a key role in raising the professionalism and quality of government communications, establishing a seamless public transport system and initiating the privatization of mass rapid transit (MRT) operations. As Permanent Secretary (Trade & Industry) from 1987 to 1995, he built up the Ministry's capabilities to assess the challenges facing Singapore's economy.

5 Mr Lam was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Development (MND) from 1995 to 2001. He oversaw the major restructuring of MND agencies which included the integration of the Parks and Recreation Department with the National Parks Board, the corporatisation of the Public Works Department and the conversion of the Primary Production Department into the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore.

6 As Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment from 2001 to 2003, he oversaw the establishment of the National Environment Agency. In the last two years, as Second Permanent Secretary (Special Projects), Ministry of Finance, Mr Lam has been instrumental in increasing private sector involvement in public projects, through Public Private Partnerships. This initiative brings

together the expertise and resources of the public and private sectors to provide services to the public at the best value for money.

7 Mr Lam was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 1990.

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