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Public Service Leaders from Singapore and Australia to Exchange Views on Public Sector Challenges

Inaugural Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable Kicks Off in Singapore

The inaugural Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable will be held in Singapore from 19 to 20 July 2011. For the first time, public service leaders from Singapore and Australia will meet to exchange perspectives and insights on key public sector challenges facing both countries.

The Roundtable discussion will centre around the themes of enhancing public service delivery and developing public sector capability. Both sides will exchange views on issues such as building a networked government through better inter-agency collaboration, citizen centricity in delivering services, grooming and developing future public sector leaders and efforts to enhance public engagement and consultation.

The 10-member Australian delegation is led by Mr Terry Moran, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Mr Peter Ong, Head of the Singapore Civil Service will lead the 10-member Singapore delegation. The delegation list is attached.

“This inaugural Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable serves as a good platform for Singapore and Australia to discuss challenges and share experiences in delivering public services and developing capabilities in the public sector. The exchange of ideas and views will help us appreciate different perspectives and learn from each other. Through this meeting, we also hope to foster closer collaboration between the two Services,” says Mr Peter Ong, Head, Civil Service.

“I am proud to lead this delegation of some of Australia’s most senior public servants to meet with our Singapore counterparts, and look forward to discussing a number of matters of shared interest. The Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable offers leaders from our two very effective public services an opportunity to exchange views and learn from one another, and I very much appreciate Singapore’s hosting of this inaugural event. I look forward to strengthening further the already close bonds between our two public services, and continuing to work closely with our Singapore colleagues across all areas of Government” said Mr Terry Moran AO, Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Australian delegation will also call on Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security, Minister in charge of Civil Service and Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Teo Chee Hean.

As part of the programme, the Australian delegation will also be visiting the Urban Redevelopment Authority for an overview of Singapore’s urban planning blueprint and Singapore’s efforts in planning and implementing sustainable urban development. They will also visit the Marina Barrage to learn about Singapore’s experience in water management.

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Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts

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