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## **Singapore and Malaysia senior civil servants strengthen ties through Joint Seminar and Games**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Seminar and 35<sup>th</sup> Public Service Games for Public Sector Leaders of Singapore and Malaysia will be held in Singapore from 27 to 29 April 2012. The Joint Seminar and Games allow the Public Sector Leaders to get to know one other and build on the relationship of the Civil Services of both countries.

Mr Peter Ong, Head of the Singapore Civil Service, will play host to Tan Sri Sidek Hassan, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, who leads a delegation of 25 Malaysian senior civil servants, comprising Secretary-Generals and senior officials from the Malaysian Civil Service.

“Singapore and Malaysia are close neighbours, and both countries benefit from similar opportunities but also face similar challenges. The close working relationships between the senior civil servants on both sides allow us to learn from one another in order to build adaptive Public Services to serve our people. As countries in South-East Asia, we are also well-placed to ride on the region’s economic growth. I believe that through more mutual collaboration, we can both achieve even greater heights,” Mr Ong said.

The three-day programme includes the Joint Seminar, meetings between the Singapore delegation and their respective counterparts, an official dinner hosted by Mr Ong, as well as a golf tournament and a bowling game.

### About Joint Seminar for Public Sector Leaders for Singapore and Malaysia

The Joint Seminar for Public Sector Leaders for Singapore and Malaysia is an informal programme for senior civil servants from both countries to exchange views on topics of mutual interest. The Joint Seminar is held annually and hosted alternately by Malaysia and Singapore.

### About Malaysia-Singapore Public Service Games

The Malaysia-Singapore Public Service Games allow senior civil servants from both countries to get to know each other better and enhance the relationship of the two Civil Services. The annual Games, which are hosted alternately between Malaysia and Singapore, were first held in 1973 in Kuala Lumpur. Singapore last hosted the Games in 2010.

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