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## FINANCE MINISTRY GETS SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY

Mr Peter Ong (王文輝), Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry will take on a concurrent appointment on 1 October 2008 as the Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Mr Ong, 47, graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from the University of Adelaide. A Colombo Plan Scholar, Mr Ong also holds a Masters in Business Administration degree from Stanford University.

He began his career in the Administrative Service in 1986 in the then Ministry of Communications and Information. Mr Ong also held other key appointments in the Civil Service College, Ministry of Home Affairs and Temasek Holdings.

In 2001, Mr Ong was appointed Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence. A year later, he became the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport before becoming the Permanent Secretary of Trade and Industry in 2005.

Mr Teo Ming Kian (张铭坚) remains as the Permanent Secretary, Finance as well as Permanent Secretary, National Research and Development, Prime Minister's Office.

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