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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Singapore and Australia Public Service Leaders Strengthen Ties**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable is being held in Canberra, Australia from 3 to 4 September 2012. The Public Service Roundtable is a key platform for Public Sector Leaders to exchange perspectives and insights on developments in their respective services, and deepen the relationship between the Civil Services of both countries.

Mr Peter Ong, Head of the Singapore Civil Service, led the eight-member delegation comprising the Singapore High Commissioner in Canberra, six Permanent Secretaries and a Deputy Secretary. They are hosted by a 11-member Australian delegation led by Dr Ian Watt, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

“The Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable offers an excellent opportunity for the public service leaders from both sides to learn from one

another. Through the exchange of views on matters of shared interest, we hope to foster closer ties and explore mutual collaborations. I look forward to more opportunities to work closely with our Australian counterparts,” said Mr Ong.

During the visit, the Singapore delegation called on Prime Minister Julia Gillard. They will also be visiting several Department of Human Services facilities to learn about the Australian approach to policy-design and public service delivery.

#### About the Australian-Singapore Public Service Roundtable

The Australia-Singapore Public Service Roundtable serves as a good platform for Singapore and Australia to share experiences in delivering public services and developing capabilities in the public sector. The Roundtable is held annually and hosted alternately by Singapore and Australia. The inaugural Roundtable was held in Singapore last year.

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