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NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR MCYS

The Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports will get a new Permanent Secretary. On 1 April 2011, Mr Chan Heng Kee, currently Chief Executive of the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA), will replace Mr Niam Chiang Meng, who will remain as Permanent Secretary (National Population and Talent Division), Prime Minister's Office.

Mr Chan, 42, joined the Administrative Service in 1996. He served in the former Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of Manpower, before he pursued postgraduate studies in 2002. Upon his return in 2003, Mr Chan joined the then Ministry of Community Development and Sports as Director (Strategic Policy and Research).

In 2006, Mr Chan assumed the concurrent appointments of Senior Director (Strategic Policy Office) in the Public Service Division, Prime Minister's Office (PSD, PMO) and Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the Civil Service College (CSC). Later that year, he was appointed Deputy Secretary (Development) in the PSD, PMO and concurrently Chief Executive Officer & Dean of the CSC. Mr Chan has been Chief Executive of the Singapore Workforce Development Agency since December 2008.

Mr Chan holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He also obtained a Masters degree in Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management in 2003.

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