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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CHANGES IN PERMANENT SECRETARY APPOINTMENTS**

In line with the changes arising from the re-distribution of the portfolios of the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Communications, Information and the Arts into three ministries announced by the Prime Minister's Office on 31 July 2012, there will be changes in Permanent Secretary appointments.

Ms Yeoh Chee Yan, Permanent Secretary (Education Development), will be appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Mr Chan Heng Kee, Permanent Secretary (Community Development, Youth and Sports), will be the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr Chan Yeng Kit, Permanent Secretary (Information, Communications and the Arts), will be the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Communications and Information; and

Ms Chan Lai Fung, Permanent Secretary (Education Policy), will be re-designated the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education.

All the appointments will take effect from 1 November 2012.

**Ms Yeoh Chee Yan (杨紫燕)**

Ms Yeoh, 52, joined the Ministry of Defence in 1985 after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of London and a Master of Science degree in Social Psychology (with Distinction) from the London School of Economics.

Ms Yeoh was appointed to the Administrative Service in 1997. She has served in various portfolios in the Public Service Division, Ministry of Community Development and Sports and Ministry of Defence. She was appointed Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education in 2008 and was re-designated as Permanent Secretary (Education Development) in April 2012.

**Mr Chan Heng Kee (陈庆基)**

Mr Chan, 43, joined the Administrative Service in 1996. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and has a Masters degree in Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr Chan has served in various portfolios in the former Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Manpower, the then Ministry of Community Development and Sports and Public Service Division/Civil Service College. He was the Chief Executive of the Singapore Workforce Development Agency before his appointment as Permanent Secretary (Community Development, Youth and Sports) in 2011.

**Mr Chan Yeng Kit (陈英杰)**

Mr Chan, 47, joined the Administrative Service in 1989 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Mathematics from the University of Tasmania. He holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Mr Chan has served in various portfolios in the Public Service Division, National Trades Union Congress (on secondment), Suzhou Industrial Township Development (on secondment), Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education. He was the Chief Executive Officer, InfoComm Development Authority of Singapore before his appointment as Permanent Secretary (Information, Communications and the Arts) in 2008.

**Ms Chan Lai Fung (陈丽芬)**

Ms Chan Lai Fung, 48, joined the Administrative Service in 1987 after graduating with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from Monash University on a Colombo Plan Scholarship.

Ms Chan has served in various portfolios in the former Ministry of Communications and Information, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Public Service Division, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Trade and Industry. She was appointed Permanent Secretary (Law) in 2006 and Permanent Secretary (Finance)(Performance) in 2009. Ms Chan became Permanent Secretary (Education Policy) in April this year.

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