

News Release

SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE AND THE CONSULTING OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF DUBAI SIGNS ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT TO SHARE SINGAPORE'S PUBLIC SECTOR EXPERTISE

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Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) today announced that they have signed an Alliance Framework Agreement with The Consulting Office (TCO) of The Executive Council of Dubai. The signing, which took place in Dubai on Wednesday, 27 August 2008 will see collaborative activities leading to the procurement of services by the Dubai Government from Singapore's public and private sectors.

TCO is a company formed by the Executive Council of Dubai to provide top-tier advisory services to public sector organizations in Dubai, other Emirates and the MENA region to assist them in their current initiatives towards reform as outlined in the Dubai Strategic Plan 2015.

The Executive Council of Dubai is the "Cabinet" of Government of Dubai and is chaired by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and managed by the Secretary General.

Under the agreement, SCE will provide advisory services and knowledge transfer on various high priority areas such as health, education, urban planning and integrated government to the Dubai government.

SCE is already working on its first assignment on e-Health Strategy and Implementation with the Dubai Department of Health Authority through the TCO.

His Excellency Ahmad Bin Byat, Secretary General of Dubai Executive Council and acting Chairman of TCO said, "Dubai Government's proactive initiative in establishing

this company is a clear sign of its determination to continually focus on developing the capability of the public sector. It also reiterates its strong will to share the success of the Dubai model with other governments in the UAE and beyond.”

His Excellency Ahmad Bin Byat also added, “The agreement with SCE will streamline the exchange of knowledge and resources between the two Governments. This will further enhance TCO’s ability to make a significant contribution towards assisting the government departments in achieving their objectives in line with the Dubai Strategic Plan 2015.”

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. Peter Ho, SCE’s Chairman said, “We regard this partnership as a confirmation of Dubai’s persistent quest for excellence. We look forward to joining hands with its government, which is widely acclaimed for being the most active and progressive in the region. We see this agreement as the first step in a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship between the governments of Dubai and Singapore.”

The agreement was signed by Mr. Peter Ho and His Excellency Ahmad Bin Byat.

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