

News Release

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE SIGNS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE
ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN EXPERTS AFFAIRS (REPUBLIC
OF CHINA) TO CO-OPERATE IN THE TRANSFER OF
KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE FOR CHINESE GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS**

Beijing (Republic of China), Monday, 21 December 2009

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed today between Mr. Alphonus Chia, Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) and Mr. Sun Zhaohua, Deputy Director General of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (Republic of China) (SAFEA) to co-operate in the transfer of knowledge and expertise for Chinese government officials.

SAFEA is the lead agency in the Republic of China to oversee, manage and approve all overseas training programmes conducted for its government officials. SAFEA focuses on training its government officials as well as professionals in various industries which is crucial to its key national projects. In order to ensure effective and quality results from overseas training programmes, SAFEA provides overall supervision and management on all training programmes abroad.

Under the MOU framework, according to the needs and requirements of SAFEA, SCE will help undertake training programmes from the Republic of China. SCE will work with the relevant Singapore public agencies and private sector companies to customise training programmes to meet the learning objectives and developmental needs of the Chinese government officials. Through the sharing by our Singapore agencies and trainers, the Chinese officials will be able to appreciate some of the developmental challenges faced by Singapore and the strategies we took to overcome these challenges. Training programme topics can range from Urban Planning, Transportation, Greenery, Public Administration and Governance, Integrated Economics, e-Government,

Industrial Park Management, Community Development and Township Management, Human Resource Management, Port and Logistics Management, Finance Management, etc.

The MOU will also enable SAFEA to invite relevant Singaporean experts to China through SCE, to participate as advisors or speakers for their in-country training programmes. In addition, both SAFEA and SCE will also co-operate in organising training programmes for foreign countries that are keen to tap on the developmental experience of both Singapore and China.

Through this partnership with SAFEA, SCE hopes that it will further enhance the existing strong friendship with the government of the Republic of China and increase more opportunities to exchange knowledge and experiences between China and Singapore.

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