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SINGAPORE TO PARTNER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN BUILDING CAPACITY IN URBAN MANAGEMENT

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The Singapore Cooperation Enterprise and Temasek Foundation, Singapore today announced the launch of a capacity building partnership in the area of urban management with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), India. The three-year programme is supported by Temasek Foundation with a grant amount of SGD \$851,750.

At a ceremony held in New Delhi, a collaboration document was inked between Ms. Sunita Sanghi, Advisor, Managing Urbanisation of NITI Aayog, India; and Mr. Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise to mark the launch of the programme. The signing was witnessed by Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Dr. Bibek Debroy, member of NITI Aayog (Urbanisation), Mr. Alok Kumar, Additional Secretary of NITI Aayog, Mr. Lim Thuan Kuan, Singapore's High Commissioner to India and Mr. Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive Officer of Temasek Foundation. Senior officials from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Assam also were also present at the ceremony.

NITI Aayog is an agency that provides governments at the central and state levels of India with relevant strategic and technical advice across the spectrum of economic policies. In a bid to further India's mission in urban rejuvenation and smart city initiatives, NITI Aayog is keen to tap on Singapore's experience in urban management, to achieve

higher levels of liveability, sustainability and development across the states and cities of India.

The programme consists of a series of capacity building workshops to be conducted in both New Delhi and Singapore. The topics will cover areas of urban planning and governance, water, wastewater and solid waste management, as well as public financing. The workshops aim to enhance the capabilities and institutional knowledge of about 115 Indian government officials from the seven participating states of India, which include Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

SCE will be the lead agency to put together a team of Singapore experts from relevant public and private sector agencies to deliver the workshops. It is also envisaged that through these sharing sessions with the Singapore experts, the government officials from the seven participating states will be able to develop a high-level strategic framework document for each of the topics covered at the end of the programme. These documents will then serve as useful reference guides for NITI Aayog to facilitate other states and cities in India, in helping them in their urban rejuvenation efforts.

Mr. Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog said: ***“Urban Transformation is a high priority area on the National Development Agenda of India. Government’s multipronged strategy in terms of Atal Mission for Urban Rejuvenation and Transformation (AMRUT), Housing for All by 2022 and 100 Smart Cities Mission for transforming the Indian cities hinges on the capacities of Urban Local Bodies and State Governments to efficiently implement these Missions. To realize this vision of transforming urban centers into Engines of Growth, NITI Aayog’s (the Think Tank of Government of India) collaboration with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise would facilitate tapping the expertise of Singapore in urban management for rejuvenating the Indian urban landscape.”***

Mr. Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of SCE said: ***“SCE is happy to share Singapore’s development experience in the areas of urban planning and governance, water, wastewater and solid waste management; as well as public financing with India. Singapore has been successful in its sustainable development in these areas and we hope that through this partnership with***

Temasek Foundation and NITI Aayog, we will be able to touch a multitude of states in India and contribute to their development in Urban Rejuvenation and Transformation; and also efforts in Smart Cities Mission.”

Mr. Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive Officer of Temasek Foundation said: ***“Cities in Asia face many challenges. With Temasek Foundation’s support, we hope to provide a platform for senior officials from Singapore and India to share knowledge and generate ideas to address urban development challenges. In the long-term, we hope to contribute to the development of a network of leaders who will bring about positive changes to the urban development efforts in India.”***

Following the launch ceremony, the first workshop on urban planning and governance will commence in New Delhi from 28 – 29 April 2016.

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Note to Editor:

About Temasek Foundation, Singapore

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organisation anchored in Singapore that seeks to contribute to sustainable growth and a bright future of hope and opportunities for people in Asia. The foundation works with partners to support programmes that develop people through health care, education and research, programmes that build bridges between peoples, programmes that build institutions of excellence through good governance and ethics, and programmes that rebuild lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters.

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About Singapore Cooperation Enterprise

Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) is an agency formed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore in May 2006 to respond effectively to the multitude of foreign requests to tap on Singapore's development experience. SCE works closely with Singapore's 15 ministries and over 60 statutory boards to tailor possible solutions to match the foreign parties' needs. SCE also serves as the focal point of access to expertise across these public agencies.

SCE's main objective is to share Singapore's public sector expertise to interested foreign parties which can be government agencies or non-government entities. In doing so, we aim to build long-term partnerships with foreign parties and to generate business opportunities for Singapore's private sectors. With effect from 31 August 2012, SCE was restructured as an integrated arm of IE Singapore to optimize the synergies between both organizations.

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About NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

NITI Aayog is a premier think tank of the Government of India, a directional and policy dynamo which provides a critical directional and strategic input into the development process. NITI Aayog provides Governments at the central and state levels with relevant strategic and technical advice across the spectrum of key elements of policy. One of the key functions of NITI Aayog is to improve implementation of policy by fostering better Centre-State and also inter-Ministerial coordination and help evolve a shared vision of national development priorities, and foster cooperative federalism, recognizing that strong states make a strong nation. The NITI Aayog also seeks to create a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system through a collaborative community of national and international experts, practitioners and partners. It offers a platform for resolution of inter-sectoral and inter-departmental issues in order to accelerate the implementation of the development agenda.

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