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SINGAPORE COOPERATION ENTERPRISE PARTNERS UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO ORGANISE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME IN SINGAPORE FOR IRAQI HIGHER JUDICIAL COUNCIL OFFICIALS

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Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Iraq Office have organised a study visit programme, funded by the European Commission, for the Iraqi higher judicial council officials from 24 July – 2 August 2009. The 17 member delegation of senior judges, led by Chief Justice for Iraq Federal Supreme Court, Honorable Madhat H. Al-Mahmoud will be in Singapore to study the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the administration of Justice in Iraq. This study visit is the first programme under the Memorandum of Understanding signed in June 2009 between SCE and UNDP.

The objective of this study visit programme aims to provide the Iraqi participants a good understanding on the use of ICT deployment in the Singapore Judiciary; challenges that government faced in the eGovernment platform and the strategies employed by the Singapore Government in its eGovernment initiatives and applications. UNDP-Iraq is implementing a project to support Rule of Law and justice development in Iraq, funded by the European Commission, which aims to establish two pilot courts in Erbil and Basra using computerised case management systems.

Based on the requirements from the UNDP–Iraq, SCE has customised a study visit programme for the judiciary officials in Iraq. SCE will be working closely with experts from the Supreme and Subordinate Courts, the Singapore Academy of Law, the Law

Society of Singapore as well as private company like CrimsonLogic for this study visit programme.

Throughout the 10 days programme, the delegation will be presented with a holistic view on Singapore eJudiciary. They will be embarking on a learning journey to understand Singapore eJudiciary like the LawNet Portal. The participants will also get a first-hand experience in courtroom sit-ins.

“We are looking forward to the visit to Singapore, we think that it has a lot to offer to the Iraqi judiciary particularly in regards to court computerisation and case management systems” said the Iraqi Chief Justice.

Mr. Alphonsus Chia, Chief Executive Officer of SCE said: “This is our first collaboration between SCE and UNDP-Iraq and SCE is pleased that we can serve as a focal point of access in Singapore to share our Singapore’s public sector expertise in eJudiciary system. We look forward to more opportunities to exchange knowledge between the two governments.”

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