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TEMASEK FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL@10 ASIA URBAN GOVERNANCE LEADERS FORUM 2017

Experts and officials across Asia gather in Singapore to discuss urban development challenges

Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry & National Development Dr Koh Poh Koon joined more than 100 senior government officials and urban development experts from over 10 countries across Asia at the launch of the Temasek Foundation International @10 Asia Urban Governance Leaders Forum 2017 today. Jointly organised by Temasek Foundation International (TF Intl) and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE), the forum takes place from 20 to 22 July 2017. (Refer to Annex 1 for the programme)

This forum is part of a series of themed-forums held throughout 2017 by TF Intl to commemorate ten years of partnerships in building capabilities in Asia and beyond. The partnerships focus on the areas of healthcare, education, public administration, urban management and disaster-response capability. (Refer to Annex 2 for the full list of forums)

With participants from Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam and Singapore, this forum gathers alumni of past TF Intl urban-related capability building programmes, as well as new partners to engage in dialogue and exchange ideas on urban development.

“As centres of economic activity, communication and innovation, cities are key to the development of any country or community. As urban populations continue to grow, policy-makers and city planners face challenges in ensuring their cities are sustainable and liveable. This is why urban management is one of the core areas that the Foundation supports, with strong emphasis on building capabilities in areas such as water management, housing and urban planning. We hope the participants will use this platform to share experiences and knowledge with each other, and make friends with other delegates across the region,” said Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive, Temasek Foundation International.

Distinguished speaker, Dr Liu Thai Ker, renowned Architect-Planner of Singapore, will be delivering a Keynote Address on Singapore’s urban trajectory over the last 50 years and join in a plenary session where invited speakers will discuss some of the urban development issues faced by governments in Asia, and engage in dialogue on the key trends that cities in Asia are heading towards.

As part of the mutual learning and knowledge exchange, alumni of past programmes from India, Indonesia and Myanmar will share experiences and case-studies on the urban development journeys of their cities at the forum. Since 2007, more than 3,000 Asian urban management leaders and specialists have benefitted from the programmes supported by TF Intl, which range from water and waste management, to housing and urban planning and governance.

Representatives from Singapore’s public agencies such as Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), PUB, Singapore’s National Water Agency, and e-Government Leadership Centre (eGL) will also share Singapore’s experience in the areas of urban planning, water management, solid waste management and Smart Nation initiatives.

Mr Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of SCE, said: ***“SCE has been a close partner of TF Intl, having jointly implemented some 20 capacity building programmes in urban-related topics. Through these programmes supported by TF Intl, SCE has forged many close relationships with friends across the region through the exchanges of our experiences. This forum is a meaningful platform for us to***

commemorate the many years of partnership between SCE and TF Intl, and also to celebrate the friendships between Singapore and other countries.”

Annex 1 – Forum Programme

Annex 2 – Temasek Foundation International@10 Series of Forums in 2017

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Notes to Editor:

About Temasek Foundation International

Temasek Foundation International is a Singapore-based non-profit philanthropic organisation that funds and supports programmes, which aim to build capabilities with programme partners in Asia and beyond. These programmes enable human and social capital development, contributing towards a more vibrant and connected global community, with positive networks of cooperation. The programmes also aim to enhance capabilities in the areas of health care, education, public administration, urban management and disaster-response. Temasek Foundation International is a member of the Temasek Family of Foundations.

For more information on Temasek Foundation International, visit www.temasekfoundation-international.org.sg.

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 into Singapore's development experience. SCE works closely with Singapore's 16 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 generate business opportunities for Singapore's private sectors. With effect from 31 August 2012, SCE was restructured as an integrated arm of IE Singapore, the government agency promoting international trade and partnering with Singapore companies in going global, to optimise the synergies between both organizations.

For more information on Singapore Cooperation Enterprise, please visit www.sce.org.sg.

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Annex 1 – Forum Programme

Day One – 20 July 2017, Thursday	
Schedule	Programme
9:00am – 9:30am	Registration
9:30am	Start of Programme
9:30am – 9:40am	Welcome Remarks by Mr. Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise
9:40am – 9:55am	Opening Address by Guest of Honour, Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State for National Development and Trade & Industry
9:55am – 10:05am	Screening of Temasek Foundation International Corporate Video
10:05am – 10:15am	Address by Mr. Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International
10:15am – 10:30am	Keynote by Dr. Liu Thai Ker, Renowned Architect-Planner of Singapore
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea Break
11:00am – 12:00pm	Plenary Session: Sharing Possibilities, Inspiring Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Liu Thai Ker, renowned Architect-Planner of Singapore • Mr. Abhas Jha, Practice Manager (Urban and Disaster Risk Management), World Bank Group • Mr. Lee Seng Chee, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Singapore Moderator: Mr. Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Introduction of Speakers
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Dialogue Session: Partnerships for Development in Asia Alumni Speakers of Past Temasek Foundation International Programmes Moderators: Mr. Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International and Mr. Kong Wy Mun, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Cooperation Enterprise
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Landuse Planning in Singapore: Challenges and Strategies in Urban Planning and Development by Urban Redevelopment Authority
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Urban Management in Asia by Surbana Jurong
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Experience Sharing by the Makassar City Government

3:30pm – 3:50pm	Q&A Session
3:50pm – 4:30pm	Tea Break
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Public Financing in Asia by PricewaterhouseCoopers Singapore
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Experience Sharing by the Ministry of Construction, Myanmar
5:00pm – 5:20pm	Q&A Session
5:20pm – 5:30pm	Wrap Up
End of Day One Programme	

Day Two – 21 July 2017, Friday	
Schedule	Programme
9:00am – 9:30am	Registration
9:30am – 9:40am	Opening
9:40am – 10:10am	Singapore Water Story by PUB – Singapore’s National Water Agency
10:10am – 10:30am	Water Solutions in Asia by CH2M
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea Break
11:00am – 11:10am	Experience Sharing by the Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Rajasthan
11:10am – 11:30am	Q&A Session
11:30am – 12:00pm	Solid Waste Management in Singapore
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 2:20pm	Experience Sharing by the Government of NCT of Delhi (Programme with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog))
2:20pm – 2:40pm	Q&A Session
2:40pm – 3:10pm	Tea Break
3:10pm – 3:45pm	Singapore’s Smart Nation Journey by Singapore e-Government Leadership Centre
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Q&A Session
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Wrap up
End of Day Two Programme	

Day Three – 22 July 2017, Saturday**Schedule****Programme**

9:30am – 10:00am

Registration

10:00am – 11:30am

Site Visit

11:45am – 1:00pm

Lunch

End of Day Three Programme

Annex 2 – Temasek Foundation International@10 Series of Forums in 2017

No.	Dates	Event	About the Forum
1	10-12 Apr	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Nurse Leaders Forum 2017	200 nurse leaders from Asia will exchange knowledge, strategies, leadership and management for the advancement of nursing in Asia <i>Co-organised with SingHealth and Singapore Nursing Association</i>
2	20-22 July	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Urban Governance Leaders Forum 2017	A three-day forum involving 100 Asian urban governance leaders and specialists to share knowledge, strategies, leadership and management for the advancement of urban governance and management in Asia <i>Co-organised with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise</i>
3	22- 25 August	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Skills Leaders Forum 2017	60 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) senior policy makers and leaders will share knowledge, strategies, leadership and management skills for the advancement and reform of TVET in Asia <i>Co-organised with ITE Education Services</i>
4	12-14 September	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Conceive – Design – Implement - Operate (CDIO) Forum 2017	A forum for 150 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) leaders on the advancement of CDIO - a framework for the teaching and learning of engineering education, in Asia. <i>Co-organised with Singapore Polytechnic</i>