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Singapore sets up Organising Committee for First Youth Olympic Games

Singapore, 24 March 2008 – Singapore has set up the Organising Committee for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan has appointed Mr Ng Ser Miang, International Olympic Committee Executive Board Member in Singapore, as Chairman of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC) Board. The 22-member SYOGOC Board comprises individuals from the public, private and people sectors. The list of SYOGOC Board members is in Annex A.

2 Dr Balakrishnan said, “Singapore YOG Organising Committee has been entrusted with the heavy responsibility of staging the first-ever Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in just under two-and-a-half years. This is a big challenge but I am confident that, with the expertise and resources that the Board has, coupled with the leadership of Mr Ng Ser Miang, Singapore will give the young athletes participating in the first YOG in 2010 a truly memorable and exciting Games.”

- 3 The SYOGOC will be aided by a Panel of Advisors comprising:
- a. Mr Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence and President of the Singapore National Olympic Council;
 - b. Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Minister for Finance and Minister for Education;

- c. Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts; and
- d. Mr Teo Ser Luck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

4 An Inter-Ministry Committee has also been established to support the work of SYOGOC. Chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MCYS, Mr Niam Chiang Meng, the Committee comprises senior civil servants from different Government agencies, including the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts. Further support from other stakeholders will also come through five Committees in the areas of Sports, Culture & Education, Community Outreach, Youth Engagement and Business & Marketing. Please refer to [Annex B](#) for the SYOGOC organisation chart.

5 The members of the 5 committees will be announced in due course.

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Annexes

- Annex A: SYOGOC Board members
- Annex B: SYOGOC organisation chart

Annex A

Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC) Board Members

No	Position	Name
1	Chairman	Ng Ser Miang <i>International Olympic Committee Executive Board member in Singapore</i>
2	Dy Chair	Niam Chiang Meng <i>Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports</i>
3	Advisor	Kelly Fairweather <i>Chief Executive Officer, Sport Performance Institute, Stellenbosch University</i> <i>Former Director (Sports), International Olympic Committee</i>
4	Members	Alex Chan <i>Chairman, Singapore Sports Council</i>
5		Chris Chan <i>Secretary-General, Singapore National Olympic Council</i>
6		Ms Chang Hwee Nee <i>Deputy Secretary (Policy), Ministry of Education</i>
7		Patrick Daniel <i>Editor-in-Chief, Singapore Press Holdings Ltd</i>
8		Kenny Eng <i>Business Development Manager, Ngee Phoe Group</i> <i>Director, Gardenasia</i>
9		Noel Hon <i>Chairman, Singapore Kindness Movement</i>
10		Koh Seng Leong <i>Olympic sailor</i>
11		Kwek Leng Joo <i>Managing Director, City Developments Limited</i> <i>Vice Chairman, Singapore Business Federation</i>
12		Asst. Prof C Kunalan <i>Secretary, Singapore National Olympic Council Anti-Doping in Sports Commission</i>
13		Low Teo Ping <i>President, Singapore Sailing Federation</i> <i>Vice-President, Singapore National Olympic Council</i>
14		Oon Jin Teik <i>Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Sports Council</i>
15		Michael Palmer <i>Member of Parliament (Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC)</i> <i>Partner, Harry Elias Partnership</i>
16		Ms Annabel Pennefather <i>President, Singapore Hockey Federation</i> <i>Vice-President, Singapore National Olympic Council</i>

No	Position	Name
17		Shaun Seow <i>Deputy CEO (News, Radio, Print), MediaCorp</i>
18		Sim Gim Guan <i>Deputy Secretary (Information & Corporate Management), Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts</i>
19		Dr Benedict Tan <i>Chairman, Singapore National Olympic Council Athletes' Commission</i>
20		Dr Tan Eng Liang <i>Vice-President, Singapore National Olympic Council</i>
21		Mrs Josephine Teo <i>Member of Parliament (Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC) Assistant Secretary-General and Director (Youth Development), National Trades Union Congress</i>
22		Zainudin Nordin <i>Member of Parliament (Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC) Mayor, Central Singapore District</i>

(in alphabetical order)

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SINGAPORE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEE (SYOGOC)

