

## PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

### RESTRUCTURING OF MCYS AND MICA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MINISTRY OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH (MCCY)

Singapore is in a new phase of development. Social and community issues are increasingly important in our shared home. First, we need to strengthen our families and enhance our social safety nets to help those in need. Second, we must foster the arts and sports, and build social capital through volunteerism, while engaging our youth to shape our future together. Third, we have to improve public communications and engagement, so as to reach out more effectively to our increasingly diverse society in the age of social media and rapid technological progress.

2 The above priorities are currently overseen by MCYS and MICA. To focus more sharply on these increasingly important areas of work, and to improve synergies across related issues, the current portfolios of MCYS and MICA will be re-distributed to three ministries:

a A new ministry – the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) – will be established to focus on building a cohesive and vibrant society, and deepening the sense of identity and belonging to the nation. It will assume MCYS' current roles in strengthening community bonds, promoting volunteerism and philanthropy, engaging youth, and developing the sports. It will also assume MICA's arts, heritage and national resilience functions (see Annex for a summary of MCCY's responsibilities);

b MCYS will be renamed the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). It will focus on building strong families, developing our social services and looking after those in need of social support. There is synergy between these portfolios as the family unit is, and should rightfully remain, the fundamental building block of our society; and

c MICA will be renamed the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI). It will oversee the development of the infocomm technology, media

and design sectors; the national and public libraries; as well as Government's information and public communications policies. REACH will be transferred from the current MCYS to MCI. The reorganisation will enable the Government to focus more sharply on communication and information.

3. The above changes will take effect on 1 Nov 2012.

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## FUNCTIONS UNDER MCCY

Portfolio	Functions	Agencies Under MCCY
<b>(A) Community Development and Relations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting harmonious communal relations</li> <li>• Promoting volunteerism and philanthropy</li> <li>• Regulating charities and co-operatives</li> <li>• Muslim Affairs, including Syariah Court and Registry of Muslim Marriages (<i>NB: Minister Yaacob Ibrahim remains Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hindu Endowments Board</li> <li>• Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura</li> <li>• National Arts Council</li> <li>• National Art Gallery</li> <li>• National Heritage Board</li> <li>• National Youth Council</li> <li>• People's Association (PA)</li> <li>• School of the Arts</li> <li>• Singapore Sports Council</li> <li>• Singapore Sports School</li> <li>• The Esplanade</li> </ul>
<b>(B) National Resilience and Identity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating affinity for Singapore amongst Singaporeans and international community</li> <li>• Strengthening national identity and rootedness</li> <li>• Nurturing a gracious society and resilient nation</li> </ul>	
<b>(C) Arts &amp; Heritage Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing the arts and heritage sectors.</li> <li>• Shaping a nation which is proud of its culture and heritage.</li> <li>• Creating a nurturing environment for the arts.</li> <li>• Promoting the use of the four official languages.</li> </ul>	
<b>(D) Sports Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting sports-for-all</li> <li>• Nurturing sports excellence</li> <li>• Developing the sports industry</li> </ul>	
<b>(E) Youth Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing youth organisations</li> <li>• Grooming youth leaders</li> <li>• Promoting youth engagement</li> </ul>	