

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE**

1. Mr Alan Chan Heng Loon, Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Press Holdings (SPH), will be appointed as the Chairman of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (LTA) with effect from 1 April 2016. Mr Chan succeeds Mr Michael Lim Choo San, who steps down as Chairman of LTA after 14 years, on 31 March 2016.

### **Outgoing Chairman, Mr Michael Lim Choo San**

2. Mr Michael Lim Choo San (林子山) has served as Chairman of LTA since 1 September 2002. He is also Chairman of the Singapore Accountancy Commission, and a member of the Public Service Commission.

3. Under his stewardship, LTA launched the Land Transport Master Plan in 2008 (and updated in 2013) which sets out Singapore's land transport strategies. Mr Lim has been a champion of LTA's transformation into a commuter-centric organisation. With his guidance and encouragement, LTA fostered greater public engagement and responsiveness towards customers by working closely with key stakeholders such as grassroots leaders and local residents to develop land transport solutions that meet diverse needs.

4. With the guidance and support of Mr Lim, LTA implemented key rail projects such as the Circle Line (CCL), the Jurong East Modification Programme (JEMP), the North-South Line Extension (NSLe) and the Downtown Line (DTL), which have expanded our rail network to more than 200km today. LTA also launched the Bus Service Enhancement Programme (BSEP) to significantly increase bus capacity and bus service levels. He also played an instrumental role in transforming Singapore's public bus industry to the new contracting model that enhances responsiveness and competition in the provision of public bus services. Mr Lim also championed efforts to create a more positive commuting experience through infrastructural improvements such as sheltered linkways, lifts at overhead bridges, and the building of Integrated Transport Hubs.

5. Mr Lim placed great emphasis on the organisational development of LTA. He oversaw the growth and development of LTA from 3,600 staff in 2002 to 5,800 today with a strong emphasis on building up a resilient engineering core. He also instilled a strong culture of financial prudence and corporate governance.

6. The LTA has grown from strength to strength and benefited greatly from Mr Lim's experience and leadership.

7. The Ministry of Transport and the Land Transport Authority wish to place on record our appreciation to Mr Lim for his many years of dedicated and distinguished service to the LTA.

### **Incoming Chairman, Mr Alan Chan Heng Loon**

8. Mr Alan Chan Heng Loom (陈庆麟) has been the Chief Executive Officer of SPH since 1 January 2003. He is also a member of the Public Service Commission and a Director of Business China. He chaired the Council that revised the Code of Corporate Governance in 2012.

9. Before joining SPH, Mr Chan was an Administrative Officer in the Civil Service. Mr Chan's previous appointments within the Civil Service included Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Principal Private Secretary to then-Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew. Mr Chan holds a Diplome d'Ingenieur from the Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile, France and MBA (with Distinction) from INSEAD, France. In 2009, he was selected by INSEAD as "one of 50 Alumni who changed the world". Mr Chan's extensive leadership experience will offer LTA invaluable guidance in the future development of land transport in Singapore.

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