

New Chairman and Board Members Appointed to PUB

Singapore, 30 March 2017: PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency announced today changes to its board. Mr Chiang Chie Foo will take over from Mr Tan Gee Paw as Chairman of PUB with effect from 1 April 2017. Mr Tan will be stepping down after helming the water agency since 2001.

The other board changes are as follows, with all new appointments to take effect on 1 April 2017.

Appointment of New Board Members

- Mr Abu Bakar bin Mohd Nor, Managing Director, Keppel Singmarine Pte Ltd
- Mr S Thiagarajan, Director (Strategy), Freelancers and Self-Employed Unit, NTUC
- Mr Tan Siong Leng, Deputy Chief Executive, URA (retired)

Re-Appointment of Board Members

- Ms Janet Ang, Vice President, Systems of Engagement & Smarter Cities, IBM Asia Pacific
- Prof Quek Tong Boon, Chief Executive, National Robotics Programme; and Chief Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Prof Chan Eng Soon, Provost's Chair Professor, Faculty of Engineering, NUS
- Mr Tan Wah Yeow, Deputy Managing Partner, KPMG Singapore
- Ms Rachel Eng, Deputy Chairman, WongPartnership LLP
- Mr Chan Beng Seng, Director (Sector Development & Commissioning) / (Healthcare Finance, Resourcing), MOH

Stepping down of Board Members (upon completion of term on 31 March 2017)

- Mr Lim How Teck, Chairman, Redwood International Pte Ltd
- Mr Zainal bin Sapari, Director, Centre for Contract & Casual Workers, NTUC

Mr Tan Gee Paw

Chairman of PUB, Singapore's national water agency since 1 April 2001, Mr Tan Gee Paw (陈义辅), 73 years old, played an instrumental role in shaping Singapore's water story. Under his leadership, Singapore has developed a diversified and robust water supply that comprises the four National Taps. In addition to imported water and water from local reservoirs, Singapore also has two other sources – NEWater and desalination – which are less dependent on rainfall. These help to strengthen the resilience of our water supply against droughts.



Mr Tan's illustrious career in environmental and water management spanned nearly 50 years, and dates back to the late 60s, when as a young engineer, he embarked on his first major project to draw up the Bukit Timah Flood Alleviation Scheme. This was one of the most important and complex schemes during the early nation-building years to alleviate floods in the rapidly developing Bukit Timah catchment. Singapore's flood prone areas have been reduced from 3,200 ha in the 1970s to about 30 ha today.

Mr Tan was a pivotal figure in developing Singapore's first Water Master Plan in 1972. The Master Plan outlined long-term plans for water supply and set the foundation towards strengthening Singapore's water resilience. It considered the options of water reuse and seawater desalting, which were subsequently developed to become Singapore's third and fourth national taps, successfully closing the water loop and allowing PUB to manage all aspects of the water cycle in an integrated manner.

Mr Tan also left an indelible mark on the clean-up of Singapore River and Kallang Basin in 1977 – hailed then as the most significant and ambitious clean-up project to date and a turning point in Singapore's history. His contributions towards the clean-up of the highly polluted catchments built the foundation for the iconic Marina Reservoir years later - the first reservoir-in-a-city with a catchment area one-sixth the size of the island.

For his distinguished service and contributions, Mr Tan received the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1978 and a Special Award (Gold Medal) for Clean River Commemoration in 1987. He also received the Medal of Commendation at the NTUC May Day Award in 2005 and the President's Award for the Environment in 2007.

Mr Tan was presented the Meritorious Service Medal in 2001 for his work as Permanent Secretary of the then Ministry of the Environment and the Distinguished Service Order in 2010 for his work as Chairman of PUB. In 2011, he was conferred the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award by the National University of Singapore; and the NUS Society Distinguished and Outstanding Member Award by National University of Singapore in 2014.

In 2012, Mr Tan was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Engineering, Singapore. He was presented with the President's Science and Technology Medal 2015 for his imperative role in harnessing science and technology to enable Singapore to achieve a sustainable water supply, and in building Singapore's water and environmental R&D ecosystem. Mr Tan was also

elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Singapore and awarded the Lifetime Engineering Achievement Award in 2015.

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Mr Chiang Chie Foo

Mr Chiang Chie Foo (郑子富), 61 years old, retired from the Civil Service in 2013. Mr Chiang joined the Administrative Service in 1981 after graduating with a Bachelor of Electronic Engineering (Honours) Degree from the University of Western Australia on a Colombo Plan Scholarship. He subsequently obtained a Masters of Public Administration in 1988 from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, USA.



Mr Chiang's previous appointments include key positions as Director, Internal Security Department in the Ministry of Home Affairs from 1993 to 1997, and Principal Private Secretary to then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong from 1990 to 1992. He was appointed as Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, in 1997, and subsequently as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, in 1999 till 2004. Mr Chiang held the appointment of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence from 2004 to 2013. He was then concurrently appointed as Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, in Dec 2005 until August 2011. As a commendation of his distinguished service in the public sector, Mr Chiang was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 1997, the Long Service Medal in 2004 and the Meritorious Service Medal in 2007.

In Appreciation

PUB extends its appreciation to Mr Tan Gee Paw, Mr Lim How Teck and Mr Zainal bin Sapari for their years of invaluable contributions to the Board. PUB also warmly welcomes its new Chairman, Mr Chiang Chee Foo and all new and returning Board members.

(The write-ups of the new board members, and the full list of board members can be found in Annex A and Annex B respectively.)

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