

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Mr Tan Meng Dui will be appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Environment Agency (NEA) with effect from 2 October 2018. He will succeed Mr Ronnie Tay, who will be retiring from the Administrative Service.

### **Contributions of Mr Ronnie Tay**

Mr Ronnie Tay, 54, has been the Chief Executive Officer of the National Environment Agency (NEA) since 1 July 2013. Under his leadership, NEA made significant achievements in reviewing key policies, building new capabilities and rolling out new programmes to ensure that Singapore's environment remains clean and sustainable. He also led NEA in transforming to be more responsive and resourceful in tackling both present and future environmental challenges.

Under Ronnie's guidance, NEA successfully managed the dengue and Zika outbreaks in Singapore. He oversaw the development of innovative measures to fight dengue, such as leveraging data from Gravitrap and embarking on trials using the novel Wolbachia technology.

Ronnie also drove the development of waste management infrastructure, including planning for new waste-to-energy plants, and various initiatives to address food waste, e-waste and packaging waste. He played a key role in managing transboundary haze, including the enactment of the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act. He also led the implementation of higher emission standards for industry, vehicles and motorcycles. During his tenure, the energy efficiency requirements for industry were enhanced, the system for measuring, reporting and verifying industry greenhouse gas emissions for implementing carbon tax was established, and new capabilities to monitor and analyse ambient radiation developed.

Ronnie also played a key role in steering the development of 20 new hawker centres, and the formulation and implementation of the Hawker 3.0 Masterplan to sustain the hawker trade, enhance the vibrancy of hawker centres and raise their productivity level. He also

oversaw the review of food and environmental hygiene policies, as well as the development of after-death services infrastructure and policies to ensure the adequate provision of these facilities and services.

Ronnie also led the development of the Environmental Services Industry Transformation Map, in partnership with industry, unions and other government agencies, to uplift productivity, jobs and skills in the cleaning and waste management sectors.

Under Ronnie's leadership, NEA established research and development programmes for waste to energy, waste management and robotics, and leveraged data analytics, sensors and technology for smart enforcement and effective delivery of environmental services.

### **Incoming CEO Mr Tan Meng Dui**

Mr Tan Meng Dui, 50, is currently Deputy Secretary (Development) in the Ministry of National Development. Prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Secretary (Technology) in MINDEF HQ and held the rank of Brigadier General in the Singapore Armed Forces.

Mr Tan graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) First Class Honours from the University of London, Imperial College of Science and Technology, United Kingdom in 1989. He subsequently obtained a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, USA in 2001. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) (Military) in 2006, and the Long Service Medal (Military) in 2011.

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### **Registration of appreciation**

MEWR would like to place on record our deep appreciation for Mr Ronnie Tay's invaluable contributions to NEA and the MEWR Family, and welcome Mr Tan Meng Dui.

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