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Appointment of new Chairman of the Council for Private Education

Mr Khoo Chin Hean will be appointed as Chairman of the Council for Private Education (CPE) from 1 December 2015 (Please see Annex A for a write up on Mr Khoo). Mr Khoo succeeds Mr Lin Cheng Ton, who will step down as Chairman of CPE after six years.

2 The Ministry of Education (MOE) and CPE would like to express their deep appreciation to Mr Lin, for his invaluable contributions. Mr Lin, who is also Chief Advisor, Nanyang Polytechnic International, was appointed Chairman of the Pro-tem Council for Private Education in March 2009. Under Mr Lin's chairmanship, CPE established the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework and voluntary EduTrust Certification Scheme that weeded out errant fly-by-night operators and set higher governance standards for the remaining Private Education Institutions (PEIs) in the sector. Mr Lin guided CPE's industry development efforts to help more PEIs adopt IT solutions for their school management systems, so that they could improve their administrative efficiency for critical processes such as student admission, and to better track and support their students' learning. Mr Lin was also instrumental in developing CPE's consumer education and student services efforts. The Student Services Centre launched in 2010 and the student awareness campaign launched in 2011 – "Choose Right, Take Charge" – helped prospective students to make informed decisions on their private education options. CPE's outreach has continued to extend to more partners, and more information on PEIs is now available to students through various channels such as the CPE website.

3. Mr Khoo Chin Hean has over 30 years of experience in the public sector and held senior appointments at the former Ministry of Environment, Energy Market Authority and Ngee Ann Polytechnic before he retired from the public service in 2008. Mr Khoo has been a member of the CPE Board since 2009 and has chaired two key board committees, namely the Regulation and Quality Assurance Committee (until 30 Sep 2010) and Audit Committee (until 30 Nov 2015).

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About Council for Private Education

Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board, under the Ministry of Education, established in December 2009 to regulate the private education industry. The council has implemented two schemes – the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework (ERF) and the EduTrust Certification Scheme – to uplift and maintain standards in the private education sector. Besides its role as a sectoral regulator, the council also provides student services and public education through its Student Services Centre, and promotes the development of the private education industry. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg>

ANNEX A

Mr Khoo Chin Hean 邱進賢



Mr Khoo Chin Hean has been extensively involved in public policy, regulatory work and administration in several areas related to the environment, education and energy over the years. He started his career in the Environment Ministry where he had served in operational and strategic policy-making capacities in solid waste management, air pollution control and the control of hazardous materials. He served as the Director of Environmental Policy and Management before leaving in 1995 to take up the appointment as the Principal of Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He left Ngee Ann Polytechnic in 2000 to take up the appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Public Utilities Board (PUB). His task in the PUB was to restructure the electricity and gas sectors for competition. This led to the restructuring of the PUB into a comprehensive water agency and the formation of the Energy Market Authority (EMA) to implement and regulate competition in the electricity and gas industries. Mr Khoo subsequently left the PUB to head the EMA to complete the task of stewarding the reforms and restructuring of the energy sector. He retired from the civil service in December 2008 and continues to serve in the Governing Boards of various organisations in the Government and the private sector. He serves as a member of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore board, and as the Executive Director of the Energy Studies Institute of National University of Singapore. He was also the Chief Executive Officer of OpenNet Pte. Ltd. from November 2010 to September 2012.

Mr Khoo has been a member of the CPE Board since 2009 and has led key committees reporting to the CPE Board as Chairman of the Regulation and Quality Assurance Committee (until 30 Sep 2010) and Audit Committee (until 30 Nov 2015).