

## **Write-up on New Commissioner of Inland Revenue (“CIR”) and Outgoing CIR**

### **Dr Tan Kim Siew**

Dr Tan Kim Siew, 58, joined the Singapore Armed Forces in 1973 on being awarded an SAF Overseas Scholarship. He was appointed to the Administrative Service in 1979 and remained in the SAF/MINDEF until 1994. He held various appointments in the SAF/MINDEF, including Head (Joint Communications and Electronics Department), Head (Joint Plans Department) and Director (Defence Materials Organisation).

Thereafter, Dr Tan served in the Ministry of National Development where he was the Deputy Secretary before his appointment as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Planner, Urban Redevelopment Authority from 1996 to 2001. Dr Tan led URA to realise its vision of turning Singapore into a tropical city of excellence. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 2001.

Dr Tan served as Deputy Secretary (Policy) in the Ministry of Finance from 2001 to 2003 before his appointment as Second Permanent Secretary (Defence). In 2005, he was appointed as Permanent Secretary (Defence Development). Dr Tan has played a key role in strengthening MINDEF’s financial and personnel systems, as well as building up the SAF’s defence and technological capabilities to meet the challenges of the future.

### **Mr Moses Lee**

Mr Moses Lee, 61, joined the Administrative Service in 1974. He served in various capacities in the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Development, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Education before his appointment as the Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister from 1987 to 1990. He was on secondment to the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation as its General Manager from 1990 to 1994.

Mr Lee was appointed Permanent Secretary (Labour) in 1994 and Permanent Secretary (Community Development) in 1997. He was concurrently Second Permanent Secretary of Health from 1997 to 1999 when he became Permanent Secretary (Health). Mr Lee led the Ministry of Health in tackling the SARS crisis in 2003, improved the healthcare delivery system and enhanced the healthcare financing framework to keep healthcare affordable. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) in 1996.

Mr Lee was appointed Commissioner of Inland Revenue and Chief Executive Officer, IRAS in 2005. He has steered IRAS to a higher standard of professional and service excellence, provided many customer-centric services and reduced taxpayers’ compliance costs.