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NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SINGAPORE CUSTOMS

On 1 January 2008, Singapore Customs will have a new Director-General of Customs, Mr Fong Yong Kian, who will take over from Mr Teo Eng Cheong.

2 Mr Fong's career in the Administrative Service began in 1989 at the then Ministry of Communications. Since then, he has had various postings in the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs as well as Ministry of Finance.

3 On his appointment to Singapore Customs, Mr Fong, 42 years old, said, "I look forward to joining Singapore Customs. I am excited to be part of the team to strengthen Singapore's global trade hub position and bring about a positive impact for the trading community".

4 Current Director-General Mr Teo, 41 years old, will be joining the Competition Commission of Singapore as its Chief Executive with effect from 1 January 2008. During his tenure at Singapore Customs since 16 August 2004, Mr Teo made significant steps to champion trade facilitation efforts, bringing a new dimension to the organisation beyond its regulatory and enforcement portfolios. A number of facilitative schemes such as Zero-GST Warehouse Scheme, Strategic Trade Scheme and Secure Trade Partnership Programme were introduced to support Singapore as a secure global trade hub of choice. He led the development of TradeXchange[®], and oversaw the successful launch of the new TradeNet[®] version 4.0.

5 Singapore Customs warmly welcomes Mr Fong on board and expresses its appreciation to Mr Teo for his leadership and contributions.

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