

Press Release

SENIOR APPOINTMENT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Mr Teo Ming Kian, 53, has been appointed Permanent Secretary, National Research and Development, Prime Minister's Office, with effect from 1 January 2006. Mr Teo will continue concurrently as Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Chairman, Economic Development Board.

As Permanent Secretary, National Research and Development, Prime Minister's Office, Mr Teo is the supervising Permanent Secretary for the National Research Foundation (NRF). The NRF, a new department under the Prime Minister's Office, is set up as a secretariat of the Research Innovation and Enterprise Council (RIEC). NRF will coordinate research of different agencies within the larger national framework in order to provide a coherent strategic overview and direction. It will develop policies and plans to implement national research, innovation and enterprise strategies approved by the RIEC as well as allocate funding to programmes that meet NRF strategic objectives.

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BIO-DATA

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Mr Teo graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from Monash University in 1975 on a Colombo Plan scholarship. He obtained a Masters in Business Administration in 1985 and a Master of Science in Management in 1986 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr Teo joined the Singapore Armed Forces in 1975 and the Defence Engineering and Scientific Service of the Ministry of Defence in 1979. His appointments in the Ministry of Defence included Deputy Secretary (Resource Management), Deputy Secretary (Development) and Deputy Secretary (Technology). Mr Teo was absorbed into the Administrative Service in 1989.

He was appointed Second Permanent Secretary (Defence) in 1991 (re-designated as Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) in 1992). He was appointed Permanent Secretary (Communications) in 1995 and in 1999, he was appointed Executive Chairman, National Science and Technology Board. In 2001, Mr Teo was appointed Chairman, Economic Development Board while continuing concurrently as Co-Chairman, National Science and Technology Board (subsequently renamed A*STAR) till February 2003. Mr Teo was appointed concurrently as Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance in July 2005.