

## Annex A

### 1) Chairperson: **Ms Claire Chiang**

Ms Claire Chiang is the Senior Vice President responsible for the strategic direction, management and operation of Banyan Tree and Angsana Galleries. She is also the Chairperson of the Banyan Trees Global Foundation, which was established in 2009. In 2010, she assumed the roles of Chairperson, China Business Development and Chairperson, Human Capital Development Task Force. Ms Chiang has served two terms as a Nominated Member of Parliament, she is the Director and Non-Executive Chairperson of the Wildlife Reserves Singapore and Chairperson of the Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund. She sits on the Global Governing Board of the Caux Round Table as Vice-Chair for Asia. Following her appointment as Justice of Peace in 2008, she was appointed to the Board of Visiting Justices in 2010. Her other duties include chairing the Employer's Alliance and the Shirin Fozdar Trust Fund, as well as co-chairing the Pro-Family Business Council and the Partner Connection Fund. Ms Chiang is a member of the Board of Governors of Raffles' Girls School, a member of Singapore General Hospital Medifund Committee, and a mentor for the Young Women's Leadership Connection mentorship programme. She volunteers with Help Every Lone Parent and the People's Association. In 2010, she became a member of the Advisory Council, National Committee for United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in Singapore.

### 2) Immediate Past Chairperson: **Ms Lim Li Kok**

Ms Lim is the Managing Director of Asiapac Books Pte Ltd, a publishing house which she founded in 1983. Asiapac is renowned for producing illustrated books and comics on a range of subjects covering Asian wisdom and culture. She is an active member of the NBDCS since 2000, and has served in various capacities as Hon. Secretary, Vice Chairperson and Chairperson. Ms Lim is also an active member of the Singapore Book Publishers Association, the Singapore Chinese Book Publishers Association, and the Singapore Society of Asian Studies. She was conferred the title of 'Spirit of Enterprise Award: Year 2004 Honouree'.

### 3) Vice Chairman: **Mr Chua Hong Koon**

Chua Hong Koon is the Publishing Director at World Scientific Publishing Company. Hong Koon has more than 30 years of publishing experience working with major publishers like Pearson and Oxford University Press. He has published many types of books, from children's books to assessment and reference books, school and higher education textbooks, trade and professional books, also Christian books. Hong Koon served as an Exco member of the Singapore Book Publishers Association for several years. He is currently an executive member of the National Book Development Council of Singapore. He has a Science degree and also a Law degree.

### 4) Hon Secretary: **Mrs Kiang-Koh Lai Lin**

Mrs Kiang-Koh Lai Lin was the Director of Reading Initiatives Division, National Library Board (NLB) before her retirement in March 2014. The Division aims to foster a reading culture in Singapore through the development of active reading communities to build a nation of readers. Presently she is re-employment as Consultant of the National Archives of Singapore. Lai Lin also served as the Information coordinator, Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section, International Federation

Library Associations (IFLA) from 2000 to 2005. The SCL News of the IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section, June 2005 issue had won the Newsletter of the Year in 2005. Lai Lin was awarded "The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)" in 1990 and The Long Service Award in 2000. Lai Lin also received the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarian (CONSAL)'s "Outstanding Librarian Award", Silver Medal 2009 during the 14th General Conference of the CONSAL in Hanoi.

5) Hon. Treasurer: **Mr Leo Vincent**

Leo Vincent started his first job in the book industry in 1983 with MPH Bookstores. He left MPH in 1999 to start his own business at Advance Library Services Pte Ltd. ALS has established itself as one of the 'shelf-ready' vendors providing a full spectrum of library services including collection development, full cataloguing services, and sourcing of print and non-print materials for both academic and public libraries and has launched Apollo in 2014 to facilitate e-procurement for all library institutions.

Members:

6) **Ms Jennifer Yin**

Jennifer Yin is Director of the Language Division at the National Heritage Board. She is responsible for Singapore's four language promotion secretariats—the Speak Good English Movement, the Promote Mandarin Council, the Tamil Language and Malay Language Councils. The division also looks after NHB's language and translation needs. Jennifer was also Director International Relations and Director Programmes and Outreach at the National Library Board. She led the library@orchard strategy and concept plan. Her early career was at Times Publishing, The Singapore Monitor and the South China Morning Post. She was also concurrently, Advisor, SEA of the World Economic Forum for 15 years.

7) **Ms Evelyn Wong**

Evelyn is an independent consultant and writer, with over 35 years' experience in Canada and Singapore as researcher, writer, educator, director and consultant in industrial relations, international relations, leadership and sustainable development. She has authored and edited publications on labour issues and corporate social responsibility. A Singaporean, born and raised in Canada, she celebrates the world through children's literature. She has published two bilingual children's picture books, sponsored by the Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism.

8) **Mr Seow Yung Wen, David**

David Seow was born and raised in Singapore. He studied at Anglo-Chinese School, Oregon Episcopal School and the University of Portland, Oregon. After a stint in sitcom writing, David embarked on a career in children's literature. David is the author of thirty-two well-received children's books, including The "Sam, Sebbie and Di-Di-Di" series, "Blow A Kiss" "There's Soup on My Fly", "If I were a Blue Kangaroo" and "Emma's Elephant". David's book "There's Soup on My Fly" was shortlisted for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award and was dramatized at the Asian Festival of Children's Content in 2012. That same year "Blow A Kiss" was selected as one of the top ten children's picture books from Singapore for the IFLA Congress in Helsinki, Finland. His latest book is "A Day with the Duchess". He is represented by Jacaranda Literary Agency.

#### 9) **Ms Koh Juat Muay**

Juat is the Chief Operating Officer, Global Alliance with The RICE Company Ltd. Over the past decade, she has applied her management experience and skills to help organisations with their strategic communications, business and talent development. She is the author of "One Dish Wonder: A Simple Recipe To Manage Communications Risk" and holds a Masters in Organisational Leadership (Monash University), Bachelors of Arts and Social Science (National University of Singapore) and Specialist Diploma in Counselling Psychology.

#### 10) **Mr Thuraimanikam**

R. Thuraimanikam is the Vice President of the Singapore Tamil Writers Association. He has written for Tamil language newspapers like Tamil Murasu, Tamil Malar and Tamil Nesan and he was the Editor of magazines like "Mannavar Poonga" and "Kolgai Mullakam". He has also compiled short stories he wrote for the Singapore Tamil radio into two books, "Vallar Pirai" (Crescent) and "Yellai Kottu" (Boundary). One of his short story compilations, "Kalam Kadanthu Vittathu" (Time Has Passed) was published in 1990, in conjunction with the celebration of Singapore's 25th National Day.

#### 11) **Mr Edmund Wee**

Edmund Wee is the founder of Epigram Books, a publisher best known for its bestselling chapter book series by Adeline Foo, "The Diary of Amos Lee". Among Epigram Books' titles are the landmark translations of nine novels and short-story collections by Cultural Medallion winners from Chinese, Malay and Tamil into English last year (another four are expected this year), and eleven out-of-print novels re-published for a new generation of readers. He also published former Foreign Minister S Rajaratnam's short stories and the English translations of children's picture books from Europe and Asia.

#### 12) **Mr Gene Tan**

Gene Tan is Director of the National Library of Singapore. Gene is a librarian by training and was also the President of the Library Association of Singapore spearheading the representation of librarians' and libraries interest in Singapore. In his career as librarian, he has done innovative projects to reinvent the nature of librarianship. These include the original library@orchard and being involved in the development of the National Library Building. He was the winner of Enterprise Challenge (TEC) Champion award for developing and promoting innovation in Singapore's public service. As Director of National Library, Gene directs the Singapore Memory Project, a whole of nation project that was announced by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at his National Day Rally 2011. It aims to develop a national bank of content on Singapore through collecting, preserving, organising and promoting the use of anything that has ever been said or thought about Singapore.