

LEO YIP APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (EDB)

The Minister for Trade and Industry has appointed Mr Leo Yip as Deputy Chairman of the EDB with effect from 1 September 2008. Mr Yip will retain his current appointment as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Manpower.

2 Mr Yip joined the Singapore Police Force in 1982 on being awarded a Singapore Police Force Overseas Scholarship. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics from Cambridge, and subsequently obtained a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Warwick and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.



3 Mr Yip served in various capacities in the Singapore Police Force before being appointed Principal Private Secretary to then Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 2000. He was appointed Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Manpower in 2002 and was concurrently Chief Executive, Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) from 2003. Mr Yip was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Manpower in 2005.

4 Mr Yip's appointment will allow greater synergies and closer cooperation between EDB and MOM on critical issues like talent attraction efforts under Contact Singapore and on meeting manpower needs for our economic development.

5 MTI and EDB welcome Mr Leo Yip to the Board of the EDB.

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