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**CHARITY COUNCIL TO PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SELF  
REGULATION**

A Charity Council has been set up to promote good governance and self regulation in the charity sector.

2 Chaired by Chairman of Ernst & Young, Mrs Fang Ai Lian, the Council comprises 14 members. Eight members, including the Chairman of National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre, are from the people sector and are chosen for their expertise in accountancy, corporate governance, entrepreneurship and law. They are also involved in volunteer and charity work in varied fields such as arts and heritage, community, education, health and social services. The remaining members are representatives from the six Sector Administrators. Members of the Council, including the six Sector Administrators, will be formally appointed when the Charities (Amendment) Act 2006 is brought into operation early next year. The details of the Council members are at [Annex](#).

3 The Council will encourage the adoption of good governance standards and best practices, to enhance public confidence in the charity sector. It will also help build capabilities of charities and IPCs to enable them to comply with regulatory requirements and enhance public accountability. In addition, the Council will advise the Commissioner of Charities (COC) on key regulatory issues such as proposals on new regulations, where there may be broad-ranging impact on charities and IPCs.

4 The formation of the Council was a key recommendation of the Inter-Ministry Committee (IMC) on the Regulation of Charities and Institutions of a Public Character (IPC) earlier this year.

5 The members of the Charity Council have met on 18 October and have agreed that their immediate priority is to identify the key issues and needs of the charity sector so as to develop the appropriate measures to address them.

6 Charity Council Chairman, Mrs Fang, said, "The Council wants to help improve the governance standards in the charity sector. We recognise the good work of charities and we don't want them to be penalised for problems in governance or capabilities, where it is possible to intervene and improve the situation."

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**CHARITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Chairman</b>
<p>1. Mrs Fang Ai Lian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Chairman, Ernst &amp; Young</li><li>▪ Chairman, Banking &amp; Finance Committee of Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore's (ICPAS)</li><li>▪ Chairman, Accounting Standards Committee of ICPAS</li><li>▪ President, Home Nursing Foundation</li><li>▪ Trustee, NTUC Eldercare Trust</li></ul>
<b>Council Members</b>
<p>2. A/P Mak Yuen Teen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Director, Corporate Governance and Financial Reporting Centre, NUS Business School</li><li>▪ Vice Chairman, Singapore Anti-Tuberculosis Association (SATA)</li><li>▪ Board Member of the new National Kidney Foundation</li><li>▪ Board member, Financial Industry Dispute Resolution Centre Ltd (FIDReC)</li></ul>
<p>3. Mr Tay Poey Cher, David</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ President, The Photographic Society of Singapore</li><li>▪ Chairman, Tampines East Citizens' Consultative Committee (CCC)</li><li>▪ Board Member, People's Association</li><li>▪ Chairman, Audit Committee of People's Association</li></ul>
<p>4. Mrs Diana Ee-Tan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Managing Director, Raffles Hotels &amp; Resorts</li><li>▪ Executive Vice President, Fairmount Hotels &amp; Resorts, Asia Pacific</li><li>▪ Executive Committee Member, Singapore Hotel Association (SHA)</li><li>▪ Vice Chairman, Singapore Hotel &amp; Tourism Education Centre (SHATEC)</li><li>▪ NAC Marketing Resource Panel</li></ul>
<p>5. Mr Suhaimi Salleh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ CEO, SSA Consulting Group</li><li>▪ President, Institute of Management Consultants (Singapore)</li><li>▪ Vice-President, Prophet Muhammad's Birthday Memorial (PMBM) Scholarship Fund Board</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board Member, Ngee Ann Polytechnic</li> <li>▪ Board Member, Malay Heritage Foundation</li> </ul>
<p>6. Mr Rajaram Ramiah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partner, Wee Ramayah &amp; Partners</li> <li>▪ MCYS' Member of the Board of Visitors (Children &amp; Young Persons' Homes)</li> </ul>
<p>7. Mr Tan Hup Foi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman, Ngee Ann Polytechnic</li> <li>▪ Board Member, Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE)</li> </ul>
<p>8. RADM(Ret) Kwek Siew Jin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman, National Volunteer &amp; Philanthropy Centre</li> <li>▪ President, National Council of Social Service</li> <li>▪ President, Singapore Dragon Boat Association</li> </ul>
<p>9. Mr Tan Kee Yong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deputy Secretary (Services), Ministry of Education</li> </ul>
<p>10. Mr Goh Aik Guan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Health</li> </ul>
<p>11. Mr Lim Soo Ping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deputy Secretary (Information and the Arts), Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts</li> </ul>
<p>12. Mr Benedict Cheong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Social Service</li> </ul>
<p>13. Mr Tan Boon Huat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Executive Director, People's Association</li> </ul>
<p>14. Mr Oon Jin Teik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Sports Council</li> </ul>