

## PRESS STATEMENT

### Commissioner of Charities Carries Out Inquiry on Sri Siva Krishna Temple

The Commissioner of Charities (COC) is carrying out an inquiry on the Sri Siva Krishna Temple (SSKT) under Section 8 of the Charities Act.

2. In end July 2009, the Hindu Endowments Board (HEB) highlighted to the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) some areas of concern with how the Temple was being managed. Following this, the COC carried out a review on the Temple. This review identified certain areas of concern with regard to governance and administration, which warrant further inquiry. The COC has therefore decided to commence a formal inquiry into the Temple before deciding on the next course of action.

3. During the inquiry, the Temple's operations will not be affected. The HEB has put in place measures for the Temple to continue with its daily services, and to ensure that the Temple is properly managed during the inquiry.

Commissioner of Charities' Office  
Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS)  
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#### Background Information

The Sri Siva-Krishna Temple (SSKT) is located at 31 Marsiling Rise, Singapore 739127. It is a registered society (since 1970) and a charity (since 1998). Based on information submitted to the Registry of Societies, the SSKT has 50 ordinary members of which 16 are members of the Management Committee.

The SSKT is also an endowment as defined under section 2 of the Hindu Endowments Act<sup>1</sup>. In 2008, on the invitation of the Temple, the Hindu Endowments Board (HEB) assisted the Temple in organizing the Consecration and managing its financial affairs. A Protem Committee was set up for this purpose.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 2 of the Hindu Endowments Act defines "endowment" as any endowment in land, building or money given or to be given for the support of any Hindu temple or Hindu shrine or school or other Hindu pious, religious, charitable or beneficial purposes.