

**LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT JTC CORPORATION AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

1. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) today announced the appointments of a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the JTC Corporation (JTC) and a new Managing Director (MD) for the Economic Development Board (EDB).
2. Mr Ng Lang, currently the CEO of the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), will be appointed as the CEO of JTC with effect from 1 September 2017. He takes over from Mr Png Cheong Boon who will be stepping down on 31 August 2017, after completing a four-year tenure at JTC. Mr Png has been holding a concurrent appointment as Second Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade & Industry since 1 June 2017 and will continue in this role.
3. Mr Chng Kai Fong will be appointed as MD of EDB with effect from 1 October 2017. Current MD, Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan, will be leaving the Singapore Public Service on 31 August 2017.

Mr Png Cheong Boon (方章文)

4. Mr Png was appointed as CEO of JTC in May 2013. Under his leadership, JTC accelerated the development of innovative industrial infrastructure solutions with shared facilities to support clustering of companies and enable industry transformation. A notable development was the JTC LaunchPad @ one-north which currently houses a vibrant and dynamic ecosystem of incubators, accelerators and start-ups. To support the needs of Singapore's future economy, JTC also commenced the master-planning and development of next generation innovation districts and industrial estates such as the Jurong Innovation District and Punggol Digital District.



5. Mr Png was instrumental in expanding JTC's role to raise construction productivity and transform facilities management through early adoption of new construction technologies, automation and innovative solutions. He oversaw the establishment of JTC as the Centres of Excellence (CentExs) for infrastructure engineering, facilities management and underground caverns development for the public sector. As CEO, Mr Png also oversaw the merger of JTC's subsidiaries - Ascendas and Jurong International Holdings - with Temasek's Singbridge and Surbana.

Mr Ng Lang (黃南)

6. As CEO of URA for the last seven years, Mr Ng Lang has emplaced the value of people, partnership and public spaces at the core of urban planning. He oversaw major master planning initiatives like the Master Plan Review 2013, the

Rail Corridor, the Punggol Digital District and the Jurong Lake District. Under his leadership, URA has fostered deeper partnerships with the community and other government agencies to transform places like the Kranji Marshes into inclusive and outstanding public spaces. Mr Ng also played a key role in pushing forward the car-lite momentum in Singapore through initiatives such as Car-Free Sunday and weekend street closures in the historic districts. To transform urban planning, Mr Ng led a three-year digitalisation plan to fully digitise planning processes in URA. This has allowed planners to use data analytics to improve planning insights, and enhance inter-agency collaboration for better planning outcomes and productivity. He also started the URA SPACE to incrementally make available planning data to help businesses and the community make informed decisions.



7. Before this, Mr Ng was the CEO of the National Parks Board of Singapore for four years, where he played a key role in implementing major green infrastructure programmes to achieve the “City in a Garden” vision. This includes the development of new parks and park connector network, streetscape greenery masterplan, skyscraper greenery and the expansion of the Singapore Botanic Gardens and the Gardens by the Bay. He also championed community outreach efforts to enhance public appreciation and participation in Singapore's greening and biodiversity conservation programmes. Mr Ng has also served in various capacities in the Singapore public service, including the Singapore Foreign Service and the public healthcare sector. He is currently a board member on the JTC Board, the Singapore Tourism Board and the Science & Engineering Research Council Board.

Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan (杨吉全)

8. Mr Yeoh started his career in EDB in 1994 and was appointed as MD in July 2012. As MD, Mr Yeoh served with distinction over the past five years and steered EDB in a steadfast manner amidst a fast-changing and challenging local and global environment. His leadership was pivotal in ensuring that EDB continues to create sustainable economic growth for Singapore and good job opportunities for Singaporeans.



9. Mr Yeoh also played important roles in numerous Whole-of-Government initiatives in Productivity, the Sectoral Manpower Plans, and more recently, the Committee for Future Economy (CFE) and Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs). On the organisational front, he personally led the review of internal processes and systems through various initiatives spanning information and data application to industry cluster priorities. His leadership was instrumental in transforming EDB to a position of strength for the future.

Mr Chng Kai Fong (庄凯峰)

10. Mr Chng is currently the Principal Private Secretary (PPS) to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Prior to this, Mr Chng held various key appointments in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Civil Service College, Ministry of Trade & Industry and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). He was also seconded to Shell Eastern Petroleum (Pte) Ltd as Senior Management Consultant.



11. Mr Chng made significant contributions throughout his various postings. In his current position which he has held since 2014, Mr Chng works with the Prime Minister to prioritise and drive the national agenda, and coordinate with Ministries on issues that straddle several agencies. Prior to that, as Director of the Communications Group in PMO from June 2013 to June 2014, Mr Chng contributed to the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI)'s efforts to transform Whole-of-Government communications, and oversaw the development of the information operations cycle and helped put in place standard operation procedures on coordinating information between MCI and other Ministries. He was also Director of the Resource Division in MTI from August 2012 to May 2013, where he oversaw industrial land, manpower and productivity policies.

In Appreciation

12. MTI extends its appreciation to Mr Yeoh and Mr Png for their invaluable contributions to EDB and JTC respectively. Mr Loh Khum Yean, Permanent Secretary of MTI said, "Under Keat Chuan's leadership, EDB transformed existing industries and developed new areas of growth, positioning Singapore well for the future. I thank Keat Chuan for his years of service in EDB and wish him well in his future endeavours. As CEO of JTC, Cheong Boon spearheaded industry transformation through innovative industrial infrastructure solutions and shared facilities. His experience at JTC, SPRING and EDB will be valuable in his leadership role in MTI."

13. MTI also welcomes Mr Ng and Mr Chng to JTC and EDB respectively. Mr Loh said, "I welcome Lang and Kai Fong to the MTI family. With their rich background and experience, Lang and Kai Fong are both well-equipped to lead JTC and EDB to greater heights. I look forward to their contributions and to working with them."

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