

## PRESS RELEASE ON A\*STAR LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) today announced that Executive Chairman of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) Mr Lim Chuan Poh will be retiring from the Singapore Public Service on 1 April 2019, after helming the executive leadership of A\*STAR since 1 April 2007.

2. Under Mr Lim's stewardship, A\*STAR spearheaded mission-oriented research in Singapore that not only advanced scientific discovery and technological innovation, but also created economic growth and improved the lives of Singaporeans. Mr Lim led A\*STAR to play a critical role in Singapore's Research Innovation and Enterprise (RIE) landscape by working closely with public sector agencies, Research Institutes (RIs), universities, hospitals and private enterprises, amongst others. He oversaw the formation of many long-term strategic partnerships between A\*STAR and global industry leaders, which led to several state-of-the-art research facilities being set up in Singapore and the creation of good jobs for Singaporeans.

3. Ms Chan Lai Fung, Permanent Secretary (Education), will be appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of A\*STAR on 1 April 2019. With her extensive public sector experience that spanned many different portfolios, Ms Chan is well placed to lead A\*STAR in charting its strategic directions and priorities for future growth and development.

4. Recognising the important role of A\*STAR, a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will also be appointed to assume the executive leadership role and responsibilities. More details of the CEO appointment will be announced in due course.

5. Mr Loh Khum Yean, Permanent Secretary for MTI, said, "I would like to express MTI's deep appreciation for Chuan Poh's many invaluable contributions. His strong leadership of A\*STAR has strengthened Singapore's position as a Global Asia node of technology, innovation and enterprise. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Lai Fung to the MTI family. I am confident that the new leadership team will build on Chuan Poh's excellent work and bring A\*STAR forward in its next phase of growth."

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**Annex A: Photo of Ms Chan Lai Fung**



Ms Chan Lai Fung joined the administrative Service in 1987 after graduating with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from Monash University. Prior to her appointment as Permanent Secretary (Education), Ms Chan served in various portfolios in the former Ministry of Communications and Information, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Public Service Division, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Law.