



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NEW REACH SUPERVISORY PANEL UNVEILED AS FEEDBACK UNIT COMMEMORATES 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**4 DECEMBER 2020** – REACH today unveiled its eighth Supervisory Panel appointed for a two-year term from 1 October 2020. The renewed panel is the largest in the unit's history, comprising 39 panel members representing various sectors in the community. This comes as the government feedback and engagement unit commemorates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and looks to rejuvenate its commitment as a bridge between the Government and citizens.

2 The Supervisory Panel is helmed by Mr Tan Kiat How, who was appointed REACH Chairman in July 2020. Mr Tan is also Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and in the Ministry of National Development. Under his leadership, the panel will focus on deepening engagements with Singaporeans, with a particular focus on community and interest groups, youths and PMETs. The appointment of three Deputy Chairpersons, up from two in the previous panel, signals REACH's commitment to engage with these key target groups:

- Mdm Rahayu Mahzam, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health, will lead the engagement effort with community and interest groups.
- Mr Eric Chua, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Social and Family Development and the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, will oversee youth engagement.
- Mr Patrick Tay, who is also Assistant Secretary-General of NTUC, will expand outreach to PMETs.

3 For the first time, the panel features 15 youth members representing all six local autonomous universities, the five polytechnics and three ITE colleges, as well as one arts institution. This is a three-fold increase from the previous panel. In line with the Singapore Together movement towards greater partnerships with citizens, REACH youth panel members will have many opportunities to run ground-up engagement initiatives with REACH's support.

4 Members of the Supervisory Panel draw on their diverse backgrounds and perspectives from the various sectors they represent to help shape the direction and activities of REACH. Including the youth members, 27 members are newly appointed to the panel as part of REACH's efforts to continually refresh and widen its engagement. 12 members have been re-appointed as the unit continues to tap on their expertise and networks. The full list of panel members can be found in the [Annex](#).

5 The new panel was appointed just as REACH celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Formerly known as the Feedback Unit, REACH was formed in 1985 as a platform for citizens to share their views on government policies. Over the years, the unit has continually innovated and expanded its portfolio of engagement modalities, such as pop-up survey booths known as Listening Points, small group dialogue sessions with citizens on topics of the day and online engagement sessions on national policies like Budget and Emerging Stronger Conversations. Even during the COVID-19 period, REACH continued to connect with citizens online, including moving its dialogue sessions online and setting up WhatsApp chat groups. The unit is commemorating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of activities beginning with a digital campaign and specially commissioned artwork by alumni from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).

6 REACH Chairman Mr Tan said, “REACH is deeply grateful for the support that we have received over the years. Our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can continue to meaningfully engage our citizens. Singapore today is more diverse than before. But we are committed to listening to the views of all Singaporeans because every voice matters. We are excited to work with the new Supervisory Panel as we embark on this next phase of our journey. I invite all citizens to join our conversations and work together with us to build a better Singapore.”

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**REACH SUPERVISORY PANEL MEMBERS  
TERM FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

S/N	Name
<b>Re-appointed Members</b>	
1	<b>Mdm Rahayu Mahzam</b> (Deputy Chair) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health MP (Jurong GRC)
2	<b>Mr Ng Poh Wah</b> Vice Chairman, Cultural Committee, Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations (SFCCA)
3	<b>Mrs Sarojini Padmanathan</b> Director (Professional Matters and Cell Therapy Facility), Health Sciences Authority
4	<b>Mr Leo Chen Ian</b> Founder and Partner, Insight N Access
5	<b>Mr Azriman Mansor</b> Deputy General Manager, Finance, Times Publishing Limited
6	<b>Mr Andrew Richard Pang Jin-hao</b> Member, Management Committee, The Eurasian Association (Singapore)
7	<b>Ms Serene Quek Sy Mung</b> Associate Editor, Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore Press Holdings
8	<b>Mr Lucian Teo</b> User Education and Outreach Manager, Google
9	<b>Dr Victor Tong Joo Chuan</b> Chief Information Officer, National Gallery Singapore
10	<b>Ms Joanne Guo Wei Ling</b> Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Strategy & Development, Singapore Business Federation (SBF)
11	<b>Dr Mark Hon</b> Chairman Emeritus, Action Community Entrepreneurship (ACE)
12	<b>Dr Eng Soo Kiang</b> Family Physician, Unity Family Medicine Clinic (FMC), Lakeside FMC and CCK Family Clinic
<b>New Members</b>	
13	<b>Mr Tan Kiat How</b> (Chairman) Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and the Prime Ministers' Office MP (East Coast GRC)

14	<b>Mr Eric Chua</b> (Deputy Chair) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth MP (Tanjong Pagar GRC)
15	<b>Mr Patrick Tay</b> (Deputy Chair) Assistant Secretary-General, NTUC MP (Pioneer SMC)
16	<b>Ms Cheryl Chan</b> Head of APAC Clean Hydrogen, Linde MP (East Coast GRC)
17	<b>Ms Rachel Ong</b> Founder and Chief Executive, ROHEI Corporation MP (West Coast GRC)
18	<b>Mr Leong Chong Meng</b> Chairman, Bishan North Citizens' Consultative Committee (CCC)
19	<b>Mr Koh Chwee</b> Chairman, Choa Chua Kang Citizens Consultative Committee (CCC)
20	<b>Mr N Gunalan</b> Deputy Chief Editor, Mediacorp
21	<b>Mr Royston Sim Hong Quan</b> Deputy News Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore Press Holdings
22	<b>Ms Norhaiza Binte Hashim</b> Journalist, Berita Harian, Singapore Press Holdings
23	<b>Mr Daniel Loh Joo Shia</b> President, Air Transport Executive Staff Union
24	<b>Ms Chan Shook Huey</b> Principal Executive, NTUC
25	<b>Mr Michael Zhou Xizhuang</b> National University of Singapore (NUS) Student Representative
26	<b>Ms Cheah Guan Ying</b> Nanyang Technological University of Singapore (NTU) Student Representative
27	<b>Mr Marcus Wong Gee Wei</b> Singapore Management University of Singapore (SMU) Student Representative
28	<b>Mr Ng Jing Da</b> Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) Student Representative

29	<b>Mr Muhammad Afzal bin Abdul Hadi</b> Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) Student Representative
30	<b>Ms Joan Charlotte Tng</b> Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) Student Representative
31	<b>Mr Gavin Girish Rozario</b> Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) Student Representative
32	<b>Mr Matthias Lim Jun Heng</b> ITE College Central Student Representative
33	<b>Mr Gabriel Michael Wong Zhi Wei</b> ITE College East Student Representative
34	<b>Ms Ng Yeong Yee</b> ITE College West Student Representative
35	<b>Ms Carol Chan Shu Ting</b> Temasek Polytechnic (TP) Student Representative
36	<b>Mr Aman Singh Rahman</b> Republic Polytechnic (RP) Student Representative
37	<b>Mr Mohammed Aizam Bin Abdul Rahman</b> Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) Student Representative
38	<b>Ms Chloe Lin Ying Xuan</b> Singapore Polytechnic (SP) Student Representative
39	<b>Ms Chong Yu Ji</b> Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) Student Representative