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**More Opportunities to Enhance Sino-Singapore Ties  
Launch of Singapore-China Foundation (SCF)**

1. Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, and Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China (PRC), will officially launch the Singapore-China Foundation (SCF) at the Istana today. The launch of the SCF is one of the highlights of Premier Wen's visit to Singapore.
2. The SCF seeks to advance cooperation in education and human resource development, strengthen ties and understanding, and contribute to the warm relations between Singapore and China. Since its establishment in 2004, the SCF has played a vital role in fostering greater understanding and trust between the government officials from both countries. So far, more than 20 Singaporean and Chinese officials have been awarded scholarships under the SCF's Singapore-China Premier Scholarships and Executive Programme Scholarships to study in each other's country. Universities providing the studies are the Peking University, National University of Singapore and the Nanyang Technological University.
3. These scholarship programmes are part of the Foundation's efforts to promote people-to-people ties between the two countries. Scholars who have returned from the programmes have benefited from their exposure to the socio-political and economic development of their country of study, and fostered rewarding long-term relationships with their respective counterparts. Some of the scholars have come together to form an alumni network to maintain their ties through activities such as get-together sessions.
4. The SCF will also be offering scholarships to outstanding candidates from the private sector in the near future. Thus, industry leaders from Singapore and China can also look forward to more opportunities to interact and develop ties with one another, as well as with government officials of both countries.
5. Funded by the Singapore Government and the Singapore Totalisator Board in its start-up years, the SCF will be supported by donations from businesses and other private organisations moving forward.
6. Following its official launch, the SCF will co-organise a banquet for Premier Wen with the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 19 November 2007.
7. Governors appointed to the SCF are shown in Annex A. The programmes under the SCF are in Annex B.

## Background

8. The idea of setting up an exchange programme for young government officials from Singapore and China was first raised by then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and Premier Wen in 2004. This led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of the SCF on 14 May 2004 between Singapore and China, witnessed by then Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and PRC Vice-Premier Wu Yi. Since then, Singapore has been sending officials under the SCF to China from Sep 2004 and Chinese officials started coming to Singapore from Jul 2005.

9. For more information on the SCF, please refer to its website – <http://www.singaporechinafoundation.org/>

## Annex A

### Singapore-China Foundation Board of Governors

Name	名称	Designation	中文职称
Professor Cham Tao Soon (SCF Chairman)	詹道存博士 (新中教育基金会主席)	Chancellor and Chairman, SIM University	新跃大学董事会主席
Mr Alan Chan Heng Loon	陈庆麟	Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Press Holdings Limited	新加坡报业控股集团执行总裁
Mr Cheng Tong Fatt	郑东发	Former Ambassador to People's Republic of China	新加坡驻华前任大使
Mr Chiang Chie Foo	郑子富	Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office/Ministry of Defence	常任秘书（国防），常任秘书（总理公署）
Dr Fu Yuning	傅育宁博士	Chairman, China Merchants Holdings (International) Company Limited	招商局国际有限公司主席
Mr Liew Mun Leong	廖文良	President and Chief Executive Officer, CapitaLand Limited	嘉德置地有限公司集团总裁
Mr Philip Ng Chee Tat	黄志达	Chief Executive Officer, Far East Organization	远东机构总裁
Mr Soo Kok Leng	司徒国领	Corporate Advisor, Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited	淡马锡控股（私人）有限公司顾问
Mr Wee Ee Cheong	黄一宗	Deputy Chairman & CEO, United Overseas Bank Group	大华银行副主席兼总裁
Capt Wei Jiafu	魏家福博士	Group President and CEO, China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company	中国远洋运输（集团）总公司总裁
Professor Xu Zhihong	许智宏博士	President, Peking University	北京大学校长

## Programmes under the Singapore-China Foundation

The Singapore-China Foundation currently offers 2 scholarship schemes to Singaporeans and PRC nationals to pursue Master programmes and executive programmes at Peking University in China and at the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. The list of courses tenable under the scholarship schemes are:

(a) Singapore-China Premier Scholarships (SCPS) – 1 year  
[新中总理奖学金]

	<b>Singaporean Scholars</b>	<b>PRC Scholars</b>
<b>Course of Study</b>	<p><b>Peking University</b> – <b>School of Government</b> [北京大学政府管理学院]</p> <p>Master in Public Administration [公共管理硕士课程]</p> <p><b>Peking University</b> – <b>School of International Studies</b> [北京大学国际关系学院]</p> <p>Master in International Relations [国际关系硕士课程]</p>	<p><b>National University of Singapore</b> – <b>Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy</b> [新加坡国立大学李光耀公共政策学院]</p> <p>Master in Public Management [公共管理硕士课程]</p> <p><b>Nanyang Technological University</b> – <b>Nanyang Business School</b> [南洋理工大学商学院]</p> <p>Nanyang Fellows Programme [南洋学者课程]</p>

