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**MEDIA RELEASE**

The Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) has appointed members to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) for the next two-year term commencing 31 August 2011.

2. Three new members have been appointed to serve on the NCPG. They are as follows.

Mr Ng Seng Liang	Training Consultant for Home Team School of Criminal Investigation, Singapore Police Force
Dr Andrew Peh Lai Huat	Senior Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital
Mr Gerald Singham	Partner, Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the bio-data of new members.

3. Ten existing members have been re-appointed for a further two-year term. They are as follows. Mr Lim Hock San will continue to serve as the Chairman of NCPG.

Mr Lim Hock San (Chairman)	President & CEO, United Industrial Corporation Ltd
Dr Bibi Jan Mohamed Ayyub	Past President, Singapore Malay Teachers' Union
Professor David Chan	Professor of Psychology and Director, Behavioural Sciences Institute, Singapore Management University
Mr Goh Joon Seng	Consultant, Lee & Lee Advocates & Solicitors
Mr Joachim Lee	Director, Tampines Family Service Centre
Dr Lim Yun Chin	Consultant Psychiatrist, Raffles Counselling Centre, Raffles Hospital

A/P Fred Long Foo Yee	Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Psychology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
Ven. Seck Kwang Phing	Secretary-General, Singapore Buddhist Federation
Mr Tan Kian Hoon	Chairman, National Crime Prevention Council
Mr Tan Thiam Lye	Chairman, Taoist Federation (Singapore)

4. MCYS would like to thank the following outgoing members, many of whom have served three two-year terms, for their invaluable service to the NCPG.

Dr Ang Beng Choo	Advisor, Brahm Educational Centre
Dr Ang Yong Guan	Psychiatrist, Ang Yong Guan Psychiatry
Mr Kwek Leng Joo	Managing Director, City Developments Limited
Ms Lim Sau Hoong	CEO, 10AM Communications Pte Ltd
Dr Sudha Nair	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
Ms Grace Ng	Deputy Director, Guidance Branch, Education Programme Division, Ministry of Education
Mr S. Rajendran	Chairman, Hindu Endowments Board
Mr Mohd Guntor Sadali	Editor, Berita Harian & Berita Minggu
Ms Debra Soon	Managing Director, Channel NewsAsia
Mrs Mildred Tan	Managing Director, Ernst and Young Associates Pte Ltd

#### **Key Achievements of the NCPG (2009-2011)**

5. Under the Casino Control Act, the NCPG is given statutory powers to implement casino exclusions. In its current term, the NCPG implemented Self- and Third-Party casino exclusions in November and December 2009 respectively, following the successful implementation of Family Exclusion in April 2009 in its 2nd term. In November 2010, NCPG extended Self- and Family Exclusion to foreigners.

6. In the area of public education, the NCPG launched the “Know the Line” movement to promote self-appraisal of one’s gambling habits and to encourage help-seeking. The Council conducted public consultation exercises and provided feedback to MCYS. It also engaged the casino operators, Singapore Pools and Singapore Turf Club to encourage adoption of responsible gambling measures.

**The Next Term (2011-2013)**

7. In the coming term (2011-2013), the NCPG will continue to execute its statutory function with respect to casino exclusions. It will also conduct public education on problem gambling and provide feedback to the Government on gambling social safeguards. To conduct its work effectively, the NCPG will strengthen its links with community partners.

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## **About the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)**

The NCPG was appointed in August 2005 as part of Singapore's national framework to address problem gambling. Under the Casino Control Act, NCPG has the statutory authority to decide Self-, Family and Third-Party casino exclusions. NCPG also provides advice and feedback to the Government on problem gambling, and conducts public education and research to address problem gambling.

Stop Problem Gambling. Know The Line. Call 1800-6-668-668. For more information, please see [www.ncpg.org.sg](http://www.ncpg.org.sg).

**Mr Ng Seng Liang, Training Consultant for Home Team School of Criminal Investigation, Singapore Police Force**

Mr Ng Seng Liang, 60, joined the Singapore Police Force in 1976. He graduated from the Nanyang University with a Bachelor of Arts ( Honours ) Degree. During his 29 years with the Singapore Police Force, he had assumed key appointments as Commander of Jurong Police Division, Director of Manpower Department and Director of Criminal Investigation Department. In April 2005, Mr Ng was appointed as Director of Central Narcotics Bureau. He retired in Feb this year after serving 35 years with the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mr Ng was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver)(Bar) in 2003.

**Dr Andrew Peh Lai Huat, Senior Consultant, Department of Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital**

Dr Andrew Peh works in the areas of mood and anxiety disorders, substance use disorders and cognitive behaviour psychotherapy. He obtained his medical degree and Masters in Medicine (Psychiatry) from the National University of Singapore and is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. He is Senior Consultant with the Department of Psychological Medicine, Changi General Hospital, where he is in charge of the consultation liaison psychiatry and addiction medicine programmes. He is Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and also Associate Programme Director in the National Psychiatry Residency. He was appointed Associate Editor of the Singapore Medical Journal in 2004. In addition, he is the author of several books.

**Mr Gerald Singham, Partner, Rodyk & Davidson LLP**

Mr Gerald Singham's principal areas of practice are commercial and corporate law. He is actively involved in community work including serving as a member of the National Crime Prevention Council and a member of the Casino Regulatory Authority. Mr Singham was awarded the Public Service Medal (Pingkat Bakti Masyarakat) in 2006 and the Public Service Star (Bintang Bakti Masyarakat) in 2009. For 2007, Mr Singham was awarded SAF NSman of the Year.