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**NGEE ANN POLYTECHNIC APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Singapore, 23 April 2021 – Mr Lim Kok Kiang, currently Executive Vice President (International Operations) at the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), will be appointed as Principal and Chief Executive Officer-designate of Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) from 3 May 2021, and will assume the appointment with effect from 12 May 2021. Mr Lim will succeed Mr Clarence Ti.

“We thank Clarence for his contributions to NP over the past seven years. Under his leadership, NP has forged close ties with key industry partners, including in the startup and fintech sectors, and launched new initiatives and programmes to prepare the polytechnic for the future economy. Through developing a campus entrepreneurship eco-system and the signature Global Entrepreneurial Internship Programme, Clarence has led NP in developing an edge in nurturing entrepreneurship among youths. He is also credited for introducing service-learning pedagogy in NP’s core curriculum to instill a sense of purposeful learning and active citizenry in our students. Clarence cares deeply for NP students and staff, and will be missed by the NP community,” said Mr Tang Kin Fei, Chairman of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Council.

Mr Tang also warmly welcomed Mr Lim on board.

“We look forward to working with Kok Kiang to further strengthen NP’s role in the higher education sector in preparing our graduates to thrive in the global workplace, and contribute to solving the many global and societal challenges that Singapore and the world face,” said Mr Tang.

Mr Lim joined EDB in 1996. Over the past 25 years, he has served in various appointments, including overseeing EDB’s strategies in Advanced Manufacturing and EDB’s Accounts Group, which works closely with top local and international companies to facilitate investments and transform their operations in Singapore. Please refer to the Annex for Mr Lim’s biography.

On his appointment, Mr Lim said: “I am excited to join Ngee Ann Polytechnic and for the opportunity to work alongside with my new colleagues and industry partners to give our students an outstanding learning experience and equip them with the skillsets to flourish in the future economy.”

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About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore’s leading institutions of higher learning with over 14,000 enrolled students in close to 40 disciplines. It seeks to develop students with a passion for learning, values for life, and competencies to thrive in a global workplace.

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Annex: Biography of Mr Lim Kok Kiang



Mr Lim Kok Kiang
Executive Vice President & Member of Executive Committee
Economic Development Board

Mr Lim Kok Kiang is the Executive Vice President of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB). He oversees EDB's International Operations as well as EDB's strategies in Advanced Manufacturing. Previously, he also led EDB's Accounts Group which works closely with top local and international companies from a wide range of industries to facilitate investments and transform their operations in Singapore.

As Executive Vice President, Mr Lim led his teams to successfully develop and launch Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs) for Precision Engineering, Marine & Offshore, Aerospace and Electronics industries. He championed the creation and launch of the Singapore Smart Industry Readiness Index (SIRI), a suite of frameworks and tools to help manufacturers sustain their manufacturing transformation journeys. In 2020, EDB entered into a partnership with the World Economic Forum to accelerate the use of SIRI as an internationally-recognised standard for Industry 4.0 (i4.0) transformation, and the adoption of new i4.0 technologies across manufacturing communities around the world.

Prior to this, Mr Lim held the posts of Executive Director, Transport Engineering and Asia Pacific. As Executive Director, Transport Engineering, he was responsible for the development and growth of Singapore's Aerospace, Marine & Offshore, Land Transport and Oil & Gas industries. As Executive Director of Asia Pacific, he led EDB's Asia Pacific operations which encompass facilitating investments from China, Taiwan, Japan and Korea.

Mr Lim previously held positions as Director of Logistics, and Regional Director, Japan Operations.

Mr Lim joined EDB in 1996. He is a Public Service Commission scholar and graduated from Tokyo University with a Bachelor in Economics in 1993.

For his contributions, Mr Lim was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) and Long Service Award in 2020. He was also awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze) in 2008.