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TEMASEK FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL @10 ASIA SKILLS LEADERS FORUM 2017

Role and importance of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) the focus, as education leaders and experts across Asia get together in Singapore to share experiences and challenges in TVET

About 60 policy-makers and TVET experts from 16 countries across Asia will be in Singapore for the **Temasek Foundation International @10 Asia Skills Leaders Forum**. Jointly organised by ITE Education Services (ITEES) and Temasek Foundation International (TF Intl), the 4-Day Forum will be hosted at ITE Headquarters and College Central from 22 to 25 August 2017.

2 This forum is part of a series of themed-forums held throughout 2017 by TF Intl to commemorate **ten years of partnerships in building capabilities in Asia and beyond**. The partnerships focus on the areas of healthcare, education, public administration, urban management and disaster-response capability. (Refer to **Annex A** for the full list of forums)

3 The forum gathers past TF Intl partners in TVET education programmes, as well as new partners to engage in discussion and share ideas on the transformation of TVET systems to support social and economic development in the participating countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam).

4 TVET continues to play a significant role in shaping the economic and social development of Singapore, with more than 60 percent of students undergoing their post-secondary education in TVET. As part of the forum, TVET academics from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and ITEES will be sharing experiences, best practices and challenges in Singapore's TVET transformation and development, and will cover topics such as TVET planning, administration, industry partnerships, stakeholder management and image building.

5 Former Cabinet Minister and former Chairman of Temasek Holdings, Mr S.Dhanabalan, will be joining the forum on the fourth day (25 Aug 2017) where he will participate in a dialogue session and engage with the participants on the relevancy of TVET in Social and Economic Development. As part of Singapore's esteemed 2nd generation political leaders, Mr S. Dhanabalan, who has been heavily involved in many areas of public policies, administration and governance, will share on the thinking and beliefs of the Singapore Government on the important role TVET played in Singapore's Economic and Social Development.

6 In addition to the sharing sessions, participants will also visit the various ITE Colleges and go on learning journeys to key industry partners, allowing them to gain insights into how TVET in Singapore is delivered through a practice-oriented and industry-relevant curriculum.

7 Mr Bruce Poh, ITEES' Chief Executive Officer, shared that "The social and economic environment of a country changes rapidly when there is quality skilled manpower produced. Technical education had played an integral part to the social and economic success of Singapore over the past decades. ITEES is glad to play a role in sharing, with participants from different countries, Singapore's TVET experiences and transformation journey."

8 "In many communities, TVET forms a major component of the overall education system and helps to build a competent, relevant and vibrant workforce that is ready to meet the current and emerging needs of industry. TVET continues to be a high priority in communities across Asia and TF Intl has supported knowledge exchange and capability-building programmes in TVET for leaders and specialists at various levels,

covering a spectrum of topics ranging from policies and systems, to leadership and management, to pedagogy and curriculum. This forum will bring together experts and professionals from the field to share their knowledge and experiences with each other. We hope the discussions and sharing sessions will spark fresh ideas and perspectives that participants can apply to the TVET systems in their respective home communities,” said Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive, TF Intl.

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The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a post-secondary education institution established in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. As a principal provider of career and technical education, and a key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards, ITE's Mission is to create opportunities for students and adult learners to acquire skills, knowledge and values for employability and lifelong learning. ITE's Vision is to be A Trailblazer in Career and Technical Education. Our Values are Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence and Care. ITE comprises the ITE Headquarters and three ITE Colleges – College Central, College East and College West. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/>

ITE Education Services (ITEES) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITE that was established in 2003 with the objective of sharing ITE's experience in TVET with the international community. Over the past decade, ITEES has pooled together a wide spectrum of ITE core competencies and intellectual property to assist international organisations, government agencies, TVET institutions and private organisations in raising the quality of skills development and vocational training.

Temasek Foundation International is a Singapore-based non-profit philanthropic organisation that funds and supports programmes, which aim to build capabilities with programme partners in Asia and beyond. These programmes enable human and social capital development, contributing towards a more vibrant and connected global community, with positive networks of cooperation. The programmes also aim to enhance capabilities in the areas of health care, education, public administration, urban management and disaster-response. Temasek Foundation International is a member of the Temasek Family of Foundations.

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Temasek Foundation International@10 Series of Forums in 2017

No.	Dates	Event	About the Forum
1	10-12 April	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Nurse Leaders Forum 2017	200 nurse leaders from Asia will exchange knowledge, strategies, leadership and management for the advancement of nursing in Asia <i>Co-organised with SingHealth and Singapore Nursing Association</i>
2	20-22 July	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Urban Governance Leaders Forum 2017	A three-day forum involving 100 Asian urban governance leaders and specialists to share knowledge, strategies, leadership and management for the advancement of urban governance and management in Asia <i>Co-organised with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise</i>
3	22- 25 August	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Skills Leaders Forum 2017	60 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) senior policy makers and leaders will share knowledge, strategies, leadership and management skills for the advancement and reform of TVET in Asia <i>Co-organised with ITE Education Services</i>
4	12-14 September	Temasek Foundation International@10 Asia Conceive – Design - Implement - Operate (CDIO) Forum 2017	A forum for 150 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) leaders on the advancement of CDIO - a framework for the teaching and learning of engineering education, in Asia. <i>Co-organised with Singapore Polytechnic</i>