



SPEECH BY MR GOH GEOK KHIM, CHAIRMAN, TEMASEK FOUNDATION AT THE CLOSING OF PHASE TWO OF THE TEMASEK FOUNDATION (TF) - CHINA NATIONAL MBA EDUCATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (CNMESC) MBA SCHOOLS DEAN AND FACULTY CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

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Distinguished Deans, Faculty, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

Thank you for inviting me to be here today. I am honoured to be in the presence of so many distinguished leaders from the China National MBA Education Supervisory Committee (CNMESC) and from the universities in the western and eastern regions of China. I see many familiar faces and I am happy to be among friends of Temasek Foundation. You have shown such great hospitality to my team and me over the years, and we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

2 This morning I join you in extending our warmest congratulations to all 183 distinguished deans and faculty members of 15 universities in China who have successfully completed this training programme.

3 All across Asia, universities are investing heavily in their own development and growth. There is a constant need to stay ahead of the curve, whether in research, teaching, and innovation, to bring out the best in our youth, our leaders of tomorrow.

4 With that in mind, Temasek Foundation, together with the China National MBA Education Supervisory Committee initiated the first training programme in June 2008.

The first programme has produced many positive outcomes. Besides developing a wealth of Asian-based case studies and learning materials, all the participating universities have seen an increase in enrolment for their MBA programmes, including applicants from neighbouring Southeast Asian countries.

5 Encouraged by the outcomes of the first programme, the foundation continued its partnership with China National MBA Education Supervisory Committee, and together with National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University developed a second capacity building programme for MBA School Deans and Faculty in September 2011. I am pleased to note that positive outcomes have been achieved for the second programme as well. This includes:

- The development of additional Asian-based case studies and among those, eight case studies have been awarded the prestigious National Paper status in China. One particular case study titled “The Entrepreneurial Spirit of The Private Enterprises in China: Nanning Elite Optical” developed by Professor Fan Wei from Guang Xi University has also been selected into the Case Library of Harvard Case centre.
- After the training, the 183 delegates have gone on to share their learning and experiences with another 315 faculty leaders through teaching demonstrations and workshops, further multiplying the benefits of the programme.
- Participating universities have continued to see increases in their enrolment for their MBA programmes, including applicants from neighbouring Southeast Asian countries.

6 As the saying goes “Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere”. To the deans and faculty members who have participated in the programme, I sincerely hope you have found this programme useful, and the knowledge sharing has been enriching and meaningful in many ways. It is our modest hope that this programme will facilitate your journey towards the long-term goals for your respective universities. And as you take back lessons to your respective institutions, I know that the leaders and the team from National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University have learnt a lot from all of you. Such two-way exchanges are a hallmark of Temasek Foundation programmes, and we are honoured to have the opportunity to share this journey with you.

7 In many ways, this programme is a reflection of the warm ties of cooperation between Temasek Foundation and China. The success that you have achieved with this programme is testament to the strong partnerships that we share. Through our programmes, we hope to contribute towards building a shared future in Asia with our friends and neighbours in the region.

8 Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank China National MBA Education Supervisory Committee, especially to Madam Wu and Professor Zhao for your leadership and dedication to this programme. To the delegates, congratulations once again and we warmly welcome you to the Temasek Foundation alumni family.

9 Thank you.