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Prof. Dr. TRAN Van Nam, President, University of Da Nang,

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Prof. Dr. Le Kim Hung, Rector, Danang University of Science & Technology,

Mr. Tan Choon Shian, Principal & CEO, Singapore Polytechnic,

Rectors of the participating universities,

Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning.

In 2008, Temasek Foundation and Singapore Polytechnic partnered with the National Institute of Education and Management on our first Technical and Vocational Education and Training (or TVET) programme in Viet Nam. Today we launch our fifth TVET programme in Viet Nam with our host partner, the University of Da Nang. On behalf of Temasek Foundation, I express my appreciation to the University of Da Nang for this opportunity to work together.

2 Temasek Foundation was set up in 2007 by Temasek, which is an investment company based in Singapore. The foundation has an independent board of directors that are from Asia. We support the development and growth of communities in Asia through capability-building programmes in health care, education, urban management, public administration, and disaster-response. We also support programmes that promote exchange and networking among leaders and youths.

3            On average, Temasek Foundation commits 25% of our annual budget on TVET programmes. This is because all over Asia, governments are enhancing their TVET education and integrating this into their national education system. In Viet Nam alone, Temasek Foundation has funded four previous TVET programmes to enhance curriculum, pedagogy, teaching frameworks, and competency-based assessments.

4            In 2012, in partnership with Temasek Foundation, Singapore Polytechnic shared the “Conceive – Design – Implement – Operate” (or CDIO) framework with universities under the Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City. We are now sharing this CDIO framework with six state universities under the University of Da Nang to enhance the teaching and learning in engineering education.

5            In all, Temasek Foundation’s grant of around 460,600 US dollars or 10 billion Vietnamese Dong, will support 160 leaders and specialists from the universities to participate in this 3-year programme. I must thank the University of Da Nang and the participating universities for generously co-funding 4 billion Vietnamese Dong towards the programme. It is indeed a testimony of the close partnership we share.

6            Today I am pleased to see the team from Singapore Polytechnic here to implement the first workshop with our Vietnamese friends. Thank you to Mr Tan Choon Shian, your team of trainers, and Singapore Polytechnic International for your dedication and support. Most of all, I would like to thank our Viet Nam partners – Dr Dang and the Da Nang City People’s Committee, and Dr Tran and all the Rectors of the participating universities – for your strong leadership and support.

7            I now wish all participants a successful learning experience, and hope that Viet Nam and Singapore TVET institutions will continue to network and learn from each other.

8            Thank You.