

**REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS TO JOIN GRASSROOTS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY BONDING THROUGH SPORTS**  
**People's Association and Republic Polytechnic Sign Memorandum of Understanding**

On **Saturday, 29 March 2008**, the People's Association (PA) and Republic Polytechnic (RP) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to launch **two new initiatives** to strengthen the capabilities of Constituency Sports Clubs (CSCs) in using community sports to bring people of different walks of life to bond together.

2 The first initiative, called the Student Attachment Programme, involves grassroots leaders (GRLs) from CSCs playing mentor to students from RP. Starting in April 2008, the **first batch** of 26 students from RP's School of Sports, Health and Leisure will be appointed as members in nine CSCs (See Infosheet) for a two year term.

3 The PA – RP collaboration aims to introduce and expose the RP students to grassroots work through their involvement in a 'real' community sports environment. At the same time, the students get to fulfil the requirements of their Creative Engagement Module of their course of studies. The 26 students will be involved in planning and organising sporting activities and events at the community level.

4 The induction of these students is a timely response to a recent call by Mr Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence and Adviser to Pasir Ris-Punggol Grassroots Organisations at the launch of Community Sports Festival on 21

March 2008. He said that *“The CSCs will need more people to step forward especially residents who have interest in sports, to join their ranks. I hope that in conjunction with the current recruitment drive that has been embarked on by the People’s Association for more grassroots leaders and volunteers, more residents will take up the challenge of contributing their time, skills and expertises in serving the CSCs or the other grassroots organisations”*.

5 The second initiative, the Leadership Programme on Community Sports, is specially designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of grassroots leaders in the area of community sports for outreach and bonding purposes.

6 Mr Tan Boon Huat, Chief Executive Director of People’s Association and Mr Eden Liew, Deputy Principal for Corporate Affairs, Republic Polytechnic will sign the MOU to record the strategic partnership.

7 Your journalist and photographer are cordially invited to witness the signing ceremony on **Saturday, 29 March 2008, 12noon at Republic Polytechnic, Agora Student Lounge, Level 1 (9 Woodlands Ave 9, S(738964)**. Please meet outside the One-stop Centre Level 1 so that we can direct you to the venue. Interviews can be arranged upon request. The programme and map are attached.

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**About the Constituency Sports Clubs**

*The 84 **Constituency Sports Clubs** (CSCs) are part of the People's Association (PA) network of grassroots organisations. The CSCs are managed by volunteers who work with the PA to organise sports activities for the residents to promote social cohesion, racial harmony and community bonding.*

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**SATURDAY, 29 MARCH 2008, 12 NOON AT REPUBLIC  
POLYTECHNIC, AGORA STUDENT LOUNGE LEVEL 1,  
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**Programme**

- 12.15pm      Arrival of:  
**Mr Eden Liew** [刘怡中]  
Deputy Principal for Corporate Affairs, Republic  
Polytechnic
- Mr Tan Boon Huat** [陈文发]  
Chief Executive Director, People's Association
- Welcome Address by Mr Eden Liew
- Speech by Mr Tan Boon Huat
- Signing of MOU
- Presentation of Letter of Appointment to the  
students by Mr Tan Boon Huat
- Photo Session
- 12.45pm      Lunch
- 1.30pm      End of Programme
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**List of Constituency Sports Clubs (CSCs)**

1. Bukit Panjang CSC
  2. Choa Chu Kang CSC
  3. Nee Soon East CSC
  4. Punggol Central CSC
  5. Siglap CSC
  6. Taman Jurong CSC
  7. Telok Blangah CSC
  8. Woodlands CSC
  9. Yio Chu Kang CSC
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**PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION AND REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC SIGN  
COLLABORATION – STUDENT ATTACHMENT PROGRAMME AND  
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**LOCATION MAP**

