

Media Release

New Chairman for Republic Polytechnic's Board of Governors

Finance industry veteran David Wong succeeds Richard Seow, who steps down after being at the helm for five years

SINGAPORE, 1 August 2014 – Republic Polytechnic (RP) today welcomed Mr David Wong as the new chairman for its Board of Governors (BOG). Mr Wong, 61, former chairman of Ascendas Funds Management, takes over from Mr Richard Seow, 52, Director, Pacific Heights Investments Pte Ltd. Mr Seow has been chairman of RP's BOG since 2009 and currently chairs the board of Sport Singapore and Anglo Chinese School. Under his leadership, RP sharpened its strategic plans with increased emphasis on industry needs and also introduced the graduate profile which aimed to embody the essential characteristics of RP graduates as Professionals, Problem-solvers and Passionate Citizens. Mr Seow also participated actively in student dialogues and stressed the importance of a polytechnic education as a social leveling opportunity for the students and their families.

Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO, Republic Polytechnic, said: "Richard's personable style has endeared him to RP staff and students. This is evident from the many school events he participates in to engage them despite his busy schedule. He strengthened RP's financial safety nets for needy students, motivated and spurred them on, while generously donating to support this cause. We are grateful to Richard for his immense contributions and we will miss his charismatic leadership. We are also happy to have David come on board as chairman to contribute his leadership insights for RP's continued growth as an institute of higher learning."

Mr Wong was previously a partner with Ernst & Young and was responsible for establishing and managing Ernst & Young's Consulting Division in Singapore. He was also an audit partner and Head of the Public Sector Industry Group.

Mr Wong said: "I am delighted to join Republic Polytechnic as the Board chairman and hope to bring new perspectives to the team, building on the good work that Richard has put in place. I believe that learning can be academically rewarding and, at the same time, a fun and enjoyable journey. I look forward to working with the management team."

Mr Wong was awarded the President's Scholarship and the SAF Overseas Scholarship in 1972, and the Public Administrative Medal (Silver) (Military) and the Public Service Medal in 1997. Mr. Wong holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Economics and a Master of Arts from the University of Cambridge, UK.

In addition to his contributions to the private sector, Mr Wong is currently a Board member in the Casino Regulatory Authority and also a former Board member in the Civil Service College, Housing & Development Board, National Environment Agency and a Member of the Public Transport Council.

Apart from the change in chairmanship, the polytechnic also welcomed the following new members on board:

- Dr Hee Soo Yin, Director, Continuing Education & Training, Ministry of Education;
- Mr Koh Chiap Khiong, Group Chief Financial Officer, Sembcorp Industries Ltd;
- Ms Isabella Loh, Chairman & Board Director, Singapore Environment Council;
- Mr Oon Jin Teik, Chief Operating Officer, SportsHub Pte Ltd; and
- COL Tan Cheng Kwee, Deputy Director, Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence.

RP's management also expressed its deep appreciation to the following members who will be stepping down from the board. They are:

- Dr Janice Khoo Swee Suan, General Practitioner, The Rafflesian Clinic & Surgery;
- COL Lew Chuen Hong, Head, Joint Plans & Transformation Department, Ministry of Defence;
- Ms Lien Siaou-Sze, Senior Executive Coach, Moble Group Pacific;
and
- Mr John Lim, Director, Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

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About Republic Polytechnic


The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two academic centres offering thirty-nine diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Enterprise and Communication, Events and Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Its holistic and broad-based curriculum prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society as problem solvers, respected professionals and passionate citizens.


Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 22301, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class.

For more information, visit <http://www.rp.edu.sg>

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S/No.	Name	Designation
	<p><u>Outgoing Chairman</u></p> <p>Mr Richard <u>Seow</u></p>	<p>Director, Pacific Heights Investments Pte Ltd</p> 

RP Board of Governors (from 1st August 2014)

S/No.	Name	Designation
1	<p><u>New Chairman</u></p> <p>Mr <u>Wong</u> Cheong Fook David*</p>	<p>Former Chairman, Ascendas Funds Management</p> 
2	<p><u>Deputy Chairman</u></p> <p>Mr <u>Qng</u> Chao Choon</p>	<p>Advisory Leader</p> <p>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</p>
3	<p>Mr <u>Ang</u> Hin Kee</p>	<p>Executive Secretary</p> <p>Education Services Union</p>
4	<p>Prof <u>Chan</u> Eng Soon</p>	<p>Vice Provost (Special Duties)</p> <p>National University of Singapore</p>

5	Mr Paul <u>Chong</u>	Group CEO Certis CISCO Security Pte Ltd
6	Dr <u>Chong</u> Yoke Sin	CEO Integrated Health Information Systems Pte Ltd
7	Mrs Diana <u>Ee-Tan</u>	Chairman, Mt Faber Leisure Group Pte Ltd Board Member, Singapore Tourism Board
8	Dr <u>Hee</u> Soo Yin*	Director, Continuing Education & Training Ministry of Education
9	Dr Shashi <u>Jayakumar</u>	Visiting Senior Research Fellow Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
10	Mr <u>Koh</u> Chiap Khiong*	Group Chief Financial Officer Sembcorp Industries Ltd
11	Ms Isabella <u>Loh</u> *	Chairman & Board Director, Singapore Environment Council
12	Dr <u>Maszenan</u> Bin Abdul Majid	Senior Research Fellow Nanyang Environment and Water Research Institute Nanyang Technological University
13	Mr <u>Oon</u> Jin Teik*	Chief Operating Officer SportsHub Pte Ltd
14	COL <u>Tan</u> Cheng Kwee*	Deputy Director, Defence Policy Ministry of Defence
15	Mr Wilson <u>Tan</u>	CEO CapitaMall Trust Management Limited

16	Mr Christopher <u>Tang</u>	CEO Frasers Centrepoint Commercial CEO, Greater China Fraser & Neave Limited
17	Mr <u>Yeo</u> Li Pheow	Principal/CEO Republic Polytechnic
18	Mr <u>Zahidi</u> bin Abdul Rahman	Principal Architect Zahidi A.R. Arkitek

**New members*