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Abel Ang appointed as new Chairman of Republic Polytechnic Board of Governors

Singapore, 12 July 2023 - Republic Polytechnic (RP) today announced that Mr Abel Ang, President & Group Chief Executive Officer of Advanced MedTech Holdings, has been appointed as the new Chairman of RP Board of Governors with effect from 1 August 2023. Mr Ang succeeds Mr David Wong, a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, who is stepping down after nine years of service.

Mr Wong's tenure as Chairman was defined by his strong advocacy for greater student support and inclusivity, which enabled students to discover and achieve their full potential at RP. During his watch, RP implemented initiatives to provide financial support to students, while further extending compassionate assistance to students with special or emergency needs, during and beyond the pandemic. He was instrumental in the institution's drive in expanding its Continuing Education and Training (CET) course offerings in support of the SkillsFuture movement. Mr Wong also helped to forge deep industry partnerships while enriching the entrepreneurship spirit and enhancing skillsets of RP students.

Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing expressed his appreciation for Mr David Wong's contributions: "I thank David for his strong support for the higher education sector and dedicated service as Chairman of the RP Board over the last nine years. David has been a firm advocate for greater student support, including for students with special education needs and in the area of mental health. Under his leadership, RP has established itself as a reputable institute of higher learning that advocates lifelong learning, and has fostered strong partnerships with industry and the community. I would also like to warmly welcome Mr Abel Ang as the new RP Board Chairman, and look forward to working with him to further RP's growth."

"We thank Mr David Wong for his exemplary stewardship of Republic Polytechnic during his tenure as Board Chairman. Mr Wong paid particular attention to the well-being of all students and staff whilst leading the institution to new areas of growth and success. Mr Wong championed diversity and inclusion within the campus community while ensuring that students benefit from the diverse range of learning opportunities in and outside the classroom, including entrepreneurship pursuits. We welcome Mr Abel Ang to the board and are looking forward to the vast sectorial expertise and fresh perspectives that he brings to the table," said Ms Jeanne Liew, Principal & Chief Executive Officer, Republic Polytechnic.

Mr Ang has 25 years of healthcare experience and has held various roles in both the private and government sector. During his tenure, Advanced MedTech quadrupled its revenue to US\$300 million. Mr. Ang has been active in the Singapore education sector as an Adjunct Professor at Nanyang Business School for 20 years, and a member of the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) Board. An Economic Development Board (EDB) scholar, Mr Ang holds a Master of Science in Computational Biology from Rutgers University in New Jersey. He attended Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Programme in 2012.

“Since Republic Polytechnic admitted its pioneer batch of students in 2003, it has been a key pillar in developing the country’s talent. I would like to thank Mr David Wong and the Republic Polytechnic team for their leadership and contributions to the incredible progress made over the last decade. I look forward to engaging the senior management team in shaping the polytechnic’s future strategic direction,” said Mr Ang.



David Wong
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Chairman, RP Board of Governors
(until 31 July 2023)



Abel Ang
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Chairman, RP Board of Governors
(from 1 August 2023)

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The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has seven schools and one academic centre offering 37 full-time diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Management and Communication, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

RP is committed to nurturing professionals with strong problem-solving capabilities through an innovative and entrepreneurial learning environment, based on a holistic and industry-relevant curriculum. RP's Academy for Continuing Education also offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes to provide adult learners with skills upgrading opportunities. For more information, visit <http://www.rp.edu.sg>.