

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 2005**

#### **WRIT OF ELECTION**

1 The Prime Minister has issued the Writ announcing 17 August 2005 as Nomination Day and the People's Association, 9 Stadium Link, Singapore 397750 as the place for the nomination of candidates.

2 Polling Day is on 27 August 2005. Polling Day will be a public holiday. Voting is compulsory.

3 Nomination Papers are now available at the office of the Returning Officer at Elections Department, 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949 during normal office hours, until Nomination Day.

#### **DEPOSIT BY CANDIDATES**

4 The deposit payable by each candidate is S\$37,500. It shall be paid either in cash or by a bank draft or a certified cheque. Payment can be made at the Accountant-General's Department, 100 High Street, #06-01, The Treasury, Singapore 179434 or at the Nomination Centre on Nomination Day.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

5 Every candidate has to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility from the Presidential Elections Committee. The last day for the receipt of applications is 6 August 2005. Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Presidential Elections Committee, at Elections Department.

6 The Certificate of Eligibility shall, for the purposes of the Presidential Election, certify that:

- a. the Committee is satisfied that the person is a person of integrity, good character and reputation; and
- b. where the person states that he desires to contest the election by virtue of being qualified under Article 19(2)(g)(iv) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, that the Committee is of the opinion that the

person, having held office for a period of not less than 3 years in such position of seniority and responsibility in such organisation or department in the public or private sector as described in Article 19(2)(g)(iv) of the Constitution, has such experience and ability in administering and managing the financial affairs so as to enable him to carry out effectively the functions and duties of the office of President.

## **POLITICAL DONATION CERTIFICATE**

7 Every candidate shall submit, together with his nomination paper and Certificate of Eligibility and other necessary documents, a Political Donation Certificate issued by the Registrar of Political Donations. Application for the Certificate shall be made by submitting, in person or through an authorised representative, a pre-election donation report and a pre-election declaration to the Registrar of Political Donations at his office at Elections Department not later than 4.00pm on 13 August 2005.

8 The forms for the pre-election donation report (Form 3) and declaration (Form 4) can be obtained from Elections Department or downloaded from its website at [www.elections.gov.sg](http://www.elections.gov.sg).

## **RETURNING OFFICER**

9 The Returning Officer is Mr Tan Boon Huat who is the Chief Executive Director of the People's Association.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
3 August 2005