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## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2011

The current term of the President shall expire on 1 September 2011 and the Presidential Election has to be conducted not more than 3 months before the date of expiration of the current term of the President.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

2 Under section 8(1) of the Presidential Elections Act, all persons who desire to be a candidate for the Presidential Election must apply for a Certificate of Eligibility from the Presidential Elections Committee. Applications may be made at any time from 1 June 2011 but will close on the 3rd day after the Writ of Election is issued. Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary of the Presidential Elections Committee, Elections Department, 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949, as follows:-

(a)	Weekdays	- 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
(b)	Saturdays	- 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

The office of the Secretary will be closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

3 The Certificate of Eligibility will state that for the purposes of the Presidential Election:-

- (a) the Presidential Elections Committee is satisfied that the applicant is a person of integrity, good character and reputation; and
- (b) where the applicant 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 applicant, having held office for a period of not less than 3 years in such position of seniority and responsibility in an organisation or department in the public or private sector comparable to those in Article 19 (2) (g) (i), (ii) or experience and ability in (iii), has such administering and managing the financial affairs so

as to enable him to carry out effectively the functions and duties of the office of President.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

4 The members of the Presidential Elections Committee are:-Mr Eddie Teo (a) - Chairman Chairman of the Public Service Commission (b) Ms Chan Lai Fung - Member Chairman of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Mr Sat Pal Khattar - Member (c) A member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights nominated by the Chairman of that Council pursuant to Article 18 (2) (c) of the Constitution

Mr Ng Cher Pong, Deputy Secretary (Policy) of Ministry of Education, is the Secretary of the Committee.

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SINGAPORE

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