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NEW MENTORS ON BOARD TO MENTOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG LADIES IN HONING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS

The Young Women's Leadership Connection (YWLC) held its Mentorship Commencement Ceremony on Friday, 27 August 2010, to mark the start of the second run of its mentorship programme. The event introduced the mentors to the new batch of mentees and provided a platform for both to get to know each other.

2 Mrs Lim Hwee Hua, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, and Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Transport, Co-founder of the YWLC and Chairperson of the YWLC Council of Advisors graced the event together with Mr Yam Ah Mee, Chief Executive Director, People's Association. Minister Lim shared her experiences as a mentor and her insights on a meaningful mentorship experience. She remarked, "I am heartened to see both mentors and mentees benefiting from this experience. Last year when we had this programme, many of the participants benefited by enhancing their leadership capabilities and learnt more about making good career choices and work life balance. Thus, I hope that this year's run will allow for greater interaction and learning from mentors to mentees and vice versa."

3 Several mentors ranging from politicians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and CEOs have pledged their commitment to mentor young outstanding girls from the YWLC for the next nine months. These include Minister Lim, Managing Director of Microsoft Singapore and MP for East Coast GRC; Ms Jessica Tan, founder of Far East Memories and President of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisation;

Mrs Laura Hwang, CEO of UBS Wealth Management Singapore; Mrs Christine Ong and entrepreneur and founder of NanzInc.com; Ms Nanz Chong-Komo. Please refer to Annex 1 for the list of mentors.

4 The selection process for the YWLC Mentorship Programme was a rigorous one where outstanding members from the YWLC were selected according to their interest in community service, leadership capabilities and their keenness in learning from their mentors. Says Miss Nur Khairah Abdul Rahim, Chairperson of the YWLC, "This year, we saw potential candidates who applied for this mentorship programme. This opportunity to learn from and develop a close bond with our inspiring and successful mentors is what sets us apart from other women leadership organizations."

5 The YWLC hopes to establish a big and diverse network of women to offer a wide range of contacts and mentoring opportunities through leadership development, community engagement initiatives and networking opportunities.

6 One of the mentees from the present batch, Ms Hamidah Aidillah Mustafa shared, "I am very excited about learning more from my mentor for the coming nine months. Through enhancing my leadership skill, I hope to contribute better to the community. I also hope to sustain the relationship I build with my mentor."

7 Interviews with the mentors and mentees can be arranged upon request.

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About Us

The People's Association's mission is to build and to bridge communities in achieving one people, one Singapore. We do this through our network of 1,800 grassroots organisations, five Community Development Councils, the National Youth Council, National Community Leadership Institute, Outward Bound Singapore and Water-Venture. More information at www.pa.gov.sg.

About Young Women's Leadership Connection

The Young Women's Leadership Connection (YWLC) was started by Mrs. Lim Hwee Hua, Minister (Prime Minister's Office) and Second Minister for Finance and Transport, and UBS Singapore in 2008, in an effort to create a pipeline of women leaders and more opportunities for young women with leadership potential in Singapore.

The YWLC seeks to empower and groom the young women leaders of Singapore through the following 4 core pillars - Enrichment, Networking, Mentorship and Community. In February 2010, the YWLC, led by its pioneer Executive Committee, was officially constituted under the People's Association network of community organisations

List of Mentors

No.	MENTORS	DESIGNATION
1	Lim Hwee Hua (Mrs)	Minister, Prime Ministers' Office, Second Minister for Ministry of Transport & Finance MP for Aljunied GRC (Serangoon)
2	Janice Ang (Ms)	Executive Coach
3	Chong-Komo Nanz (Ms)	Founder, NanzInc.com/Entrepreneur/Business Coach
4	Grace Fu Hai Yien (Ms)	Senior Minister of State, Ministry National Development & Education MP for Jurong GRC (Yuhua)
5	Fatimah Abd. Lateef (Dr.)	Consultant, Dept of Emergency Medicine Singapore General Hospital MP for Marine Parade GRC (Geylang Serai)
6	Laura Hwang (Mrs)	Managing Director, Memories of the East Pte Ltd & SCWO President
7	Lee Bee Wah (Er.)	Principal Partner, LBW Consultants MP for AMK GRC (Nee Soon South) Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) President
8	Penny Low (Miss)	President & Founder, Social Innovation Park Ltd MP for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC (Punggol North)
9	Olivia Lum (Ms)	Group CEO & President, Hyflux Group
10	Christine Ong (Ms)	CEO, UBS Wealth Management Singapore
11	Jessica Tan Soon Neo (Ms)	Managing Director, Microsoft Singapore MP for East Coast GRC (Changi-Simei)
12	Teo Lay-Sie (Ms)	COO, UBS Singapore and Asia Emerging Markets
13	Julie Yeo (Ms)	Head of Corporate Communications, UBS Singapore
14	Claire Chiang (Ms)	Chairperson, Banyan Tree
15	Saw Phaik Hwa (Ms)	President and CEO, SMRT
16	Norma Sit (Ms)	Entrepreneur & Author
17	Indranee Rajah (Miss)	Deputy Managing Director, Drew & Napier LLC Deputy Speaker of Parliament MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC