



Science Centre Board – Press Release

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### **Science Centre Board Announces New Chief Executive**

*Ms Tham Mun See will succeed Dr Lim Tit Meng on 1 July 2025.*

**Singapore, 2 June 2025** – Ms Tham Mun See will be appointed the Chief Executive of the Science Centre Board from 1 July 2025. She will succeed Dr Lim Tit Meng, who will be stepping down as Chief Executive on 30 June 2025 to pursue other interests. Ms Tham is currently the Deputy Chief Executive of the Science Centre Board.

#### **A Legacy of Curiosity and Outreach**

Over the past 15 years, Dr Lim has led Science Centre Singapore's transformation into a dynamic Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning hub, making STEM learning accessible to all ages.

Under his stewardship, the Centre rolled out several initiatives, such as KidsSTOP™, Singapore's first and only Science Centre for young children; STEM Inc., a specialised outfit dedicated to enhancing applied learning in schools; and the Centre of Research and Applied Learning in Science (CRADLΣ), a teaching and research hub that provides mentoring for students participating in science and engineering research projects. To promote inclusivity in the community, Dr Lim spearheaded a partnership between the Centre and SG Enable to enhance access of science experiences at the Centre for persons with disabilities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Lim led the Centre in pivoting its popular science demonstrations to an online format of livestream videos titled "SCS Zooms to You", reaching around 170,000 students from over 300 schools. To further amplify the Centre's reach, Dr Lim transformed the Singapore Science Festival into UNTAME, the Centre's annual flagship event designed to spotlight the power of STEM in our everyday lives.

Under his leadership, Dr Lim oversaw the development of the new Science Centre, a significant milestone in the advancement of STEM education and experiences for Singaporeans of all ages. Situated in the Jurong Lake District, the new Science Centre's groundbreaking ceremony was held in November 2023, with construction work that commenced in April 2024.

#### **Shaping the Global STEM Landscape**

As Chief Executive of the Science Centre Singapore, Dr Lim has flown the Singapore flag high in the international science community through his leadership roles in local and overseas organisations. He served as President of the Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science (SAAS) from 2011 to 2025, the Singapore National Academy of Science (SNAS) from 2019 to 2025, and the Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres (ASPAC) from 2016 to 2024. During his term on the board of the US Association of Science & Technology

Centers (ASTC) from 2013 to 2018, he played a key role in bringing the ASTC and ASPAC communities together through international partnerships.

With support from the Ministry of Education (MOE), Dr Lim broadened the scope of Singapore Science Centre Global Pte Ltd (SSCG), the Centre's business arm, to fully undertake all commercial and international activities. In 2020, SSCG secured a master planning consultancy to help Sarawak's Ministry of Education develop a new Science Centre in Kuching. In 2024, SSCG partnered a consultancy company to model the Children's Science and Technology Museum in Almaty, Kazakhstan, after KidsSTOP™.

### **Incoming Chief Executive, Ms Tham Mun See**

Ms Tham has held various leadership positions in MOE, including the Executive Director of the Academy of Singapore Teachers, Cluster Superintendent, and Principal of Raffles Girls' School (Secondary) and Anderson Secondary School. A key priority under Ms Tham's leadership is to steer the development of the new Science Centre into a world-class institution for public STEM learning and engagement.

### **Appreciation to Dr Lim Tit Meng**

Minister for Education, Mr Desmond Lee, said: "Dr Lim Tit Meng has played a key role in making Science Centre Singapore an important hub for science education in Singapore. Through various initiatives, he has brought STEM learning out of classrooms, and inspired students to apply scientific solutions to real-world problems. I would like to express my appreciation for his dedication over the past 15 years. At the same time, I look forward to working with Ms Tham Mun See on the development of the new Science Centre, to continue to spark curiosity and nurture creativity through STEM education, and inspire future generations of scientists and innovators."

Mr Peter Ho, Chairman, Science Centre Board said: "Dr Lim's contributions have been invaluable. His dedication and passion have inspired us all, and he also expanded the Centre's global presence through physical and virtual initiatives. We are confident that Ms Tham, with her rich experience and distinguished service in Singapore's education sector, will build on Dr Lim's good work to drive our mission forward, ensuring the Centre remains at the forefront of STEM engagement in the region."

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## **About Science Centre Singapore**

Science Centre Singapore, a non-formal educational institution and leading regional Science Centre, along with its group of attractions, brings out the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through its unique blend of exhibitions, educational programmes and events. A role model of creativity and innovation, Science Centre Singapore has captured the evolution of scientific developments for nearly four decades.

The Centre and its partners have played a pivotal role in transforming the way students and the public interact with and learn about STEM. Since 1977, the Centre has welcomed over 30 million visitors and inspired them with more than 1,000 exhibits spread across 14 exhibition galleries and outdoor exhibition spaces.

The Centre's group of attractions include Omni-Theatre, Snow City and KidsSTOP™. The Omni-Theatre is an immersive dual-technology edutainment destination fitted with Southeast Asia's largest seamless dome screen featuring the latest and brightest 8k digital full-dome system in the world. Snow City is Singapore's only permanent indoor snow centre offering an Arctic inspired experience at Singapore's first ice gallery and snow chamber. KidsSTOP™ - Where every child gets to Imagine, Experience, Discover and Dream - is Singapore's first children's science centre offering an enriching experience through purposeful play for children aged 18 months to 8 years old. For more information, please visit [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg).