



## **Introduction of Candidates for SingCham Election 2008**

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In accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of SingCham, the Annual General Meeting on 23 Feb is going to elect 15 members to form the 2008-2010 management committee. Nomination is now closed.

We are pleased to announce the candidates standing for SingCham Election 2008. They are listed in alphabetical order (by family name) as follows:

- 1. Ms Janet Ang**, VP & Head of Business Operations, Global Desktop Business Unit, Lenovo
- 2. Ms Lucie Lau**, International Manager, Asian Tigers K.C.Dat (China) Ltd
- 3. Mr Lau Teck Sien**, Director, Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd
- 4. Ms Angelina Lee**, Associate Director, Barclays Bank, Beijing Rep. Office
- 5. Mr Jeffrey Lee**, Deputy General Manager, Beijing Landmark Towers Co Ltd
- 6. Mr Jason Leow**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, CapitalLand China Holdings
- 7. Mr Andrew Loo**, Marketing Director, Beijing Huadu Group
- 8. Mr Ng Guan Leng**, General Manager, Beijing Guo Rui Real Estate Development Co Ltd
- 9. Mr Esmond Quek**, Chief Executive, Hill & Knowlton Public Relations (China) Co Ltd
- 10. Ms Dorothy Seet**, General Manager, Beijing Smart Garments Co Ltd.
- 11. Mr Francis Sum**, President and Board Member, Volvo Automotive Finance (China) Ltd
- 12. Mr Gino Tan**, Executive Assistant Manager, Raffles Beijing Hotel
- 13. Ms Lyn Tan**, Vice President, Partners Development (China), My China Channel Pte Ltd
- 14. Mr Tay Eng Kiat**, Chief Executive Officer, Ascendas China
- 15. Mr Henry Wong**, Director (Administration), Beijing BISS International School

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Details:

### **1. Candidate: Ms Janet Ang**

Janet Ang is Vice President at Lenovo, & Head of Business Operations, Global Desktop Business Unit. She has a distinguished series of business successes, including the successful transition of the desktop mission from Raleigh NC to Beijing, the successful launch of the first Lenovo branded desktop – Lenovo 3000J, and integration and consolidation of product portfolios from heritage IBM PCD and heritage Lenovo China.

Janet was responsible for leading the successful transition of the IBM PCD unit in Greater China over to Lenovo on May 1, 2005, with the completion of the sale of IBM PCD worldwide to Lenovo.

In her twenty-three years at IBM, Janet has taken on various job responsibilities. She was on international assignment to Tokyo Japan and returned to Singapore in 2001 as the Managing Director of IBM Singapore a position which she held from 2001 to 2003.

Janet has served in the following organization, boards, associations and chambers:

- a. Council Member of the Singapore IT Federation (SiTF)
- b. Advisory Council member of the IT Committee of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- c. Board member of SingPost and Singapore Tourism Board
- d. VP of the Singapore Computer Society (SCS)
- e. Member of the International Women's Forum (IWF) – Singapore Chapter
- f. Member of the Advisory Council of the Business School of the National University of Singapore
- g. Board member of the Infant Jesus Schools (Singapore)

Janet is a Business Administration Honours graduate from the National University of Singapore.

## **2. Candidate: Ms Lucie Lau**

Lucie Lau is in the business of international moving and relocation.

Lucie has been very active in SingCham, and has held several appointments including the Chairman for Membership Sub-Committee, and the Chairman for Social & Recreation Sub-Committee.

She has been instrumental in organizing a few key events, including national day dinners, and charity drive. In particular, Lucie is very strong in securing sponsorships, participations, lucky draws and advertisements. Lucie also assisted to secure sponsorships and items for AmCham Charity Ball for four years. This is a good indication of her strength in this area.

In her capacity as the Chairman for Social & Recreation Sub-Committee in SingCham from 2006-2008, she organized various social events (for eg. fruit plucking), joint networking sessions at various restaurants / locations (with other foreign chambers such as SwissCham, MayCham, ThaiCham, Canadian Business Council, Hong Kong Chamber, Indonesian and Korean business communities, etc.), and the two Christmas parties in 2006 and 2007.

### **3. Candidate: Mr Lau Teck Sien**

Lau Teck Sien is a Director with Temasek Holding (Pte) Ltd, responsible for sourcing and executing investment transactions in China.

Prior to joining Temasek in 2004, Teck Sien was with UOB Bank where he chalked up more than 8 years of banking and investment experience in commercial banking, asset management and corporate finance. From 1998 to 2003, Teck Sien was based in Beijing and was the Chief Representative of UOB Beijing Representative Office and subsequently as Deputy GM of UOB Beijing Branch. After over four years in China, Teck Sien joined UOB Asset Management Ltd where he was responsible for institutional and retail business in Greater China.

Teck Sien has been working in China for a total of 8 years. He currently serves SingCham as the Vice Chairman. Teck Sien attended the Nanyang Technological University and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business.

### **4. Candidate: Ms Angelina Lee**

Angelina is currently an Associate Director with Barclays Bank covering China commodities markets. She spent eight years of her career as an energy price and market analyst spanning Asia Singapore, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Beijing.

In 2004, Angelina opened the China office in Guangzhou for McGraw-Hill International marking the start of Chinese oil and energy pricing under international benchmark - Platts. In 2006, she moved to Beijing as Chief Analyst.

Angelina has varied roles as Chief Analyst Beijing - speaking at international conferences and managing corporate and government relationships.

### **5. Candidate: Mr Jeffrey Lee**

Jeffrey hails from Singapore and is currently the Deputy General Manager of Beijing Landmark Towers Co Ltd. He is a certified accountant by training and is responsible for the operation of the hotel, apartment block, retail and the two office towers. Having been in China for the past 20 years since 1988, he has substantial exposure working in the local environment. Jeffrey has extensive experience in the hospitality industry having worked in various properties in Singapore and China for the past 30 years.

Prior to the formation of SingCham, Jeffrey has been actively involved in the Management Committee of the Singapore Club. He has participated in the organizing of the social and business activities of the Singapore Club especially the popular National Day dinners and the monthly golf tournaments.

Currently Jeffrey is one of the office bearers in SingCham's Executive Committee as the Treasurer and is looking after the finances of SingCham. He is also the current Golf Convenor and is responsible for organizing the SingCham's monthly golf tournaments as well as the AseanPlus and Inter Chamber Golf Tournaments. Apart from golf, Jeffrey has also been actively involved in the competitive Beijing Squash League under the China Squash Association.

Jeffrey has made himself available for election and is more than happy to serve SingCham and the members if elected.

## **6. Candidate: Mr Jason Leow**

Jason Leow, age 42, is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Capitaland China Holdings. He has been with Capitaland since 1994 and has always been involved with China business since then.

Jason Leow is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore. He holds an executive MBA from the Fudan University and attended the Harvard Advance Management Program in 2007.

Capitaland Ltd is one of the largest listed company in Singapore. It has business presence in more than 100 cities in 20 countries. China is one of its key markets and it is now one of the largest foreign developers and investors in China. The company has been in China since 1994 and has significant investments in residential, serviced residences, offices, mixed used developments, and shopping malls. It currently employs more than 1000 employees in its real estate development arm.

Jason Leow and his family are currently based in Beijing. They were in Shanghai for five years before moving to Beijing in 2005.

"It is my privilege to be able to contribute to the good cause of SingCham. Over the years, SingCham has been providing a very good platform for business and social interaction for its members. It is my desire to continue to build on the good work of SingCham. I hope to tap on my social and business network to expand the influence of SingCham", says Jason.

## **7. Candidate: Mr Andrew Loo**

Andrew Loo is the Marketing Director of Beijing Huadu Group, which specializes in the manufacturing of insulation sandwich panels for industrial cold room, clean room, building and air ducts.

Andrew has been very active in SingCham. He is currently the Chairman for the Membership Sub-Committee. He previously held positions including the Vice Chairman for the Social & Recreational Sub-Committee. Having spent more than a decade working in Beijing and a few years in Shanghai, Andrew has been a public Singaporean figure in Beijing, helping new comers with advice and guides in both living and doing business in China.

## **8. Candidate: Mr Ng Guan Leng**

Ng Guan Leng is currently the General Manager of Beijing Guo Rui Real Estates Development Co Ltd.

Guan Leng has been working in China for 19 years. His China career started in 1989 in UOB Xiamen Branch. He was transferred to UOB Hong Kong in 1991. In 1993, Guan Leng moved to Beijing and switched his career to an entirely different line: real estate. He has been in the real estate industry ever since.

Guan Leng has been an active figure in the Beijing Singaporean community. From 1996 to 2000, he was the President for Singapore Club Beijing. He has been the Secretary-General for SingCham since its inauguration in 2001.

## **9. Candidate: Mr Esmond Quek**

Esmond Quek is currently Chief Executive of Hill & Knowlton China, and is responsible for providing senior strategic counsel to clients, while both spearheading growth and strategy in the China market. Hill & Knowlton is the first international public relations firm to open in China. It currently has over 150 professionals serving three wholly owned offices in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. Since Esmond's arrival at H&K, the company has won 'Best Communications Organization' in 2005, the 2006 Asia Pacific PR award for 'Consultancy of the Year', and six consecutive years under the title '#1 International PR Agency'.

Prior to joining Hill & Knowlton in 2004, Esmond held the position of vice-president and regional head of marketing at ABN AMRO Asset Management Asia-Pacific based in Hong Kong, worked in a general management position for British American Tobacco running the greater China market, and served as a Non-Executive Director of Quam Financial Services – a Hong Kong-listed company. Esmond is the first and only foreigner to be appointed a research fellow position at the prestigious Fudan University in Shanghai; and is an active speaker at events for the American Chamber and Canada China Business Council. Esmond has repeatedly been invited to deliver speaking engagements at the Wharton School of Business 'China Business Conference' and the Harvard-Beijing University Academic Exchange. In 2007, Esmond was awarded the International Business Award for 'Best Executive in Asia;' he is the first Singaporean to win this award—hailed as 'the business world's own Oscars.'

Esmond holds a B.Sc. in Marketing and Advertising from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. He has been dealing with the China market since 1997. Esmond and his family all reside in Beijing. Esmond is a frequent patron of the arts, enjoys golf, and is a renowned “foodie.”

## **10. Candidate: Ms Dorothy Seet**

Dorothy Seet is the General Manager of Beijing Smart Garments Co Ltd.

Smart Garments is a joint venture, with majority Singapore share and has been operating in China for the last 23 years. The company employs close to 3000 staff, manufacturing, exporting and retailing clothing. Dorothy was seconded from Singapore to join Beijing operation since 1994 and holds the following positions:

- a. Vice Chair/General Manager - Beijing Smart Garments
- b. Chairperson - SingCham (previous appointments include SingCham Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Chairperson for Finance & Legal Sub-Committee)
- c. Vice-Chairperson - Beijing Garment Association
- d. Council member - China National Clothing Association
- e. Council member- China Promotion of Foreign Trade Council

Dorothy is currently the chairperson for SingCham, and believes that her knowledge, experience and network in China can bring value to SingCham.

## **11. Candidate: Mr Francis Sum**

Francis Sum is the President and Board Member of Volvo Automotive Finance (China) Limited (VAFC), one of the 7 Automotive Finance Company (AFC) approved by the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) as a Non Bank Financial Institutions. Francis was in China since 2005 for the pre-license preparation stage and obtained its license to start business in July 2006.

The Company does not finance Volvo cars as it has sold the Car Division to Ford since 1999. The Company is in the business of financing commercial vehicles - trucks (under the Volvo, Nissan Diesel, Renault and Mack Brands), construction equipment; buses; Penta; Aero etc.

"By joining the management committee, I hope I can contribute to SingCham on Banking & Finance's related know-how and also to help SingCham to establish itself as the de facto home for my fellow Singaporean", says Francis.

## **12. Candidate: Mr Gino Tan**

Gino is the Executive Assistant Manager of Raffles Beijing Hotel and has returned to Beijing a year ago. He was also previously elected in the Management Committee of SingCham from 2003 and has been with the Raffles Hotels and Resorts for 12 years, and prior to his appointment at Raffles Beijing Hotel, this Raffles veteran was with Raffles Hotel Singapore as Executive Assistant Manager, Sales and Marketing. His senior appointments in the group includes Director of Marketing at the Group's flagship Raffles Amrita Spa at Raffles The Plaza, and was also significantly involved in pre-opening assignments for the Group's hotel in Sydney .

Gino has stepped forward in assisting the Chamber in many occasions and more recently, volunteering in events and for offering Raffles Beijing Hotel to be the venue for the weekly network sessions every Friday, which he had started in 2001 while he was at Swissotel Beijing. He hopes to assist in bringing the Chamber to the next level by working with the Management Committee in facilitating and assisting in the Chamber's initiatives.

### **13. Candidate: Ms Lyn Tan**

Lyn Tan is currently the Vice President of My China Channel, a Singapore-based media company focusing on the co-production of quality infotainment and documentary programmes as well as its worldwide distribution. Lyn is responsible for the pioneering of this new media concept in China and is involved in sourcing for partnership in acquisition and co-production of quality Chinese content.

An economics graduate from the National University of Singapore, Lyn has with her 20 years of experience in marketing and management, experience spans from advertising to broadcasting, including more than ten years of international senior management experience

Lyn has a total of 14 years of working experience in China, being stationed in Beijing and Shanghai. Lyn started her career in China in 1993 when she was transferred from Hong Kong to start the promotion of the reputable Hong Kong Ming Pao Daily in China. She was then the Senior Account Manager for Hong Kong Ming Pao Group. In 1997, Lyn joined Thakral Media Corporation as Deputy General Manger to oversee the marketing of airship advertising in China, a revolutionary outdoor advertising phenomenon in China.

From 1999 to 2006, Lyn was the Chief Representative for MediaCorp Beijing and Shanghai representative offices. In her seven years with MediaCorp, she has established valuable working relationships with many television stations in China. She contributed greatly to the landing of Channel New Asia in hotels and foreign compounds in China in 1994.

Lyn's extensive experiences in China media, spanning from print to outdoor to broadcasting has made her one of the few Chinese media specialist from Singapore.

For many years, Lyn has served both the Singapore communities in Beijing and Shanghai through her involvement in SingCham, Shanghai Singapore Business Association and the former Singapore

Club in Beijing.

## **14. Candidate: Mr Tay Eng Kiat**

Tay Eng Kiat is the Chief Executive Officer of Ascendas China, responsible for developing and managing the Ascendas property portfolio in China and formulating the overall China strategy. These include developing new products and opening new markets in cities across China.

Eng Kiat has enjoyed a rewarding 24-year career in the property industry. Prior to joining Ascendas in 2004, Mr Tay was Project Director of Development Services with PSA Corporation (now Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd), which he joined in 2000. From 1997 to 2000, he was based in Suzhou, China as the General Manager of Xinsu Industrial Development (Suzhou) Co. Ltd, part of JTC International's Business Parks & Facilities Group.

Eng Kiat also worked with Centrepoint Properties Ltd, the property business arm of the Fraser & Neave Group from 1990 to 1997. As the Senior Manager of Marketing, he was responsible for marketing the F&N Group's residential, office and industrial properties. Prior to joining Centrepoint, Eng Kiat worked in Trade & Industrial Development (Pte) Ltd, a joint venture between Mitsui Fudosan (Japan) and the Hong Leong Group (Singapore), from 1981 to 1990. He was with the Housing and Development Board (HDB) of Singapore from 1979 to 1981.

Eng Kiat graduated from the University of Singapore with a degree in Estate Management in 1979.

## **15. Candidate: Mr Henry Wong**

Henry Wong has been living in China since 1998 except for the two short years back in Singapore and the U.S. in 2001-2003. Before serving SingCham Management Committee the 2006-2008 term, he was also a committee member of the then Singapore Club Beijing.

Henry earned a M.A. in Education from Pepperdine University, California, a M.A. in Intercultural Studies/International Business (Highest Honors) and an undergraduate degree in Organizational Leadership (Magna Cum Laude) from Biola University, California. Henry also holds certification as a Multiple Subject Teacher from the State of California.

Henry's career in education includes positions as Senior Admissions and Marketing Manager, Deputy Dean, Director of Business Administration, and Instructor. Prior to joining the ISS (Singapore) Education Group, Henry worked as a Management Trainer, Events Coordinator, and Finance Manager.

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