

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Singapore, 21 July 2020 – The Ministry of National Development (MND) and the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) announced today the following senior appointment change at BCA:

- Mr Lim U Yang Hugh Reginald (林优扬), currently Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BCA, will relinquish his appointment on 2 November 2020
- Mr Kelvin Wong Wee Siong (黄伟翔), currently Executive Vice President (EVP) of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), will be appointed as CEO (Designate) of BCA from 27 July 2020 to 1 November 2020, before taking on the appointment as CEO on 2 November 2020

2 As CEO of BCA, Mr Lim led BCA to strengthen partnerships and build capabilities along the construction value chain. Under Mr Lim's leadership, BCA developed the Construction Industry Transformation Map, and galvanised efforts by industry and union partners for the BuildSG Movement. Mr Lim also championed the transformation of the construction industry through innovation and technology. In addition, he led BCA in holding the inaugural International Built Environment Week in 2019, which is the region's first built environment event that showcases best practices across the built environment value chain, promotes Singaporean firms' capabilities to the region, with a focus on smart solutions as well as research and innovation. Mr Lim also oversaw the amendments of key legislations including the Building Control Act earlier this year, which was aimed at strengthening the building regulatory control framework and improving accessibility in our built environment.

3 As EVP, Mr Wong oversees the development of the strategic growth engines in Hub Services and Supply Chain & Connectivity, as well as EDB's New Businesses and Policy & Planning divisions. Mr Wong previously oversaw EDB's SkillsFuture efforts and the successful implementation of the Leadership Development Initiative to develop more Singaporeans as business leaders in their respective fields, as well as the delivery of the Industry Transformation Roadmaps for the Logistics and Professional Services clusters.

4 Mr Wong started his career with EDB in 1996 and has helmed various key portfolios in EDB, including Logistics, Professional Services, Urban Solutions. He is a Glaxo-EDB scholar and graduated from Imperial College, University of London. More detailed write-ups of Mr Lim and Mr Wong are in the **Annex**.

5 MND would like to thank Mr Lim for his invaluable contributions in transforming Singapore's built environment. We welcome Mr Wong to his new appointment at BCA.

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About BCA

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore champions the development of an excellent built environment for Singapore. BCA's mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, as these are four key elements where BCA has significant influence. In doing so, it aims to differentiate Singapore's built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Hence, its vision is to have "a future-ready built environment for Singapore". Together with its education arm, the BCA Academy, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that help shape a future-ready built environment for Singapore. For more information, visit www1.bca.gov.sg.

Mr Hugh Lim

Mr Hugh Lim, aged 55, was awarded the Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship (SAFOS) in 1984 to study at the University of Liverpool where he graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honours) in Engineering Science and Industrial Management. He was subsequently awarded the SAF Postgraduate Scholarship (General Development) in 1997 and obtained a Master of Science (Management of Technology) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998. Prior to Mr Lim's current appointment as CEO of BCA, he was Deputy Secretary (Community, Youth and Sports) of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY). He had previously served in the SAF for over 25 years and also in the Ministry of Law (MinLaw).

2 As CEO of BCA, Mr Lim led BCA to strengthen partnerships and build capabilities along the construction value chain. Under his leadership, BCA developed the Construction Industry Transformation Map and galvanised efforts by industry and union partners for the BuildSG Movement. In line with efforts to co-create a world class built environment, Mr Lim oversaw various key initiatives such as the formation of the Tripartite Facilities Management Implementation Committee to bring together major stakeholders, comprising both public and private building owners, facilities management (FM) service and solution providers, trade associations and chambers (TACs), and unions, to co-develop initiatives to create a healthy FM eco-system, enhance the demand for quality FM and build capabilities in the FM sector. During his tenure, Mr Lim also oversaw the amendment of key legislations under BCA's purview, such as the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act which was amended to set clear boundaries for good governance and transparency, and improve the proxy system for conduct of general meetings; the Security of Payment Act which was amended to enhance the requirements for handling of payment claims and responses, as well as improve the adjudication process; and more recently in March 2020, the amendment of the Building Control Act which included the introduction of a new façade inspection regime, enhanced regulatory framework for lifts and escalators, introduction of a provision allowing government to mandate Progressive Wage Model for local personnel in the lift maintenance industry and the requirement for basic accessibility features for older buildings that undergo additions and alterations works.

3 Mr Lim has been instrumental in supporting the transformation of the construction industry through research and innovation. Under his leadership, the Built Environment Accelerate to Market Programme (BE-AMP) to encourage adoption of technology solutions was introduced. BCA has also formed the Built Environment Technology Alliance (BETA) to support an industry-centric research and innovation (R&I) ecosystem that brings together stakeholders across the value chain, with the aim of translating industry-led projects into commercialisable products and services for the sector. He also oversaw the successful launch of the inaugural International Built Environment Week (IBEW) in 2019, which is the region's first built environment event that provides a shared platform to showcase progressive firms in the industry, and innovative technologies across the entire built environment value chain.

Mr Kelvin Wong



Mr Kelvin Wong, aged 49, is a Glaxo-EDB scholar who graduated from Imperial College, University of London (Masters in Communications and Signal Processing, and a First Class Honours in Electronics and Electrical Engineering) in 1996.

2 Mr Wong is currently the EVP & Member of Executive Committee of EDB. He oversees growth engines in Hub Services and Supply Chain & Connectivity, as well as EDB's New Businesses and Policy and Planning divisions that include Corporate Planning, Strategic Planning, Contact Singapore, Human Capital and Resource Development. He currently serves on the board of Singapore's Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and is also the alternate board member of the Human Capital Leadership Institute (HCLI).

3 As EVP of EDB, Mr Wong led the development of EDB's ASEAN strategy for Singapore and made significant progress in anchoring corporate HQ-level activities in Singapore. He also led EDB's SkillsFuture efforts and was responsible for the successful implementation of the Leadership Development Initiative to develop more Singaporeans as business leaders in their respective fields. He oversaw the successful development and launch of the Industry Transformation Roadmaps for the Logistics and Professional Services clusters, and also spearheaded the formation of the Urban Logistics Taskforce and the National Trade Platform, a national trade information management platform to position Singapore as the world's leading trade, supply chain and financial trading hub.