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HSA SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH INTERPOL IN TRAINING FOR INVESTIGATION AND TESTING OF COUNTERFEIT MEDICAL PRODUCTS

Singapore's Health Sciences Authority (HSA) signed a Cooperation Agreement with the International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL on 8 June 2011.

2 This agreement, inked by Mr Ronald K Noble, Secretary General of INTERPOL, and Dr John Lim, Chief Executive Officer of HSA in Singapore, aims to enhance existing co-operation between the two agencies by creating new opportunities in strengthening the training in the investigations and testing of counterfeit medical products for law enforcement officers.

3 Said Dr John Lim, “HSA is pleased to formalise our cooperation with INTERPOL and play a part in the global efforts against counterfeit medical products. Tapping on our unique blend of regulatory and forensic expertise, we hope to be able to contribute by sharing our expertise and experience, and facilitate the effective information sharing and coordination of regulatory enforcement actions among partner agencies.”

4 Through the newly setup HSA Academy, HSA will work closely with INTERPOL to build up greater anti-counterfeit awareness and knowledge base as well as capabilities and skills sets for the Asia Pacific region.

5 Mr Noble remarked, “This training agreement with Singapore’s HSA is historic because it is the first of its kind between INTERPOL and a national health agency. This signing reflects HSA's and INTERPOL's joint recognition that the fight against medical product counterfeiting and pharmaceutical crime is a matter that requires public health and law enforcement sectors to develop integrated approaches. Beginning in 2014 the INTERPOL Global Complex in Singapore will provide a key international platform for joint HSA and INTERPOL capacity building and training in this area.”

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The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is a multidisciplinary agency that applies medical, pharmaceutical and scientific expertise through its three professional groups, Health Products Regulation, Blood Services, Applied Sciences, to protect and advance national health and safety. It serves as the national regulator for health products, ensuring they are wisely regulated to meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. It operates the national blood bank, Bloodbank@HSA, securing the nation’s blood supply. It also applies specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and analytical capabilities in serving the administration of justice. For more details, visit www.hsa.gov.sg.

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***Mr Ronald K Noble, Secretary General of INTERPO and Dr John Lim, CEO of HSA
at the Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony.***