



Publication: Singapore Government News

Date: 31 August 2012

Headline: Singapore Management University: New chief executive officer for the Human Capital Leadership Institute

## **Singapore Management University: New Chief Executive Officer for the Human Capital Leadership Institute**

31 August 2012

Singapore Government News

Singapore, Aug. 31 -- The Singapore Management University (SMU) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Peter Ong as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Human Capital Leadership Institute (HCLI). Mr Ong will succeed Mr Kwan Chee Wei and his appointment will take effect from 1 September 2012.

Mr Peter Ong was the Managing Partner of Gallup of Singapore, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia from 2004 to early 2010 before he decided to venture out on his own to create a business advisory, Rested Edge Advisory in 2010. From 1995 to 2004, he was with Accenture and from 1994 to 1995, Mr Ong was with the Prime Minister's Office where he began his career.

HCLI was set up in 2010 with the Ministry of Manpower, the Singapore Economic Development Board and the Singapore Management University as strategic partners. It was constituted by SMU as a private company limited by guarantee on 17 November 2011 to enable greater autonomy for building up the institute as a national Centre of Excellence. HCLI is managed by its board which is chaired by Mr Sunny Verghese, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Olam International Limited .

HCLI's mission is to help organisations accelerate human capital and leadership development in Asia, for a globalized Asia. They achieve this by driving Pan-Asian research, creating cutting edge executive development programmes and fostering rich networks between leaders in business, government, academia and consulting.

SMU Provost and Deputy President (Academic Affairs) Professor Rajendra Srivastava said, "Building on what has been laid as a good foundation, Peter will assume his new position to take the institute to its next level of excellence. We would like to express our appreciation to Chee Wei for his leadership and guidance during HCLI's formative years."

Under the leadership of Mr Kwan Chee Wei who took office as Executive Director in 2010, HCLI has established itself as a credible institute that helps organisations accelerate leadership development and strategic human capital management capabilities in Asia, for a globalised Asia. It has offered several custom programmes to multi-national companies in the region, organised the Singapore Business Leaders Programme, introduced consortium programmes and published HQ Asia.

There will be a one-month transition period during which Mr Kwan Chee Wei will hand over his duties to Mr Peter Ong. Mr Kwan will continue to be the authorised officer till 1 October 2012