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2<sup>nd</sup> Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts

### **Report on the Enabling Masterplan 2007-2011**

1. You appointed our Steering Committee in September 2006 to develop an Enabling Masterplan for the disability sector for the next five years from 2007-2011.
2. Our vision is for an inclusive Singapore - one where persons with disability are fully integrated and embraced as equal members of society.
3. We have looked at the life stages of persons with disabilities and their families. We have focused in particular on three areas:
  - **Early Intervention and Education:** Children with special needs should receive quality early intervention services and quality education. These set the foundation for successful integration in life.
  - **Employment:** Employment is the best form of independence. Persons with disabilities should have the opportunity to take up a job commensurate with their abilities, talent and training.
  - **Community, Residential and Caregiving Support:** Persons with disabilities have the right to live a life with dignity, with support from their families and the community.
4. We appreciate the leadership and commitment shown by both the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) and the National Council for Social Service (NCSS) over the years. As disability issues cut across many sectors, we recommend an inter-ministry approach under the leadership of a coordinating Minister. We also advocate mainstreaming of disability issues where respective Government ministries and agencies take on board and show leadership of disability issues in their functional areas. We commend MCYS and NCSS for their good work in galvanising the community. We firmly believe and support the "Many Helping Hands" approach.

5. We wish to express our appreciation to our Advisor, Professor Tommy Koh as well as the many persons with disabilities, parents, families, professionals and practitioners, employers, and voluntary welfare organisations whom we have consulted. We would not have accomplished our work without their contributions.

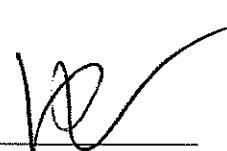
6. We hereby present the Enabling Masterplan 2007-2011 for the Government's consideration. We hope our recommendations and all the effort to come in the next five years will enable persons with disabilities to be a part of our society.

Yours sincerely,



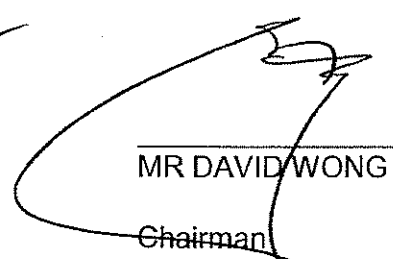
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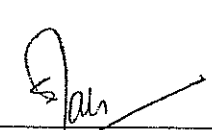
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