

**OPENING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF PROJECT MANAGERS
DR TING SENG KIONG AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH & SEMINAR ON THE
ACCREDITATION OF PROJECT MANAGERS AT 10 AM TUESDAY
6 JUNE 2017 AT GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT HOTEL SINGAPORE**

Mayor of Northwest CDC, Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mr Liew Mun Leong, Mr Chow Kok Fong, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Let me welcome everyone to this Launch of the Accreditation of Project Managers by SPM.

As projects grow bigger and more complex, the need for good project managers become more acute. As the consequences are more severe, project managers must be able to assess from the very beginning the efficacy of any project, risk identification and stakeholders satisfaction. Asking questions before anyone can. They must see further into the horizon and manage the trade-offs. It is no longer just about getting the job done in the time given, within the cost budgeted and providing the quality expected.

Accreditation of Project Managers is to set minimum standards and to provide a clear framework for skill set requirements. It will provide a quality assurance of the service expected of an accredited project managers. In the midst of the present environment where there is some confusion and chaos, a lack of direction, it will set the benchmark to aspire to and beyond.

I want to thank all who had tirelessly worked to make this day possible. I heard many had only a few hours of sleep over the last few days. We work with a common believe that what we are doing will be very useful to our industry. I have assured them that we would polish this scheme over the few months as we get feedback from the execution of the scheme.

I want to thank all the supporters from government entities, developers, consultants and contractors, who had sent a very strong signal to SPM that we are proceeding in the right direction. This will change the landscape of project management in Singapore. We will be operating on a higher level. We will raise the level of professionalism of Project Managers. We will be an example for others to follow. In case you think we are doing this only for Singapore, think again. We are looking to set the pace not only here but also around us, ASEAN and beyond. Others are looking to us. Once we do this well, they will be ready to adopt our approach and adapt for their own use. The Singapore branding is very special.

Thank you.