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MEDIA RELEASE

ORDINARY YOUTHS WITH EXTRAORDINARY HEARTS CONFERRED THE HIGHEST YOUTH ACCOLADE

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2010

Compassion, inspiration, drive, tenacity and passion in the pursuits of excellence and contributions to the community. These are traits shared by four exemplary individuals who would be receiving the nation's highest youth accolade from Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, at the Singapore Youth Award (SYA) 2010 Presentation Ceremony on 4 July 2010 (Sunday).

2 The SYA aims to inspire youth in Singapore with the achievements of these outstanding individuals, whose distinction in their fields of endeavour and contributions to the community are worthy of emulation.

3 The SYA 2010 would be conferred on the following individuals:

- (a) **Arts & Culture**
 - i) Mr Royston Tan, Film-maker
- (b) **Entrepreneurship**
 - ii) Mr Leonard Tan, Entrepreneur
- (c) **Science & Technology**
 - iii) Dr Loh Yuin Han, Scientist
- (d) **Sports & Adventure**
 - iv) Ms Yip Pin Xiu, Student / National Paralympian

4 Dr Ng Huck Hui, awarded the SYA in 2005, would be receiving the Medal of Commendation (MOC) for Science & Technology this year. The MOC is given to past SYA recipients whose achievements and contributions after the Award have surpassed previous accomplishments for which the SYA was conferred.

5 Instituted in 1975, the SYA aims to recognise and commend outstanding youths in Singapore who have significantly achieved excellence and contributed to society in their respective areas of endeavour. There are five Award categories:

- (a) Arts and Culture;
- (b) Community & Youth Services;
- (c) Entrepreneurship;
- (d) Science & Technology; and
- (e) Sports & Adventure.

Please refer to the enclosed annexes for information on the SYA and this year's recipients.

6 A media briefing, followed by a Question-and-Answer session with this year's recipients* and the SYA Panel, would be held on **30 June 2010 (Wednesday), 10.00am** at the ***SCAPE Youth Centre (Level 1), 113 Somerset Road**.

7 You are cordially invited to the media briefing. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance by **29 June 2010 (Tuesday), 5.00pm**, to Ms Norhana Hamdan at 6839 9122 (DID) or 9711 0277 (HP).

* NOTE: Ms Yip Pin Xiu and Dr Ng Huck Hui would not be present at the Media Conference.

About the National Youth Council

National Youth Council is the Advocate, Connector and Enabler for Youth. Together with our partners, NYC develops a vibrant and supportive environment for youth who are inspired to dream and committed to action to bring about a future that they want.

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