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**APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL STEVEN CHONG
AS JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT**

FACT SHEET

1 Mr Steven Chong S.C., 56, was appointed as Attorney-General on 25 June 2012. During his two-year term of office, he spearheaded many initiatives of the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) which enhanced the level of engagement with its key stakeholders and improved the quality of legal services provided to the Government.

2 As the Public Prosecutor, Mr Chong launched the Public Prosecution Outreach Programme to provide the public with clear, easily accessible information about the criminal justice system and the prosecution process. He pioneered the embedment of deputy public prosecutors (DPPs) in numerous enforcement agencies to enhance the provision of legal advice and to ensure greater efficiency in the making of charging decisions. Mr Chong also oversaw the successful launch of a Code of Practice for the Conduct of Criminal Prosecutions which was the result of substantial consultation between the AGC and the Criminal Bar.

3 In the area of civil law work, Mr Chong enhanced legal representation for the Government by launching an initiative to enable statutory boards to be represented by the AGC in judicial review proceedings. In the area of legislative drafting, he started an ambitious project to improve the quality and accessibility of Singapore legislation through clearer formulation, structure and format. In the field of international law, AGC officers under Mr Chong's guidance played key roles in the successful completion of negotiations on various international treaties. To increase Singapore's international law profile, he created a permanent post for a legal officer in the Singapore Mission to the United Nations in New York.

4 The AGC's public outreach efforts were also greatly enhanced by the establishment of a Media Relations Unit in order to create greater awareness of what AGC does and why.

5 Mr Steven Chong S.C. will return to the Supreme Court and assume appointment as a Judge of the High Court on 25 June 2014, upon completion of his term as the 7th Attorney-General of Singapore.

6 Commenting on his term as Attorney-General, Mr Chong said:

“I count my time as the Attorney-General as some of the most challenging but rewarding years of my career in the law. It afforded me the unique opportunity to work with an entire community of dedicated public officers and to make a difference to the Legal Service and to the criminal justice system. I thank my wonderful family of officers and staff in AGC for their unstinting support. It was my distinct honour and privilege to have worked with all of them.”

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