



## Media Release

# Singapore Swimming Association collaborates with Republic Polytechnic to leverage synergies

## SSA and RP sign MoU supporting the development of aquatic sports in Singapore

**Singapore, 23 October 2015** – Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) and Republic Polytechnic (RP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aimed at increasing the quality of aquatic sports in Singapore.

The three-year agreement will see Republic Polytechnic's School of Sports, Health & Leisure formalise its partnership with Singapore Swimming Association in the following areas:

- **Sport science support** – more SSA athletes will get to work with students and faculty from RP and receive full sports science support, further enhancing their current training programmes.
- **Events** – RP students will have the opportunity to volunteer and take on Final Year Projects and internships involving SSA.
- **Coach development** – RP's faculty members and academics will assist with the Syllabus of Coaches Accreditation Program and continuing education courses for coaches.
- **Programme management** – RP and SSA will collaborate in the research, development and implementation of best practices in aquatics, for example the Singapore Swimming Proficiency Award (SSPA).
- **Talent and development** – RP will extend invitations to SSA's coaching and High Performance department to attend conferences or workshops in areas related to the sport industry. At the same time, students from RP will get the chance to acquire industry experience through attachments and internships with SSA.

“Through the MoU, we will conduct joint projects while tapping on the expertise of RP's lecturers and students to help SSA strengthen its development pathways across all four aquatic disciplines. In addition, the mutually beneficial collaboration will enhance sport science support for athletes while providing RP students with relevant industry experience,” said Mr Edwin Ker, Executive Director, Singapore Swimming Association.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Ms Goy Soon Lan, Director, School of Sports, Health & Leisure, Republic Polytechnic, said: “This MOU between Singapore Swimming Association and Republic Polytechnic's School of Sports, Health and Leisure marks a key milestone for sport in Singapore. SSA proactively approached RP to offer customised sports workshops and certified programmes to the aquatic fraternity in the area of coaching, sports management and sports science.”

“Working with the Singapore Sports Institute and its Coaching Academy, RP and SSA will complement each other through shared expertise in supporting the needs of the coaches and

high-performance managers, raising the bar for coaching standards and delivering enhanced performance.”

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### **About the Singapore Swimming Association**

The Singapore Swimming Association (SSA) is the National Sports Association governing aquatic sports in Singapore. These include five key disciplines – diving, open water swimming, swimming, synchronised swimming and water polo. As the national governing body, SSA spearheads its vision of developing the Republic to become a leader in aquatic sports – regionally as well as globally. Closer to home, SSA collaborates with various affiliate clubs and stakeholders, to proactively nurture a greater depth of local talent through various outreach efforts and programmes

### **About Republic Polytechnic**

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two academic centres offering forty-one diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Enterprise and Communication, Events and Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Its holistic and broad-based curriculum prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society as problem solvers, respected professionals and passionate citizens.

Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 22301, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class.

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