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## JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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### **PSA and SIT Groom Systems Engineering Talent for Singapore's Future Port**

PSA Corporation Limited (PSA) and Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) today celebrated the graduation of the first batch of 29 PSA engineers and ICT managers from SIT's Systems Engineering programme. The two organisations had signed a Memorandum of Understanding in March 2017 on various collaborations which include, amongst others, developing and implementing a training programme focusing on automation technology to meet PSA's capability development in preparation for its Tuas port.

With the increasing complexity and evolving technologies, Systems Engineering competencies provide learners with the ability to integrate various engineering disciplines including electronic, mechanical and computing into a single system to solve complex problems. The part-time 12-month Systems Engineering programme is developed by SIT's lifelong learning division, *SITLEARN* Professional Development, in partnership with PSA. It equips course participants with deep, practical skills to appreciate the inter-relationships between various systems, and to design and maintain complex automated systems which are vital for PSA's new generation of ultra-modern and intelligent container terminals.

The introduction of this course has been timely as PSA sharpens its competitive edge with the extensive use of port automation technology and intelligent inter-connected systems in Pasir Panjang Terminals and for the future Tuas port. The graduates will join a growing group of specialists in PSA who are adept at managing such systems as PSA expands its capabilities in these fields. SIT and PSA will be co-training the next two batches of participants.

Congratulating the pioneer batch of graduates, Mr Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia of PSA International, said, "As technology and digitalisation drive rapid changes in the workplace, continuous learning has increasingly become a requisite job skill, and I am heartened that our PSA leaders continue to upgrade themselves and adopt lifelong learning at work. This will stand them in good stead when they apply what they have learnt to their work, while at the same time ensuring that they are future-ready for our next-generation port."

Professor Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, said, "As a University of Applied Learning, SIT is committed to working closely with companies like PSA to enhance our nation's competitiveness and to ensure that the competencies of our local workforce is continuously

strengthened and remains relevant. This is important in the current climate of rapid technological change where productivity skills and innovation will be the key drivers of growth for our future. Continuous learning isn't about just training. It is also about the aspirations of our professionals who want to hone their skills and raise their standards to do better for themselves, their families and their employers. SIT is proud to have contributed to the development of these graduates. The programme has been a success and we look forward to be part of PSA's continuous drive to deep skill their employees."

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## **Background**

### **About PSA Corporation Limited (PSA)**

PSA Singapore operates the world's largest container transshipment hub in Singapore, linking shippers to an excellent network of major shipping lines with connections to 600 ports globally. Shippers have access to daily sailings to every major port in the world at this mega hub. Its excellence in port operations has consistently been recognised by the shipping community. In 2018, it won the "Ports and Terminals Award" at the Seatrade Maritime Awards Asia. PSA Singapore handled 33.35 million TEUs of containers in 2017. Visit us at [www.singaporepsa.com](http://www.singaporepsa.com)

*\*Note to Editors: PSA ceased using the name of "Port of Singapore Authority" in 1997 when it became a corporatised entity. The company should be referred to as "PSA Corporation Ltd", "PSA Singapore" or simply "PSA".*

### **About Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT):**

Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) is Singapore's university of applied learning. It aims to be a leader in innovative university education by integrating learning, industry and community. SIT offers applied degree programmes targeted at growth sectors of the economy. As a new university, SIT offers its own applied degree programmes with a unique pedagogy that integrates work and study. It also offers specialised degree programmes in partnership with world-class universities. To find out more about SIT, visit [singaporetech.edu.sg](http://singaporetech.edu.sg).

### **About SITLEARN Professional Development:**

**SITLEARN** Professional Development is the Singapore Institute of Technology's lifelong learning division established on 1 April 2017. **LEARN** stands for Lifelong Education for Adaptability, Relevance and Nimbleness. **SITLEARN** Professional Development caters to working adults who are keen to upgrade their skills, and offers multiple pathways for individuals to gain access to higher education learning. Building on SIT's reputation as the pioneer of the applied pathway model for Autonomous Universities in Singapore, **SITLEARN** Professional Development's courses and programmes emphasise

the integration of theory with hands-on application, and are delivered by SIT faculty, thought leaders and supported by industry experts.

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