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PSA and SUTD Collaborate to Grow Talent for Singapore's Smart Port

To cultivate a new generation of Data Science, Info-comms and Engineering professionals for Singapore's future port in Tuas, PSA Corporation Limited (PSA) and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop talent to support the growth of the port industry.

The new Tuas Port will harness big data, and leverage automation technologies and smart systems to raise terminal productivity and service quality. To build the competencies required to manage the complex ecosystems in Tuas Port, PSA will contribute port related content to SUTD curriculum, giving students exposure and advancing their knowledge in smart technologies and systems used in port operations. PSA will also work with SUTD to build a talent pipeline to support PSA's extensive network of ICT infrastructure, which is an enabler of port operations.

PSA is also providing internship opportunities to SUTD students which enable them to learn and apply Engineering principles, Info-communications and security, and Data Science knowledge to modern port operations and equipment.

Mr Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia, PSA International, said, "PSA has adapted quickly to embark on a journey of embracing evolving technologies including digitalization, complex designs, and total system thinking efforts that are motivating the rapid changes in the maritime industry. Jobs are being redesigned, and we are building the competencies needed to reinforce our digital readiness. PSA values SUTD's strength in combining design thinking and technology, and nurturing technically-grounded innovators. This timely partnership allows both parties to capitalise on each other's strengths and PSA is pleased to provide SUTD students with opportunities for practical industry experience and the chance to pursue exciting careers in PSA."

Professor Chong Tow Chong, SUTD President, said, "SUTD's strategic partnership with PSA will not only offer our students valuable hands-on experience in the actual global port environment, but also encourage the free flow of information, ideas and innovation between both organisations. Together, we look forward to forging new frontiers for the maritime sector and innovate new processes that are applicable to the industry's needs."

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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

**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 University of Technology and Design (SUTD):

The Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) is Singapore's fourth public university, and one of the first universities in the world to incorporate the art and science of design and technology into a transdisciplinary, human-centric curriculum. SUTD seeks to advance knowledge and nurture technically-grounded leaders and innovators to serve societal needs. SUTD also recently topped a list of emerging engineering schools in the world in a study conducted by MIT.

A research-intensive university, SUTD is distinguished by its unique East and West academic programmes which incorporate elements of innovation, entrepreneurship, design thinking and local and international industry collaborations. SUTD's key focus areas are Healthcare, Cities and Aviation, supported by capabilities in Artificial Intelligence/Data Science and Digital Manufacturing. Multiple post-graduate opportunities are available. In addition, skill-based professional education and training courses are also available at SUTD Academy. www.sutd.edu.sg

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