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SCWO Appoints Angel Chan as CEO

Singapore, Monday 17 May 2021 – Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) has appointed Angel Chan Sian Yian as the chief executive officer with effect from 17 May 2021.

Prior to joining SCWO, Ms Chan headed the Office for Women's Development (OWD) at the Ministry of Social and Family Development, a national focal point on gender policy matters and for international cooperation pertaining to women.

Through OWD, Ms Chan spearheaded engagements between the government, women's organisations, and the community to implement developmental initiatives and programmes for women in Singapore.

Ms Chan also oversaw OWD in coordinating Singapore's progress and implementation of the obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

In 2019, Ms Chan represented Singapore as the Head of Delegation and read the national statement on the status of women's progress at the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Grand Assembly in New York.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Estate Management (Honours), National University of Singapore and started her career in the real estate sector.

"Angel brings with her a wealth of public service and community engagement experiences to lead SCWO. With Angel's leadership, SCWO will forge collaborative partnerships, implement developmental initiatives, and deliver positive outcomes together with the government, its member organisations and the community.

"We believe more can be done collectively to support, protect, and uplift women in Singapore. I look forward to working with Angel in her new role as SCWO continues to promote the ideals of 'Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth' for women in Singapore," said Ms Junie Foo, SCWO President.

Angel will take over from Selina Gan, General Manager, who will leave SCWO at the end of June. On behalf of the Board, Ms Foo thanked Selina for her contributions over the past 15 years.

“Under Selina’s leadership, SCWO achieved significant progress in promoting the wellbeing and development of women in Singapore. Together with the support of the Board, SCWO launched several initiatives like the Singapore Women’s Hall of Fame, BoardAgender, and Women’s Register,” said Ms Foo.

“SCWO also provided supportive community services through its Maintenance Support Central, Legal Clinics and Star Shelter. Selina has been very much a part of these significant initiatives and services. We wish her all the best.”

SCWO is the national coordinating body of women’s organisations in Singapore. It is represented on various government and inter-ministry committees, as well as regional and international bodies where it contributes views in the areas of family, women, and gender equality.

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Attached: Annex A – Angel Chan – Photo

About SCWO

The **Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO)** is the national coordinating body of women's organisations in Singapore. We have more than 50 Member Organisations representing over 500,000 women in Singapore. Together with our members, we seek to promote the ideals of '**Equal Space, Equal Voice and Equal Worth**' for women in Singapore.

SCWO provides opportunities, platforms and services that empower and support women across the various stages of life to fulfil their fullest potential, from programmes that inspire and educate younger women and girls such as the Women's Register and Inspiring Girls, to those targeting older women through advocacy work by the **SCWO Ageing Taskforce** which aims to raise awareness on the gendered phenomenon of ageing.

The **Women's Register (WR)** is a platform for networking, inspiration, community engagement and education that allow young women to learn, support and receive guidance from other women in the community. Public Education and Outreach to schools and organisations are done actively through the **Inspiring Girls** programme, by connecting young girls with empowering female role models and introducing them to the full variety of careers, and through the **Singapore Women's Hall of Fame (SWHF)**. SWHF recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions of women in Singapore across all field of endeavours. **BoardAgender** is dedicated to advancing more women into senior leadership roles and boardrooms in Singapore.

Maintenance Support Central (MSC) empowers women with knowledge pertaining to their marital rights and provides them with all-round support by partnering with the public and private organisations to provide services such as free legal consultations on Family Law, and public education talks. **Star Shelter** aims to provide a safe temporary refuge for women and their children who are survivors of family violence regardless of race, language, creed, or religion, empower them to manage and take responsibility for their lives, and assist them in rebuilding their lives free from violence.

SCWO strives to empower women holistically, to support women at every life and career stage and this is achieved by the close collaboration and cooperation with the SCWO's member organisations, as well as the public, private and people sectors to co-create solutions to empower women in Singapore.

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