

PRESS RELEASE

RSVP Singapore Announces Retirement of Executive Director and New Appointment

Singapore, February 13, 2023 – The Chairman of RSVP Singapore, Mr Koh Juay Meng, today announced the retirement of Executive Director, Ms Meng Fong and the appointment of Ms Edna Claudine Leong, who currently serves as Deputy Director as the new incoming Executive Director.

2. Ms Fong joined RSVP in 2016. During her tenure, RSVP achieved key milestones, including recognition in the Charity Transparency Awards 2018 and 2019, and appointment as the National Centre of Excellence for Senior Volunteerism in 2019. More recently in 2022, RSVP expanded to a new location and opened Singapore's first applied learning centre for seniors, which emphasises practical digital adoption.

3. A passionate advocate in developing seniors' social capital, Ms Fong served as a member of several national workgroups. These included the National Council of Social Services' Empowering Seniors Project (2019) which focused on increasing the level of user participation in the design and delivery of social services to seniors, and Enterprise Singapore's Geragogy Guidelines (2022), which defined a set of national standards in methodologies and strategies to enhance learning for seniors.

4. Mr Koh said: "Meng is affectionately called our 'Techy ED' as her experience and positive influence in digital transformation and organisation development enabled RSVP to bridge the digital divide and continue to provide services and engage our senior volunteers during the pandemic."

5. "Meng served some of the most challenging and rewarding chapters of RSVP and helped deepen our networks and friendships. We are sad to see her leave but happy for her well-earned retirement. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we thank her for her dedication and wish her a fulfilling retirement."

6. “Additionally we welcome Edna, who will bring to RSVP, a new set of experiences in Corporate Social Responsibility, Environmental and Social Governance, and Corporate and Community Partnerships.”

7. Ms Leong started her career in the banking industry. After 26 years of experience in wealth management and leadership roles, she joined the Centre for Non-Profit Leadership, a part of the National Volunteer and Philanthropic Centre, heading the Board Match Programme where she gained core expertise in non-profit leadership and governance. She has also served on Boards of various charities such as Metropolitan YMCA, Image Mission, Chiam See Tong Sports Fund, New Hope Community Services and RSVP Singapore. In 2020, she took on the role of Head of Communications and Partnerships in RSVP and was promoted to Deputy Director in 2022.