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Speech by Er. Tan Seng Chuan, Chairman of the Chartered Engineering Technologist and Technician Accreditation Board (CETTAB) at the Launch of the Chartered Engineering Technologist and Technician Certification Scheme at Singapore Polytechnic Auditorium on, Friday, 22 January 2021 at 10.00am

Guest-of-Honour, Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State for Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower;

Dr. Richard Kwok, President of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore;

Members of the Chartered Engineering Technologist and Technician Accreditation Board;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning.

1. Thank you for joining us this morning. I would like to thank MOS Gan Siow Huang for being the Guest-of-Honour at our event today.
2. Today, we are launching the Chartered Engineering Technologist and Technician Certification Scheme. Since the initiation by Minister Ong Ye Kung and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding to build this pathway in July 2019, the Pro-tem Committees have been working very hard to build the framework.
3. It has not been an easy task. We had to form several sector-based Work Groups, comprising members from agencies, industry and

academia, to conduct in-depth reviews of the needs of each sector. More than 80 members of these Work Groups have held numerous meetings and discussions to ensure the setting up of a rigorous competency-based framework, clear assessment criteria and a proficient accreditation board.

4. Our aim is to recognise the technical competency of Chartered Engineering Technicians and Technologists nationally and internationally. This will benefit their career progression from technician to engineer without the need to go through the traditional academic qualification path.
5. This is also aligned with Singapore's Skills Framework to promote skills-based career progression and instil lifelong learning. I would like to thank SkillsFuture Singapore for being our partner in developing this certification scheme.
6. This is just the beginning of our journey. We hope this initiative will encourage more Singaporeans to take up engineering and contribute to the economic development of Singapore. We also hope that this certification scheme will increase the recognition and career prospects of our engineering community beyond Singapore, through our Mutual Recognition Agreement with some of the countries in the region.
7. Today's launch represents a huge step forward for us, but a lot of work still needs to be done. I welcome all the new members of the Chartered Engineering Technologist and Technician Board, or CETTAB, and look forward to working with all of you. We will continue engaging our partners and work with all our stakeholders to

ensure the success of this programme. I would like to thank our Steering Committee and various work groups for their good work in setting the foundation and paving the way for the CETTAB to take it from here.

8. I would also like to thank the panellists of today's panel discussion for taking time to provide with us their insights. I am sure the session later will provide a greater understanding of the opportunities for Chartered Engineering Technologists and Technicians to meet future engineering needs.

9. I believe the scheme will make a big difference to our industry, our economy and our engineering practitioners. Our message to all technicians and technologists out there: Do not underestimate your potential, come forth to be chartered, it will open up new possibilities for your career and enable you to make even greater contributions to our society. Thank you.