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**Change of Leadership at the National Institute of Early Childhood Development**



1. The National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) will see a leadership transition as Ms Geraldine See Sue-Lyn, currently the Director of Pre-School Education at the Ministry of Education (MOE), steps in as the new Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 15 December 2024. Ms See will succeed Mrs Loke-Yeo Teck Yong, who has been at the helm of NIEC since its founding in 2019.
2. Ms Geraldine See brings over 30 years of experience in the education sector, having served as a school leader and curriculum specialist. As Director of Pre-School Education, Ms See led the development of a quality kindergarten curriculum and resources to uplift the quality of preschool education in Singapore. These include the refreshed Nurturing Early Learners (NEL) curriculum framework, which emphasises nurturing values, social and emotional competencies, and learning dispositions in young children, as well as the Teaching and Learning Guidelines on the Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Pre-school Centres and Outdoor Learning Guide for sector educators. Ms See also oversaw the expansion of MOE kindergartens to help improve access to affordable and quality kindergarten education. In addition, Ms See has been actively involved in other efforts to elevate the quality of preschool education, contributing to

workgroups such as the Inclusive Preschool Workgroup and the Early Years Development Framework (EYDF) Review Advisory Panel. She has also co-chaired a workgroup convened by the Early Childhood Development Agency to strengthen support for preschool children in developing core numeracy skills and concepts.

3. Mr Eugene Leong, Chairman of NIEC and Deputy Secretary (Policy) at MOE, said: "We are delighted to welcome Geraldine as the new Director and CEO of NIEC. Her experience and insights in preschool education will guide NIEC in its next phase of growth. I am confident that under Geraldine's leadership, NIEC will continue to work with its partners and our preschool teachers to uplift the quality of preschool in Singapore. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to Mrs Loke-Yeo Teck Yong for her pioneering leadership. Her contributions have established NIEC as a leading institute for early childhood educator training in Singapore."
4. As the first Director and CEO of NIEC, Mrs Loke successfully led the consolidation of a fragmented early childhood training ecosystem, establishing NIEC as the largest provider of early childhood training with over 100 full-time faculty members. Over the past five years, the institute has trained more than 20,000 early childhood educators, gaining recognition for its thought leadership and strategic contributions to the sector. As part of NIEC's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, she spearheaded the organisation of NIEC's Early Childhood Conference in October 2024, to serve as a national platform for professional exchange and development among early childhood practitioners.
5. Under Mrs Loke's stewardship, NIEC has built a network of partnerships across operators, professional groups and government agencies. In partnership with the Early Childhood Development Agency, NIEC has rolled out sector-wide training for revised curriculum frameworks like the NEL and the EYDF. In line with national priorities, NIEC also launched Continuing Professional Development courses (CPD) on outdoor learning and inclusive practice, training over 2,200 educators in outdoor learning and more than 200 educators in inclusive practice. To enhance Mother Tongue Language teaching in preschools, NIEC developed certificate and CPD courses, training over 1,000 educators in this area.
6. As Ms Geraldine See takes over the reins, NIEC looks forward to building on the solid foundation laid by Mrs Loke-Yeo Teck Yong. Ms See's extensive experience and dedication to early childhood education will be invaluable in leading the institute in its next chapter of growth and innovation.

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**About the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC)**

NIEC is the national training institute set up in 2019 by the Ministry of Education to deliver quality training to Singapore's early childhood (EC) educators at every stage of their careers. NIEC provides a full range of certificates and diplomas for post-secondary students and mid-careerists embarking on their EC journey. In-service educators may also take Post-diplomas and Continuing Professional Development courses with NIEC to deepen their EC skills. For more information, please visit [www.niec.edu.sg](http://www.niec.edu.sg).

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