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NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN TO VISIT TOP EUROPEAN RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS IN WATER AND CLEAN ENERGY

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Chairman of the National Research Foundation (NRF), Dr Tony Tan, will lead a delegation from Singapore to visit several top research organisations in Europe with expertise in water and clean energy technologies from 15 to 20 April 2007. The trip will enable the delegation to gain insight into developing Singapore as a centre for environmental sustainability.

2. Dr Tan will meet with scientists and management from respected water research organisations such as Delft Hydraulics, The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), and KIWA Water Research in The Netherlands. He will also visit the *Maasland Kaering*, a large barrier built to protect South Netherlands from North Sea surges.

3. Clean Energy organisations that the delegation will visit include the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands, as well as two sites in Germany – SolarWorld and the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems. The delegation will conclude the visit programme at the Zero Energy Building of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland.

4. Dr Tan will be accompanied by senior officials from NRF, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Public Utilities Board, Economic Development Board and journalists.
