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NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN TO VISIT TOP ISRAELI RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Dr Tony Tan, Chairman of the National Research Foundation (NRF), will lead a high-level delegation from Singapore to visit several top research organisations in Israel from 5 to 11 January 2008.

2 The trip will give the delegation an opportunity to gain insight into the structures and systems that support and encourage the diffusion of university research to the market in Israel. The delegation will also seek to understand the role that the government, universities, industry research labs, technology incubators and venture capitalists play in Israel's high-tech eco-system.

3 Dr Tan will meet researchers and management from Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, corporate research labs of IBM and HP, technology incubators, venture capitalists and the people from the Israeli entrepreneurial community. Through these visits and interactions, the delegation hopes to understand how an academic entrepreneurship mindset and the technopreneurial environment are promoted in Israel and draw important lessons for Singapore.

4 Dr Tan will be accompanied by senior officials from NRF, the Ministries of Education, Trade and Industry, Finance, the universities and journalists.

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