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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC (RP) AND SINGAPORE SPORTS SCHOOL (SSP)  
ANNOUNCES RP-SSP DIPLOMA IN SPORTS & LEISURE MANAGEMENT  
(DSLMM) PROGRAMME**

Starting from Academic Year 2011, Republic Polytechnic (RP), in collaboration with the Singapore Sports School (SSP), will offer a customised Diploma in Sports and Leisure Management to SSP's student athletes. This will allow for an uninterrupted scholastic and sporting development pathway.

2 Recognizing that RP is committed to be the leading educator in sports, health and leisure, and is the only polytechnic in Singapore to offer diploma courses in the niche sectors such as sports science, and sports and leisure management, RP therefore represents a well-suited partner for SSP to continue to offer the sports diploma through-train pathway so as to optimize the academic and sporting development of SSP's student athletes.

3 RP-SSP DSLM student athletes, who will bypass the GCE O-Level examination, will enjoy similar privileges like any other student pursuing a diploma education with a government supported polytechnic. Specifically, RP will oversee the academic development of the student athletes while SSP is responsible for the sporting development in terms of provision of coaching expertise, training facilities and sports science support. SSP will also provide support services in the areas of education guidance, career counselling and life skills development.

4 Mrs Deborah Tan, Principal of SSP, feels that it is now timely for this collaboration between RP and SSP to offer the new pathway for young student athletes. She said, "This customised RP-SSP DSLM, delivered largely on SSP campus, will match sports training and development programmes more closely, and offer student athletes another option in academic pacing and assessment. The longer development runway also allows greater flexibility for them to pursue sporting and academic excellence concurrently. When the students graduate, they would have attained a qualification that would let them join a rapidly growing sports and leisure industry."

5 This RP-SSP diploma differs from the other mainstream RP sports diplomas in that it is specifically designed to provide the required flexibility to SSP's student athletes which will support their pursuit of both academic and sporting excellence.

Your reporter / cameraman is cordially invited to a media briefing to announce the launch of the diploma programme:

Date: Wednesday, 27 January 2010

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: AVA Theatre (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Singapore Sports School

### **About Republic Polytechnic**

*The first educational institution in Singapore to adopt the Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and one centre offering thirty four courses in Information and Communications Technology, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, and Culture and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, TR19, People Developer Standards, Singapore Quality Class and Singapore Innovation Class. For more information, visit [www.rp.sg](http://www.rp.sg).*

### **About Singapore Sports School**

*The Singapore Sports School was an initiative of the Committee on Sporting Singapore which was set up to help young and talented youths to excel in their sports within an environment where they can balance the demands of their sports training and studies. It has an enrolment of 420 athletes occupying a 7- hectare campus that includes world-class facilities and a boarding house. The school nurtures athletes in nine core sports: Badminton, Bowling, Football, Golf, Netball, Sailing, Swimming, Table Tennis and Track & Field. We may also provide other sports training for talented students on a case-to case basis. For these students, the school will provide a flexible academic programme and work with the respective National Sports Associations to offer the necessary training.*

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