Good Afternoon

A very warm welcome to the official launch of IESE Pte. Ltd.

To our partners from USA, Taiwan and representatives from Norway, “most welcome to Singapore”. I do appreciate that you have traveled a long way to celebrate this occasion with us. Thank You!

Looking back, it seems not too long ago in September 2001 when the Institute of Environmental Science and Engineering, or IESE, was established to support Singapore as a centre of research excellence to advance the state-of-the-art in environmental science and engineering.
The key objective of IESE is to integrate the R&D, human capital development and professional training activities at NTU into a single entity. The consolidation of these entities have created synergy, optimize resources and accelerated the advancement of knowledge as well as the generation of intellectual property rights.

IESE, with a unique staff profile, operates as a dynamic research organization driving innovations across all major economic sectors including the chemicals, electronics, pharmaceutical and maritime industries. Over the last three years, IESE staff has successfully delivered over 30 industrial projects to various industry sectors.

With regard to “innovation”, with 15 patents over the last three years, IESE has outperformed the best-ranked R&D organizations globally, on a per capita basis. With new technologies still being developed, this is an example of what I would like to refer to as the 3C’s of “entrepreneurial best practice” - commitment, credibility and creativity.

It is this ability to create values that has convinced the Economic Development Board to extend its support to IESE. This has also signaled collaborative partnerships, which we will witness with industry and government agencies from USA, Taiwan, Norway and Singapore, of course.

The MOUs we will be signing today is a first step towards long-term, fruitful and profitable relationships with our new partners. In addition to the five being signed today, IESE has in place over 40 existing collaborative partners, including Shanghai Jiaotong University in China, Stanford University, National Taiwan University, TNO in Netherlands, NRC of Canada and USEPA, to name but a few.

With our expertise in environmental research and experience in IP, IESE is able to offer our unique capabilities and services - a one-stop value-added R&D
services - to our industry partners. We look forward to more collaboration with industry, government or government-linked agencies, and will continue to develop and deliver cutting-edge technology that advances the field of environmental technology.

At the back of this room is a display of some examples of work done by IESE, as well as the services that IESE is able to offer. May I urge you to take a few minutes to view this exhibition later. You might find that IESE could be your potential collaborative partner!

This is just the beginning of an exciting and promising new venture. I would also like to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to EDB, NTU and to our partners for their support in our quest to bring research to commercialization.

I am happy to declare that IESE PTE LTD is here and now officially OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Thank You.

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