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A*STAR, LOMBARDY FORGE FURTHER LINKS FOR SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP

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The Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) announced today that Mr Lim Chuan Poh, Chairman of A*STAR, signed a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) with Mr Massimo Buscemi, Minister for Public Utilities and Sustainable Development for the region of Lombardy, Italy, to expand scientific collaborative activities between scientists from A*STAR and Lombardy. The signing, which took place in Milan, was witnessed by Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong and Senior Minister of State (Trade and Industry) S Iswaran.

The MOI will make provisions for scientists from A*STAR and Lombardy to jointly develop research projects in areas of mutual interest such as Biotechnology, New Materials, Energy-Environment and Health. It will also facilitate exchange programmes for researchers and students, including post-doctoral attachments of Lombardy researchers at A*STAR research institutes, as well as joint conferences and symposia, to share the most up-to-date scientific information and materials from Singapore and Italy. Furthermore, the MOI opens up opportunities for both nations to build up their knowledge economies through the mutual transfer of technology and the joint commercialisation of intellectual property.

Said A*STAR Chairman, Mr Lim Chuan Poh, "This MOI signifies the deepening of friendship and the strengthening of ties between A*STAR and the research universities and institutes in the Lombardy region. It will pave the way for greater scientific exchanges and research collaborations between scientists in Singapore and Italy. This will undoubtedly facilitate the cross-pollination of ideas and thoughts that will hopefully spawn meaningful and impactful innovations. I also look forward to greater exchange of students between the two research communities for short-term research attachments, PhD programmes and post-doctoral training."

Said Minister for Public Utilities and Sustainable Development for Lombardy, Mr Massimo Buscemi, This agreement is an important stage of a collaboration that has been underway for a long time, and a strategic development to advance research in the fields of biotechnology and energy. Lombardy has the highest concentration of research centres in Italy, and these centres enjoy connections with the university systems on one side and biotechnology companies on the other, resulting in Lombardy contributing to 40% of Italys patent applications. Lombardy is pleased to be the first Italian Region to collaborate with Singapore, and we wish to continue to deepen our relationship for meaningful scientific exchanges.

The MOI builds on the healthy scientific interactions between Singapore and Lombardy since 2007, in particular two agreements signed between A*STAR and Italian institutes in Milan in March 2009. The agreements are: an Implementation Agreement under the A*STAR Research Attachment Programme (ARAP) with the University of Milano-Bicocca, which provides their PhD students with the opportunity to do research attachments at A*STAR research institutes, and a MOI with the FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology (IFOM), European Institute of Oncology (IEO) and the European School of Molecular Medicine (SEMM), to foster research collaborations, manpower and student exchanges, and the sharing of scientific services between A*STAR and the IFOM-IEO Campus, targeted at developing basic scientific findings into new strategies of cancer treatment and prevention.

Following the agreements in March 2009, A*STAR and the University of Milano-Bicocca are now in discussion with San Raffaele Scientific Institute and the University of Milan to organise a joint multi-thematic symposium, which will take place in Singapore in September 2009. The symposium will



provide scientists from Singapore and Italy with an enhanced appreciation of both nations research expertise, as well as with a platform for face-to-face discussions on potential collaborations in areas of mutual interest.

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