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## **PRESS STATEMENT** *(For immediate release)*

# **CLASS SIGNS COPYRIGHT LICENCE WITH NEW SUSS AND RENEWS AGREEMENTS WITH ALL GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES**

The Copyright Licensing and Administration Society of Singapore Limited (CLASS) has concluded its copyright licence agreement with the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), which allows the newest local university to use copyright works belonging to its author and publisher members worldwide.

The SUSS agreement follows CLASS's recent licence renewals with the other Government universities for another four years. The National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) signed agreements to renew their copyright licences with CLASS after their licences expired in June and July this year.

A CLASS licence allows both undergraduate and post-graduate students studying in any of the universities to use copyright materials from CLASS's huge pool of local and international authors and publishers without hassles from now until June/July 2021.

CLASS is a not-for-profit copyright management organization that was set up by academic book publishers and authors to protect their intellectual property rights through licensing and the distribution of royalties.

It is also a member of the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations (IFRRO), which represents authors and publishers from at least 94 intellectual property collectives in more than 80 countries, thereby allowing all CLASS licensed institutions to use copyright materials from these countries as well.

Said CLASS's CEO, Paul Wee: "CLASS has bilateral arrangements with our sister IFRRO organizations to allow the cross usage of copyright works belonging to them by our licensed institutions.

"This is good for education because students and teachers can enjoy the immense repertoire of academic works offered by copyright owners from our sister members worldwide. It is also cost effective and more convenient for everyone," he said.

Under the CLASS licence, only a chapter or up to 10 percent can be copied or downloaded from a book. Permission is still required to copy beyond these limits.

For non-Government education institutions, it is illegal to use copyright materials unless they have prior permission from rights-owners or they have a licence with CLASS.

Mr Wee urged those who had not obtained a copyright licence with CLASS to do so to avoid copyright infringements.

Besides promoting the respect for copyright through licensing and distributing royalties, CLASS has also helped established copyright management collectives in Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam, and has provided management assistance to the Tanzanian copyright society with its domestic licensing schemes to its schools, colleges and universities.

In addition, CLASS holds an annual bursary scheme to help financially challenged Singapore tertiary students studying in the polytechnics and universities.

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