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**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Alternative Arrangements for the 2020 Graduating Cohort**

**Singapore, 6 April 2020** – The five polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) have been closely monitoring the evolving Covid-19 situation. We have put in place the necessary precautions to ensure the well-being of our students and staff, and will continue to align these measures with the national posture. This is why in line with the Government’s heightened safe distancing measures, the polytechnics and ITE have now made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s graduation ceremonies, originally scheduled to take place in May and July 2020. The cancellation will affect some 26,000 graduands from the five polytechnics and 6,500 graduands from ITE.

Graduation ceremonies are milestone events, and it is with a heavy heart that we have now had to make a decision that will understandably disappoint our graduands, their families and lecturers. We recognise the accomplishments of our graduates, and institutions will be making arrangements for diplomas/certificates and transcripts to be delivered to our graduands.

Given the challenging situation we are in, we trust that everyone concerned will understand that we decided this in the best interests of our students, their families and the community.

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