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Mr Daren Tang was appointed Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) on 16 November 2015.

Prior to his appointment, Mr Tang was Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) of IPOS and in charge of the Registries Cluster, which is the regulatory arm of IPOS. He helmed the Cluster from 1 August 2012, and was responsible for the regulatory framework of all types of IP in Singapore, including patents, trade marks, designs and copyright. Mr Tang also oversaw the operations of the

Registries of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs, as well as the development of Singapore's IP policy and legal regime. He also represented Singapore in international IP negotiations, including at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and in Free Trade Agreements.

During his tenure as DCE, Mr Tang was instrumental in ensuring that Singapore's IP framework remained relevant to businesses and served the needs of society. In particular, Mr Tang took active steps to adjust Singapore's copyright regime and championed for the Republic to be amongst the first few countries in the world to accede to the Marrakesh Treaty so that the visually handicapped community would gain greater access to copyrighted material. He is currently co-leading major reviews of Singapore's copyright and design regimes.

Under his leadership, Mr Tang also successfully improved IPOS' registration processes and made them more customer-friendly. A key accomplishment was the launch of an integrated e-filing platform – IP2SG – which makes it easier for applicants to file and register their IP with IPOS.

In recent years, Mr Tang led the IP negotiations for Singapore in two major FTAs: the recently concluded Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement, and the Regional Comprehensive Partnership (RCEP) agreement. In the TPP, Mr Tang was tasked with Chairmanship of the overall IP negotiations, and worked with fellow negotiators from twelve Asia-Pacific nations to help bring the negotiations to a close.

Prior to joining IPOS, Mr Tang was a Senior State Counsel with the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers, where he advised the Singapore Government on a number of complex international law issues. He was the lead services negotiator in the US-Singapore FTA (USSFTA), in his capacity as legal counsel to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, where he was seconded from March 2001 to June 2003. Mr Tang was also a member of the legal team which argued Singapore's case in the dispute with Malaysia over the sovereignty of Pedra Branca. He was awarded a public administration medal, Pingat Pentadbiran Awam (Bronze), for his work on the case.

Mr Tang holds a LL.B (2nd Upper, Hons) from the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore, and an LL.M (with distinction) from the Georgetown University Law Centre, where he was also a Fellow of the Institute of International Economic Law. He also attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in 2013.