

## **MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE**

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Melvin Yong Yik Chye, 43, was an Assistant Commissioner of Police with the Singapore Police Force (SPF). He joined the SPF in 1995 and retired on 17 August 2015 after more than 20 years in service.

During his career, Melvin held various key appointments in the SPF, including Deputy Director (Planning & Organisation), Director (Administration & Finance), Commander of Clementi Police Division and Director (Public Affairs). He also held a concurrent appointment as Deputy Director (Operations) between November 2013 and June 2014.

In 2011, Melvin initiated the Delta League, a nation-wide youth engagement programme aimed at keeping youths meaningfully occupied during the school vacation through playing football. Since its inception, the popular programme has reached out to more than 10,000 participants.

In addition, Melvin served on the National Crime Prevention Council and the National Police Cadet Corps Council. He was also Vice Chairman of the Police Sports Association and Vice Chairman of the POLWEL Cooperative Society Limited.

At the community level, Melvin has served in the grassroots organisations of Punggol North since 2002. He was Vice Chairman and subsequently Chairman of Punggol Cove Residents' Committee between 2003 and 2009. Melvin was also Treasurer and subsequently Secretary of the Citizens' Consultative Committee between 2008 and 2015. He initiated the Action-leaders for Community Enhancement (ACE) Club to encourage youths to play a part in improving the community. Melvin was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2010.

Melvin received his early education at Chinese High School and National Junior College. He took on a SPF scholarship in 1992 and graduated from Nanyang Technological University in 1995 with a degree in Accountancy. While in university,

he was President of the hall's Junior Common Room Committee. In 2005, he received his Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Leicester.

Melvin is married to his childhood friend Connie. She is a pre-school teacher and they have two children.

Melvin is an avid football fan and continues to play the occasional game. He also enjoys community work, reading and watching movies with his family.

**Summary of Statement:**

"My years with the Singapore Police Force and as a grassroots volunteer have given me much valuable lessons and experience in taking responsibility, helping people who are in need and working for the good of the community. I have learnt that with teamwork and unity, we can overcome all issues.

Just as no home can be strong, happy and peaceful without unity; a society, too cannot prosper without unity. I believe in a community where we can take care of one another, and I will work very hard to achieve that with my residents. Together united as one, we can build a better Singapore for all of us and for our children."

**Personal Quote:**

"I am honoured to be a member of the Tanjong Pagar team. Building on my years of service to the community, I will continue to work even harder and do my best to serve my residents and our Nation."