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## **Ex-Managers of Cambridge Business School Admit Contravening Private Education Act**

1. Three ex-managers of the Cambridge Business School (CBS) have admitted to contravening Section 41(1)(a) of the Private Education Act for failing in their duty as managers of a private education institution (PEI) in keeping proper student records.
2. The three ex-managers are Tan Cheng Hoe; Tan Cheng San and Guo Qiaoli.
3. For this contravention, the three were issued with a Stern Warning by the Council for Private Education (CPE) on 20 March 2012. This warning has been published on the CPE website. The CPE can refuse subsequent applications for registration of any PEI by these managers under section 37(1) of the Private Education Act.
4. CBS' deemed registration expired on 20 June 2011 and the PEI is no longer in operation.
5. Said Mr Henry Heng, Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Private Education, "The regulatory framework, under the Private Education Act, puts in place important corporate governance and administrative requirements that private education institutions must have in place for student protection. If managers fail to perform their duties, the Council for Private Education will not hesitate to take necessary action against them."
6. In a separate case against another errant PEI manager, the CPE had charged Ken Yong, manager of ALG Education Centre, for failing to provide the Council with information

in compliance with a Requisition Order. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge on 19 March 2012, and will be sentenced on 18 April 2012.

7. Mr Heng added that the CPE will continue to keep a vigilant watch to ensure that all PEIs continue to meet the mandatory registration requirements and legislative obligations. This is to ensure that PEIs in Singapore meet administrative and corporate governance standards and that student interests are protected.

~The End~

### **About the Council for Private Education**

The Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board established in December 2009 to regulate the private education industry. The Council has implemented two schemes – the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework and the EduTrust Certification scheme – to uplift and maintain standards in the private education sector. Besides its role as a sectoral regulator, the Council also provides student services and public education through its Student Services Centre, and promotes the development of the private education industry. For more information, please visit the CPE website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg/>.

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