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NEW UNIFORMS FOR SINGAPORE CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Singapore Customs officers stationed at the entry checkpoints will be donning new uniforms from 16 February 2009. Designed for smartness and comfort, the new uniform projects an overall professional enforcement image, while at the same time, conveys a friendlier and customer-oriented outlook.

2 The new uniform consists of a short-sleeve white shirt or blouse, with tie, shoulder flaps, epaulettes, belt, name tag and black shoes. The uniform also comes with a smart midnight blue outer jacket with collar pins and gold embossed buttons at the sleeves and matching pants or skirts. Designed by our very own officers, the new uniform infuses a sense of professionalism and exudes an air of pride in the officers. It is also aimed to instill a sense of confidence in officers while carrying out their duties. The jacket suits are made of 100 percent polyester, a lightweight material but will keep officers warm in air-conditioned working environment. The short-sleeve white shirt and blouse, made of a mixture of polyester and cotton are wrinkle-free to maintain that smart and yet comfortable feel for officers working in outdoor conditions.

3 On 16 February 2009, Singapore Customs officers who are stationed at the major entry checkpoints, namely, Changi Airport and Budget Terminals, Woodlands, Tuas, Singapore Cruise Centre, Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal will put on the new uniform. Singapore Customs officers at the checkpoints provide services to people who wish to pay duties or GST and investigate cases of wrongful declaration. At Changi Airport, Singapore Customs officers also provide the additional service of processing GST refund applications from tourists.

4 Higher Customs Superintendent Thomas Chiu, 30, stationed at the Budget Terminal said, “The new uniform looks very impressive and smart. It gives me a sense of authority when I am wearing it. It is also very comfortable. I like it”. Echoing the same sentiment is Customs Officer Siti Masainah, 23 who is stationed at the Woodlands Checkpoint, “I am excited about wearing the new uniforms, as it gives the organisation a greater sense of identity. I feel proud wearing it.”

5 The next time if you proceed to the duty payment office at the checkpoints for payment of duty on cigarettes or liquor, or to pay GST on new goods if your GST reliefs have been exceeded, keep a look out for Singapore Customs officers wearing their new uniforms.

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The new Singapore Customs uniform worn with and without the outer jacket



About 150 Singapore Customs officers stationed at the various Checkpoints will be donning the new uniforms.