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Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore
Permanent Resident Services Centre
5th Storey, ICA Building
10 Kallang Road
Singapore 208718

**RE: TESTIMONIAL TO SUPPORT OLIVIA QUEK'S SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN SINGAPORE**

Dear ICA Officer(s)-in-charge,

I am writing this letter to offer my personal support for Olivia Quek's Singapore Permanent Resident (PR) sponsorship application.

I have been privileged to have known Olivia Quek as a friend for 23 years now after first meeting her through an immersion programme to Japan organized by the Ministry of Education Language Center (MOELC). After spending a good amount of time with her, I can confidently attest to her outstanding character. I have gotten to know many people over the years, but few have been as empathetic and amicable as Olivia Quek. I am proud to have her as one of my closest friends.

- Compassionate and kind: She is always willing to lend a helping hand to those around her, making her a well-liked and valued friend. We continued to keep in touch very closely even when she was studying abroad in Japan. When I visited Japan, she took the time to show me around and took me out for meals.
- Empathetic: As someone who is sensitive to the feelings of others, her wisdom in dealing with those around her, her charisma and genuine regard for friendships make her very well-liked and a valued member of any group, and I am proud to call her a dear friend of mine. She is also a very loving wife, mother, sister and daughter, and is often the one we count on when we need help or just a listening ear.
- Honest: I often also approach her for her frank opinion and advice regarding personal matters
- Hardworking: While Olivia achieved good performance for all her subjects in Secondary School and Junior College, she worked exceptionally hard at Japanese studies. Effectively trilingual in English, Chinese and Japanese, she is set to be a treasured asset for any organization or institution. Indeed, Olivia's performance for the Japanese language had been so excellent, with results that fell nothing short of a strong 'A' grade for both internal and national exams, that her Japanese tutor at Raffles Junior College (RJC) commented that outstanding students like Olivia were few and far between. In 2002, Olivia won the President Cup, a Japanese speech contest organized by the Japanese Association, Singapore. As a result, she was selected to represent Singapore at the Japanese Speech Award in Tokyo, Japan, in the same year, where she was awarded a special prize. She was also a frequent Japanese translator for high school students and distinguished visitors from Japan, including the first lady of Japan in 2008.
- Dedicated: Beyond the classroom, Olivia was an active and dedicated member of the RJC Symphonic Band and the RJC Japanese Club. A highly disciplined and talented clarinetist, Olivia represented RJC at the 2003 Singapore Youth Festival, where the band was awarded the Gold Award and named one of the top 5 bands in Singapore. This shows that Olivia has strong team spirit and values of unity.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Due to her outgoing personality, Olivia Quek also frequently steps out of her comfort zone to interact and connect with the people living in her community. This has allowed her to adapt and integrate well into her community, no matter where she was physically located. During her secondary school years at Raffles Girls' School, she volunteered to serve as the Affective and Career Education representative of her class, where she played a leadership role in organizing all the community services that her class participated in. She was also an active volunteer with coastal clean-ups and visits to old folks' homes. Through her participation in community events, she has made many

friends of different races and religions from all walks of life and is a subscriber to Singapore's multiracial policies. She truly regards Singapore as her home, as Singapore is where her closest family and friends are, and also where her roots are firmly established.

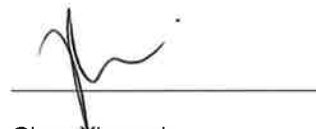
CHARITABLE EVENTS: Olivia Quek also donates generously to meaningful causes such as ShareTheMeal, a charity app by the United Nations World Food Programme; Good Neighbors Japan, an NPO that gathers food and monetary donations for single parent households in Japan; and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). During her years as a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Tokyo, she visited the Philippines to conduct field trips and conducted economics research with the aim of alleviating food poverty in the Philippines. In my opinion, this is very commendable and inspiring. Through her contributions, she has been a role model with a positive influence on the community and the people around her.

I can vouch for Olivia Quek's sincere desire to sponsor her spouse to settle down here, and thus fully support Singapore PR sponsorship application in every possible way. I have no doubt that her spouse and their children will continue to contribute meaningfully to Singapore both economically and socially in future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 91371347 should you require any further clarification.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Xiaowei', written over a horizontal line.

Chan Xiaowei
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