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31 January 2020

Say No to PAP

Electronically communicated via a comment posted on
<https://www.facebook.com/170006886388472/posts/2679570632098739/?d=n>

Dear Sirs,

**CORRECTION DIRECTION (THE “DIRECTION”)
PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 OF THE PROTECTION FROM ONLINE FALSEHOODS
AND MANIPULATION ACT (NO. 18 OF 2019) (THE “ACT”)**

We refer to the following Facebook post by you, which contains a false statement of fact (the “**subject statement**”) that has been communicated in Singapore:

Online location where the subject statement has been communicated (the “Online Location”)	https://www.facebook.com/SayNotoPAP/posts/2679132942142508?
The subject statement	Five Singaporeans have contracted coronavirus without going to China through person-to-person transmission of the killer disease raising the number of recorded cases in Singapore to 16.
Person/User who communicated the subject statement	Say No to PAP
Date / Time when the subject statement was first communicated in Singapore	30 January 2020 1517hrs (GMT+8)

2. The basis on which the subject statement is determined to be false is set out in Annex A. The Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, (the “**Minister**”) is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to issue this Direction.

3. Pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, the Minister hereby directs you to publish the following correction notice (the “**Correction Notice**”) in a new Facebook post by no later than 31 January 2020, 6am (GMT+8).

CORRECTION NOTICE:

An earlier post on this Facebook page shared an article by AB-TC City News, which contained a false statement of fact. As of 9 pm on 30 Jan 2020, there is no local transmission of the Wuhan virus in Singapore. All confirmed cases in Singapore to date are Chinese nationals who travelled from Wuhan.

For the correct facts, click here:

www.gov.sg/article/factually-clarifications-on-falsehoods-posted-by-abtc-city-news

4. Failure to comply with this Direction without reasonable excuse is an offence under Section 15 of the Act.

5. You can apply to the Minister to vary or cancel this Direction. Any application to vary/cancel this Direction is to be sent to **MOH-POFMA_Team@moh.gov.sg**, with **admin@pofmaoffice.gov.sg** kept on copy in all correspondence. You may use the standard form available at **pofmaoffice.gov.sg/resources/application-form** or provide all the necessary information and supporting documents in your application. However, please note that an application to vary/cancel this Direction does not operate as a stay of this Direction.

6. If the Minister refuses the variation/cancellation application whether in whole or in part, you may appeal to the High Court of Singapore, pursuant to Section 17 of the Act, to set aside this Direction. Unless the High Court directs, pursuant to Section 17(7) of the Act, that the Direction be stayed pending determination of the appeal, an appeal to set aside this Direction does not operate as a stay of the same.

7. The Direction remains in effect until it is set aside by the High Court of Singapore under Section 17 of the Act or varied/cancelled by the Minister under Section 19 of the Act.

Yours sincerely

POFMA Office
Info-communications Media Development Authority

ANNEX A

Online Location where subject statements is communicated in Singapore:

<https://www.facebook.com/SayNotoPAP/posts/2679132942142508?>

The basis on which the subject statement is determined to be a false statement of fact is set out below:

As of 9 pm on 30 Jan 2020, there is no local transmission of the Wuhan virus in Singapore. All confirmed cases in Singapore to date are Chinese nationals who travelled from Wuhan.