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EA Alert: Resumption of FDW Settling-In Programme (SIP) and Classroom Employers' Orientation Programme (EOP) from 13 July 2020

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

We had informed you on 5 April 2020 on the suspension of FDW Settling-In Programme (SIP) and classroom Employer Orientation Programme (EOP) in view of Circuit Breaker. During the period of suspension, first-time FDWs who arrived in Singapore during the period were allowed to get their work permits issued and deployed to their employers' home first, prior to completing the SIP.

2 With Singapore now in Phase Two Safe Transition, many services have resumed, and we will lift the suspension of FDW SIP, and classroom EOP from Monday, 13 July 2020. FDWs who were unable to attend SIP from 7 April 2020 must attend the SIP by 11 August 2020. Failure to attend the SIP by 11 August 2020 will result in the revocation of the work permit.

3 The SIP is a mandatory one-day programme for first-time FDWs to educate them about working and living in Singapore. The programme covers modules on employment conditions, working safely at home, fostering a better working relationship with their employer and stress management. It is important for new FDWs to attend the programme.

4 We seek your assistance to advise your clients (FDW employers) to schedule their FDW for SIP and how they can register and bring their FDW to attend the SIP by 11 August 2020.

5 Please note that first-time FDWs who arrive in Singapore after 12 July 2020 must attend the FDW SIP within 3 days upon completing their 14-days Stay-Home Notice (SHN).

Yours sincerely

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