

CORRUPT PRACTICES INVESTIGATION BUREAU



SINGAPORE'S EXPERIENCE IN COMBATING CORRUPTION

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To combat corruption through swift and sure, firm but fair action.



City of New York

Population: 8.6 million

Land Area: 302 sq mi

DOI Mandate: Combat municipal corruption.

DOI Manpower: Approx 700



Singapore

Population: 5.6 million

Land Area: 278 sq mi

CPIB Mandate: Combat public and private sector corruption

CPIB Manpower: Approx 200



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Scope

- Corruption Situation – Early days and Present
- Benchmarking
- Corruption Statistics
- Singapore's Corruption Control Framework
- International Engagement and Cooperation
- Prevention and Outreach Initiatives
- Key Challenges

Corruption Situation – Early Days

Corruption was an endemic problem



Colonial Singapore
(1819 – 1942)

Corruption was a way of life as many local junior enforcement officers were routinely on the take.



Japanese Occupation
(1942 – 1945)

Corruption bred further into the social fabric as bribery was justified as a means of survival.



Post-war Period
(1945 – 1959)

Corruption spread amongst civil servants due to low detection risks and high rewards.



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Corruption Situation - Present

- Corruption is incidental and not institutionalised
- Singapore among the least corrupt nation in the world
- High risk, low reward

Benchmarking

Corruption Perceptions Index by Transparency International

| TI-CPI Ranking 2017 | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Country | Rank | Score |
| New Zealand | 1 | 89 |
| Denmark | 2 | 88 |
| Finland | 3 | 85 |
| Norway | 3 | 85 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 85 |
| Singapore | 6 | 84 |
| Sweden | 6 | 84 |
| Canada | 8 | 82 |
| Luxembourg | 8 | 82 |
| Netherlands | 8 | 82 |
| United Kingdom | 8 | 82 |



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Benchmarking

Political & Economic Risk Consultancy Ranking

| PERC Ranking 2017 | |
|-------------------|------|
| Economic Entity | Rank |
| Singapore | 1 |
| Australia | 2 |
| Japan | 3 |
| Hong Kong | 4 |
| United States | 5 |

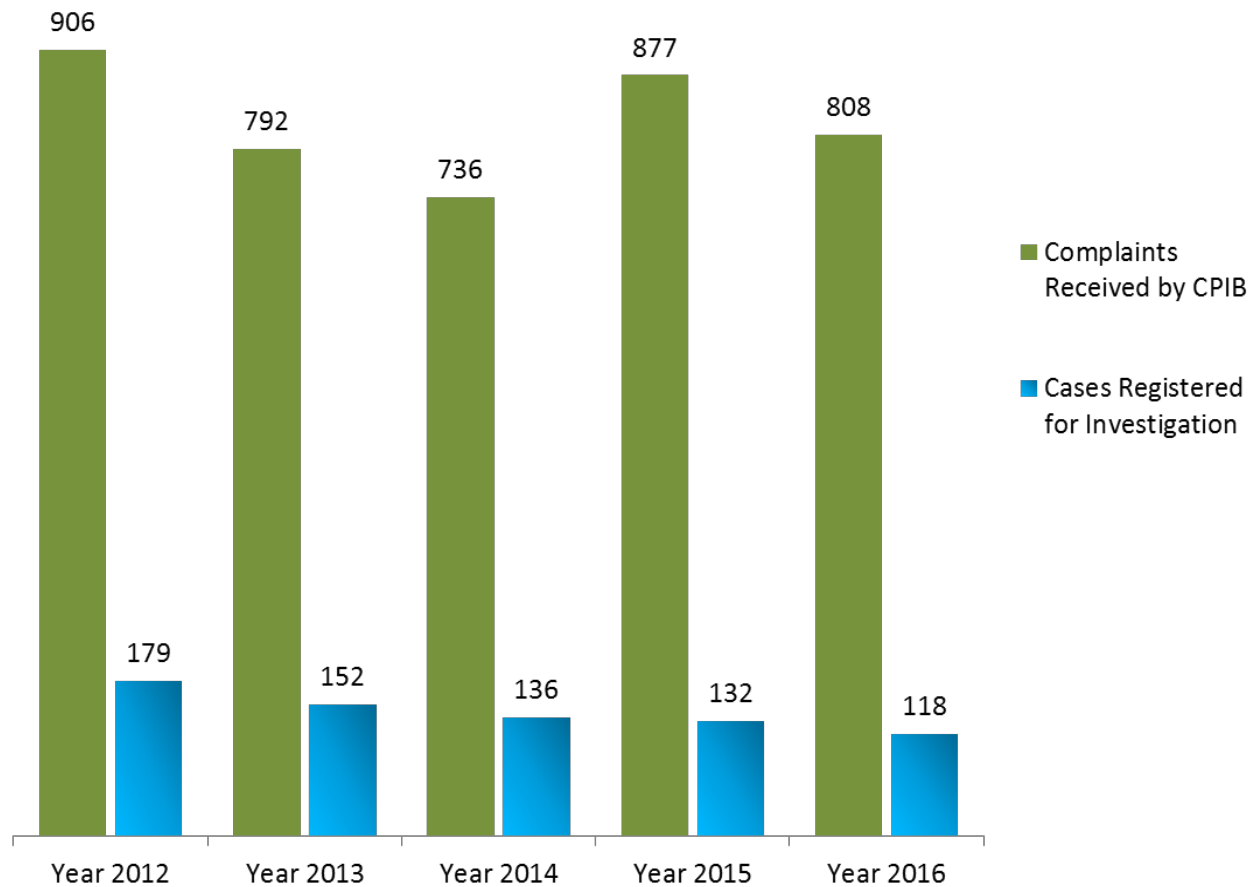


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Corruption Statistics



Corruption complaints received and number of cases registered for investigation at low levels

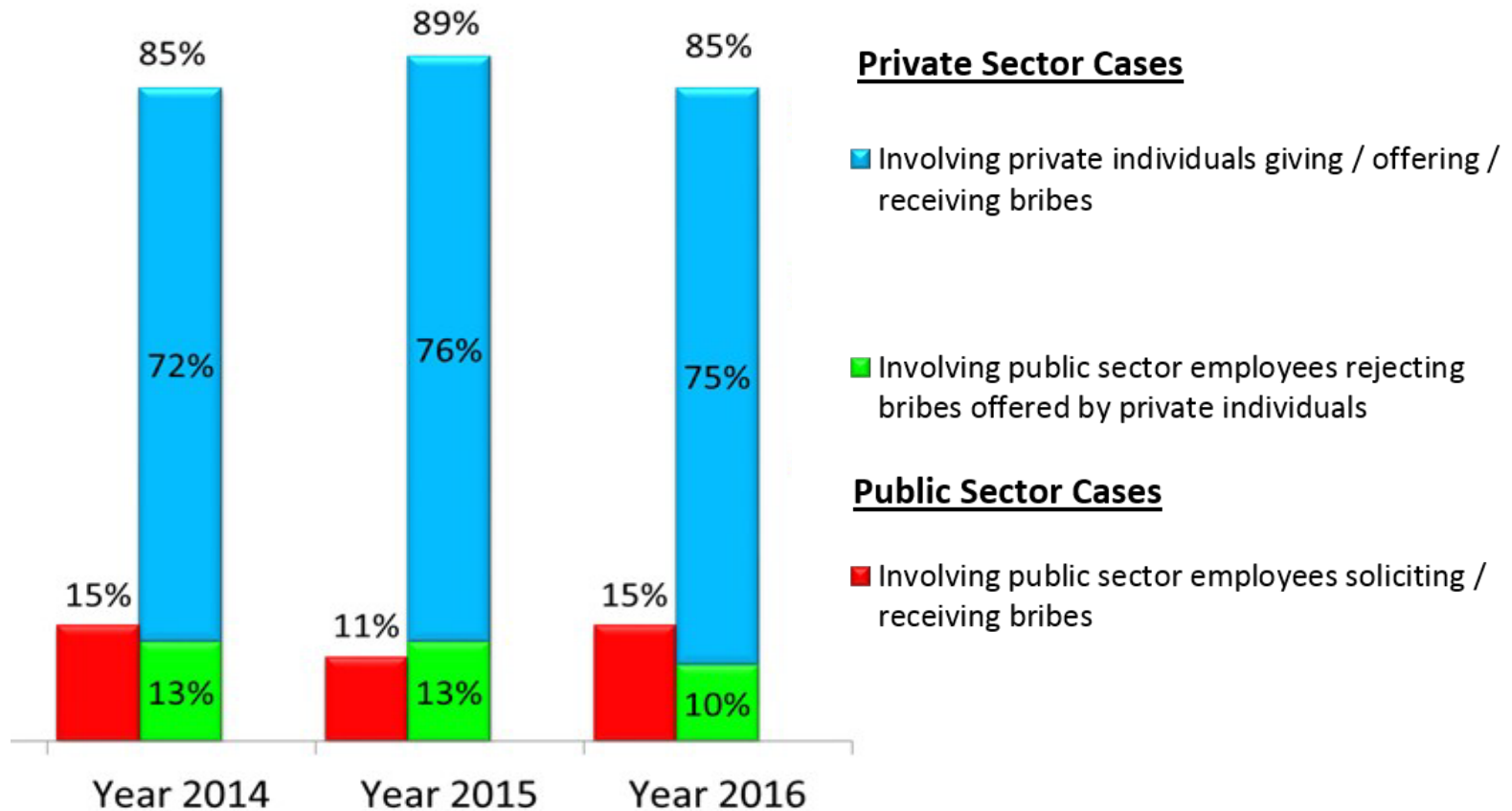


No. of Complaints Received by CPIB vs No. of Cases Registered for Investigation



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Private sector cases continue to make up majority of corruption cases in Singapore

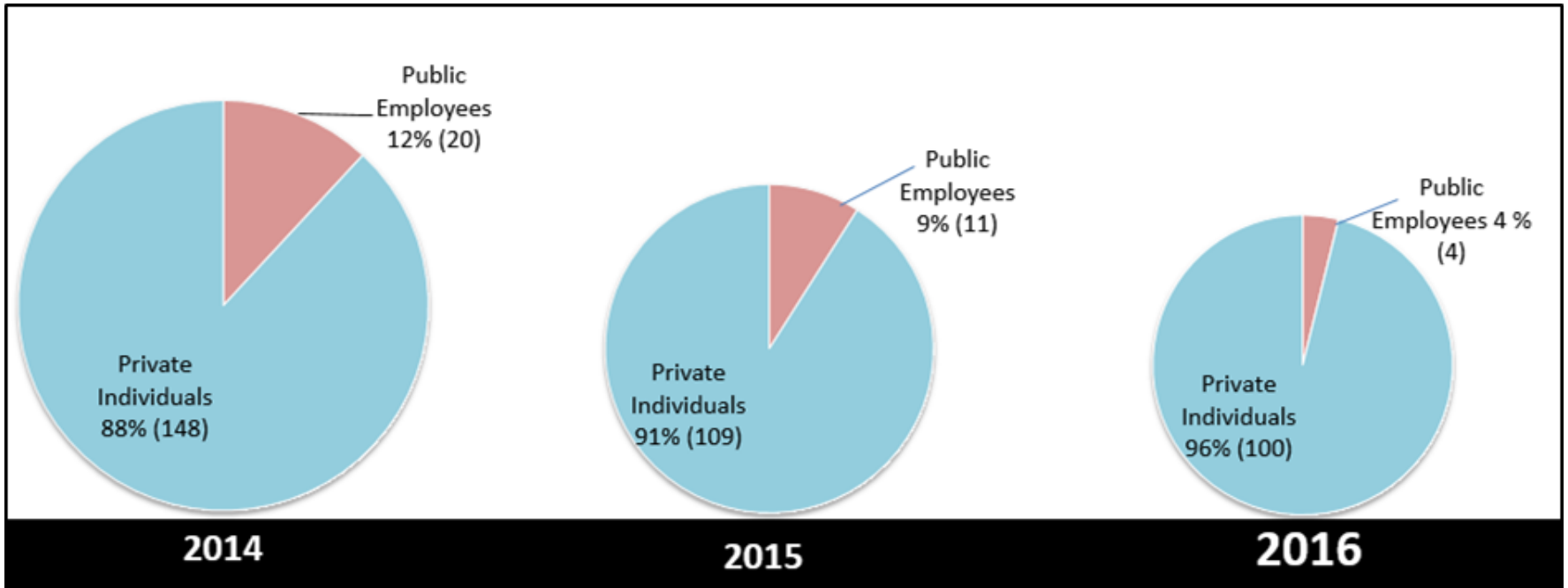


Breakdown of the Cases Registered for Investigation by Private vs Public Sector

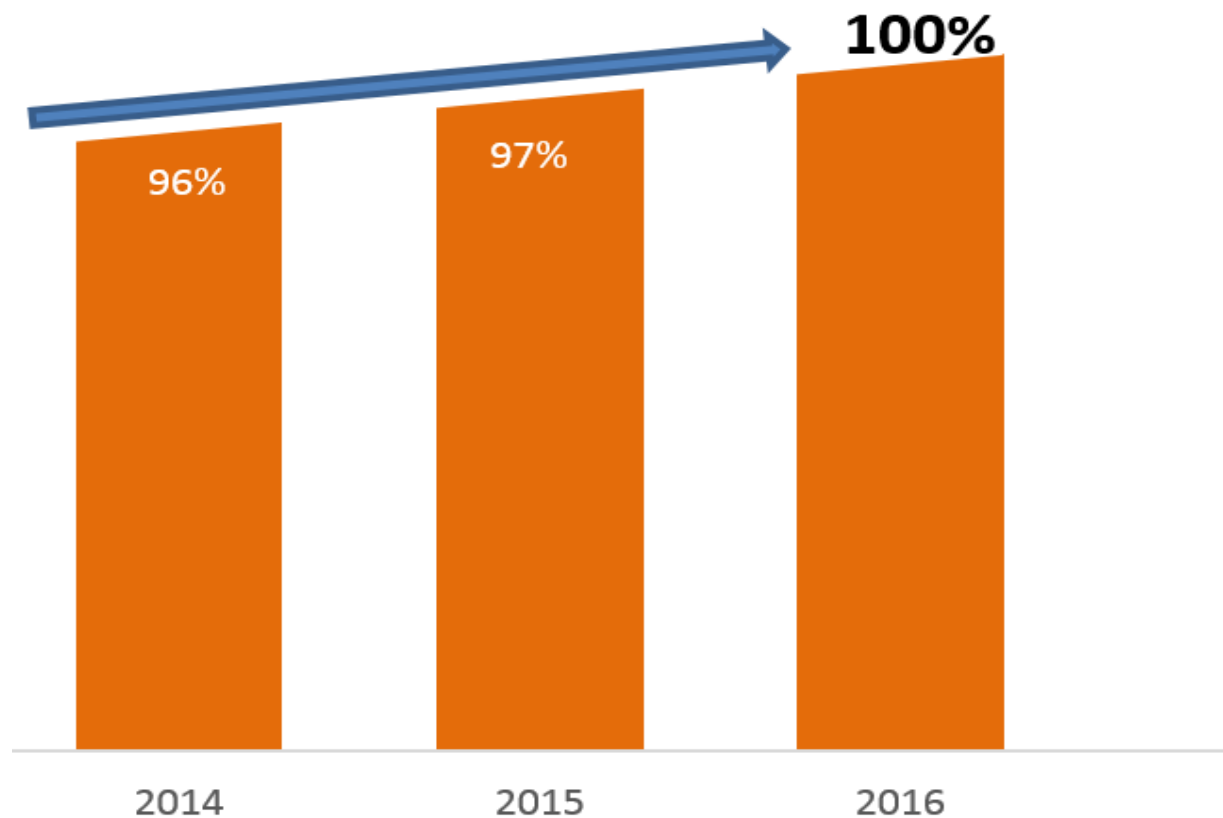


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Public & Private Sector Employees Prosecuted in Court



High conviction rate for CPIB cases



Political Will

The bedrock of the fight against corruption



Led by Founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew (seated 5th from left), the People's Action Party (PAP) wore white shirts and trousers at their first swearing-in in 1959. The all-white uniform symbolized their determination to keep the Government clean and incorruptible, and it has set the tone for Singapore ever since.



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Remembering Mr Lee Kuan Yew's Legacy
March 2015



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Corruption Control Framework

Zero Tolerance



Effective
Laws



Independent
Judiciary



Responsive
Public Service



Effective
Enforcement

Political Will



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Zero Tolerance

Security guard in court over \$10 'coffee money'

A \$10 BRIBE cost former Certis Cisco security guard Kalaiarasan Muniandy his job and landed him in court yesterday, when he was charged with corruption.

The 22-year-old Malaysian allegedly took the "coffee money" from a maid in return for not taking action against her for drinking water at Paya Lebar MRT station on Jan 19.

Kalaiarasan, who was employed by Certis Cisco's Protection Services, had been attached to SMRT. Part of his duty as a transit security officer was to conduct bag checks on commuters.

The Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau said yesterday it received information from police on Feb 20 alleging that one of its guards had obtained "coffee mon-

9 May 2014

Man jailed 3 weeks for cigarette bribe

NGHUIWEN

A 68-year-old man who attempted to bribe a building inspection officer with cigarettes was jailed for three weeks yesterday.

14 March 2018



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Effective Laws

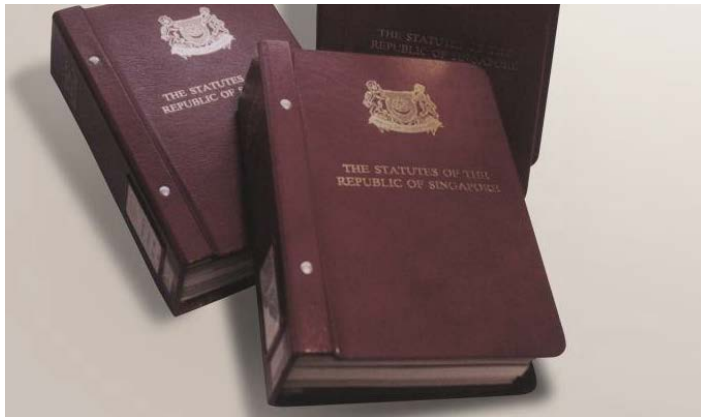
Legal instruments that detect, deal and deter corruption

Prevention of Corruption Act – Cap 241

- Governs primary offences of corruption and powers of CPIB officers
- Extra-territorial jurisdiction
- Acceptor of gratification guilty notwithstanding purpose not carried out
- Presumption clause for Government officials

Corruption, Drug Trafficking & other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act – Cap 65A

- Confiscate benefits derived from corruption



Independent Judiciary

Fair and impartial

- Effective Judicial System
- Transparent, consistent and objective in the administration of justice.
- Corrupt offenders face stiff fines and imprisonment.
- Public officers convicted of corruption may also lose their jobs, benefits or pension.



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Responsive Public Service

Efficient administration and meritocracy

Integrity, Service, Excellence

- Proactive approach to curbing corruption in the Public Service
- Streamlining of processes and the practice of meritocracy



Immigration & Checkpoints Authority

Application for Passport On-line Electronic System (APPLES)

Attention:

ICA website and e-services will be undergoing scheduled maintenance on 1 Apr 2018, from 0000hrs. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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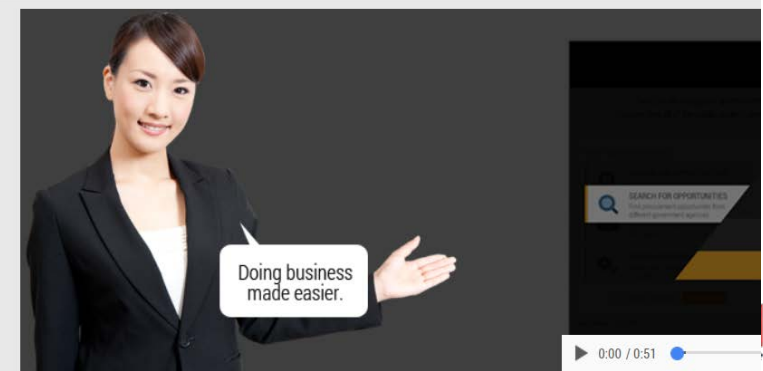
Welcome to APPLES.



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Introducing GeBIZ

Learn How To Use



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Effective Enforcement

A strong and independent anti-corruption agency

- Established in Oct 1952
- Sole agency responsible for investigating bribery offences
- Functional independence
- Director CPIB reports to Prime Minister



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Effective Enforcement

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Vision

A leading anti-corruption agency that upholds integrity and good governance towards achieving a corruption-free nation

Mission

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Roles & Functions

- **Investigate into any act of corruption** in the public and private sectors in Singapore, and in the course of doing so, any other offences under any written law.
- Spearhead **prevention and outreach** initiatives to spread anti-corruption messages and to educate the public on corruption matters.



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Two-Key System

- Two-Key System introduced in 1991
- Ensure political leadership and government would remain clean and honest
- Demonstrate political will in the fight against corruption



President of Singapore Halimah Yacob's visit to
CPIB in March 2018

Combating Corruption Without Fear or Favour



Minister for National Development
1986



Minister of State for the
Environment
1975

CPIB officer accused of embezzling over \$1.7m

Graft agency veteran said to have used siphoned-off funds to gamble

By BRYNA SINGH

AS A department head in the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB), Edwin Yeo Seow Hong was entrusted with public funds earmarked to support the agency's war on graft.

But yesterday, the 35-year CPIB veteran appeared in court accused of misappropriating more than \$1.7 million from the bureau, among other related offences.

He faces a total of 21 charges: eight for criminal breach of trust as a public servant, one for forging a payment receipt and 12 counts of using the proceeds of his crimes to gamble.

The CPIB said in a statement yesterday that Yeo's rise was uncovered on Sept 14 last year. He was suspended from duty and indicted the next day.

The Straits Times understands it was a whistle-blower who alerted the bureau to the case, before it was referred to the police Commercial Affairs Department (CAD) for investigation shortly after.

The court heard that Yeo - who headed the bureau's field research and technical support branch - had between 2008 and last year, siphoned off funds meant for CPIB operations.

He also misappropriated two Honda Civics and two motorcycles belonging to the anti-graft agency, and forged a receipt that claimed a payment of \$370,755 had been received by a supplier when this was not the case.

Yeo, 39, was said to have gambled away more than \$240,000 of the money he had siphoned off, at the casino in Marina Bay Sands between last May and September.



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International Engagement and Cooperation



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International Engagement and Cooperation

- CPIB currently represents Singapore at a multitude of regional and international anti-corruption platforms (e.g., UNCAC, APEC-ACT, G20 ACWG, ADB/OECD Initiative, ECAN)
- CPIB actively cooperates with its foreign counterpart agencies at both the formal (Mutual Legal Assistance) and informal (inquiries or requests for information that do not require the exercise of coercive powers) levels.



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Cooperation with US Authorities

- Federal Bureau of Investigations (Counterpart), United States Department of Justice and Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- International Anti-Corruption Co-ordination Centre (IACCC)
- Training and assistance
- Joint investigations



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Cooperation with US Authorities Investigations Case Study

- Joint investigation between CPIB (Singapore) and NCIS (USA) in the matter of the US Navy's foreign defence contractor Glenn Defence Marine Asia (GDMA)
- 27 defendants charged in the US
- 2 of the defendants were arrested and extradited from Singapore on the request of US authorities
- Corruption and fraud scheme resulted in losses to the US Navy in excess of US\$34 million



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Cooperation with US Authorities

Asset Recovery Case Study

- Information was received on the matter of bribery between Siemens AG and Bangladesh officials and fund flow to Singapore
- Domestic investigation was launched and 4 Singapore bank accounts containing sums approximating \$3 million were seized.
- Seized monies were repatriated to Bangladesh through a USDOJ Forfeiture Order



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Prevention & Outreach Initiatives



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Private Sector Engagement

Seminar on Launch of SS ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management Systems and development of PACT guidebook



Collaboration with Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants for conference



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Corruption Reporting & Heritage Centre

- Learning journeys for students
- Learning visits for public officers & private sector employees
- Study visits for foreign delegates
- Self-guided tours for walk-in visitors



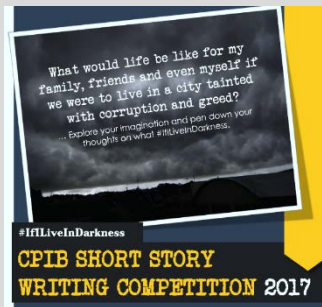
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Other Outreach Initiatives

Short Story Writing Competition

Theme: *#IfILiveInDarkness*

- Opened to secondary schools/junior colleges/polytechnics/ITEs
- 275 entries, 7 top winners, 10 merit winners
- Winning stories to be compiled into booklet for students



CPIB Online Persona – Kopi Lim

- Reached over 85,000 netizens
- Garnered 11,000 engagements
- Achieved 450 likes
- Characteristics are its greatest appeal
- “Conflict” with CPIB’s stern image
- Stand-in for media-shy CPIB officers



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Key Challenges

Combating Corruption in the 21st Century

- Rapid technological advances
- Globalisation
- Increasingly sophisticated corrupt transactions



Tackling the Challenges

- Investment in technology and training
- More resources deployed to financial intelligence work

Thank You



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