

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ISSUANCE OF CORRECTION DIRECTION UNDER THE PROTECTION FROM ONLINE FALSEHOODS AND MANIPULATION ACT (POFMA) TO EAST ASIA FORUM

The East Asia Forum article “A spate of scandals strikes Singapore” published on 18 August 2023 (“Article”) contains false statements in relation to various matters, including the independence of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, and the Prime Minister’s approach in addressing certain matters. The Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Ms Indranee Rajah, has instructed the POFMA Office to issue a Correction Direction to East Asia Forum in relation to the Article.

2 For the facts of this case, please refer to the Factually article “Corrections regarding false statements of fact in article and post published by East Asia Forum on 18 August 2023” (<https://www.gov.sg/article/factually130923-b>).

3 East Asia Forum will be required to carry a correction notice<sup>1</sup> at the top of the Article and the main page of their website, and at the top of their Facebook post and on their Facebook page, so that readers can read both versions and draw their own conclusions.

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<sup>1</sup> A Correction Direction is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content and does not impose criminal sanctions.