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## **WORLD-CHECK AND IDSS/ICPVTR TO LAUNCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**LONDON, November 13, 2006:** World-Check, the world's leading provider of structured intelligence on heightened-risk individuals and entities together with the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore are proud to announce the 'ICPVTR – World-Check Fellowship'. World-Check and the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) specialize in analysing threats to countries and risks to business.

Together with the School of Computer Engineering at the Nanyang Technological University, ICPVTR seeks to use the fellowship for the dedicated development of software applications and systems to facilitate the storage and retrieval of threat and risk information. Through open competition, the four-year ICPVTR-World-Check Fellowship will be awarded to a leader in the field in early 2007. Barry Desker, Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies in Singapore and David Leppan, the CEO of World Check will launch the fellowship on November 13, 2006.

"We are honoured to be able to assist such a leading institution in its invaluable work," said David Leppan, World-Check's CEO and Founder. "World-Check is a committed partner in the fight against terrorism and its financing and the ICPVTR – World-Check Fellowship is another key cornerstone in our social responsibility programme".

Dr. Rohan Gunaratna, the Head of the ICPVTR said: Internet has become the principal means of terrorist communication, propaganda, recruitment, fundraising and training. It has now become necessary to use the same tools to fight terrorism. Traditionally, fighting terrorism has been a law enforcement issue vested with the state. To fight the contemporary wave of terrorism, we must build new partnerships. IDSS/ICPVTR partnership with World-Check seeks to combine our specialist knowledge on counter terrorism with World-Check's commitment to fight both crime and terrorism.

World-Check and IDSS/ICPVTR are excited about this unique collaboration that will see the leading provider of structured intelligence and the leading research and graduate teaching



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institution in strategic and international affairs in the Asia-Pacific region combining towards a common goal to promote the flow of risk relevant intelligence to the global community.

### **About World-Check**

World-Check is relied upon by more than 2000 institutions, including 45 of the world's 50 largest financial institutions and hundreds of government agencies, with its global database of heightened-risk individuals and businesses. The database is updated daily in real-time by World-Check's international research team and is derived from hundreds of thousands of public sources. Coverage includes PEPs, money launderers, fraudsters, terrorists and sanctioned entities — plus individuals and businesses from over a dozen other high-risk categories. World-Check's proprietary database and tools have direct use in financial compliance, anti-money laundering (AML), Know-Your-Customer (KYC), Politically Exposed Person (PEP) screening, enhanced due diligence (EDD), fraud prevention, government intelligence and other identity authentication, background screening and risk-prevention practices. World-Check offers a downloadable database for the automated screening of an entire customer base, as well as a simple online service for quick customer screening. For more information, please visit [www.world-check.com](http://www.world-check.com)

### **About The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS)**

The IDSS was established in July 1996 as an autonomous research institute within the Nanyang Technological University. Its objectives are to:

- Conduct research on security, strategic and international issues.
- Provide general and graduate education in strategic studies, international relations, defence management and defence technology.
- Promote joint and exchange programmes with similar regional and international institutions; and organise seminars/conferences on topics salient to the strategic and policy communities of the Asia-Pacific.

ICPVTR, an IDSS centre, is dedicated to exploring the frontiers of counter terrorism. The largest counter terrorism centre in the Asia-Pacific, ICPVTR engages in research, training and outreach to create a counter terrorist environment. In seeking to train a new generation of leaders in counter terrorism, the centre integrates academic theory with practical knowledge, essential for a complete and comprehensive understanding of threats from extremism and terrorism. To read more please visit <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/> and [www.pvtr.org](http://www.pvtr.org)