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## PRESS RELEASE

## RAFFLESEDUCATION CORP ESTABLISHES RAFFLES UNIVERSITY SRI LANKA

*Singapore, 8 March 2013* - Raffles Education Corporation Limited ("RafflesEducation*Corp*", "the Company" or "the Group"), the largest private education provider in the Asia-Pacific region, today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Raffles Assets (Private) Limited, has signed an investment agreement with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka ("BOI"), to establish Raffles University Sri Lanka ("the University"). The Group has also received approval for the establishment of the University from the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka ("MOHE").

This investment is estimated to cost approximately S\$25 million to be invested over 5 years and is in line with RafflesEducation*Corp*'s plan to develop its University Group. RafflesEducation*Corp* currently owns four university-level institutions in Australia, China, India and Malaysia. This new addition would enhance the Group's footprint of university-level institutions.

Mr Chew Hua Seng, Chairman and CEO of RafflesEducation*Corp*, said, "Sri Lanka is an emerging market filled with opportunities. With economic growth, there will be increased demand for university education. We are delighted that we are welcomed to participate in the transformation of Sri Lanka's tertiary education sector. With our years of experience, we are committed to play our part to train industry-relevant professionals to meet the needs of industry."

Raffles Assets (Private) Limited was incorporated in Sri Lanka with an issued and paid-up capital of S\$4 million.

The transaction is not expected to have a material impact on the earnings per share or net tangible assets of the Company and the Group for the current financial year.

None of the Directors or controlling shareholders of the Company has any interest, direct or indirect, in the transaction.

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## **About Raffles Education Corporation Limited**

Raffles Education Corporation Limited ("RafflesEducationCorp") is the largest private education group in Asia-Pacific. Since establishing its first college in Singapore in 1990, the Group has grown to operate 33 colleges in 30 cities across 13 countries in Asia Pacific: Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

More than 22,100 students enrolled in RafflesEducationCorp's tertiary programmes benefit from a quality education that provides graduates with a well-rounded hands-on experience relevant to the industry.

In 2012, the Group launched the Raffles University Iskandar ("RUI") and Raffles American School ("RAS") in Iskandar, Malaysia. Raising the profile of the Group is RUI, a comprehensive university approved by the Malaysian government. As the Group's first pre-tertiary institution offering American K-12 education, RAS marks the Group's entry into the international school business and its expansion into a new demographic market.

The Group also owns the Oriental University City in Langfang, Hebei Province, China – a 1.3 million square metre self-contained campus. Within this campus, Oriental University City provides education services to 6 colleges with an additional student population of over 24,800.

Headquartered in Singapore, RafflesEducationCorp employs over 2,500 academic and administrative staff, and is listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange. For more information on the Group, please visit the RafflesEducationCorp's website at <a href="https://www.raffles-education-corporation.com">www.raffles-education-corporation.com</a>.

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