Foreword

I congratulate the team from the Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre for the publication of this book *Combating Violent Extremism and Radicalization in the Digital Era*.

Violent extremists are increasingly using the cyber medium to maximise their outreach. This book provides a reminder that online radicalisation poses a serious threat to safety and security all over the world. Violent extremism has continued to evolve with new forms of social media. There is therefore a critical need for governments and communities across the world to step up their counter terrorism efforts.

In addressing this threat, evidence-based research findings are critical to inform both policy making and operational tactics. This book contains many articles by both international as well as Singapore experts in the field. I am delighted that the Singapore Home Team psychologists and behavioural science researchers have made an important contribution to this book.

I am confident that this book will provide readers with a better understanding of this important subject, and contribute to efforts to deal with the threat of online violent extremism.

*Leo Yip*

*Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore & Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office, Singapore & Permanent Secretary, National Security and Intelligence Coordination, Singapore*