



MEDIA RELEASE

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Charity in the Park Brings Together Persons With and Without Disabilities to Interact through Inclusive Games

- *Over 2,000 volunteers, donors and their families will interact meaningfully with more than 2,000 beneficiaries and their caregivers at this year's Community Chest Charity in the Park*
- *Held at Universal Studios Singapore in Resorts World Sentosa, inclusive games will offer unique opportunities for all to participate and to build greater understanding and appreciation of persons with disabilities*

SINGAPORE 18 February 2017 – This Saturday, corporate volunteers will engage more than 2,000 beneficiaries and their caregivers through inclusive games, such as using sign language for clues, at the second edition of the **Community Chest Charity in the Park (CIP)**. **Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence**, is the Guest of Honour. Held at Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa, the CIP is one of Community Chest's fundraising and engagement platforms that provides more opportunities between persons with and without disabilities to interact.

Over 300 volunteers from nine corporate organisations come alongside beneficiaries in activities and inclusive games, such as Giant Jenga Challenge and Treasure Hunt stations. For Treasure Hunt, teams made up of corporate volunteers and beneficiaries will complete tasks, such as using sign language for clues, to enable interaction and collaboration.

This is also an extension of the social media campaign, the Sign-It-Forward Challenge, aimed at raising awareness of persons with disabilities. The Challenge required one to sign the theme for CIP "**Celebrate Abilities, Embrace Inclusiveness**" and nominate their friends to do so.

The event is co-organised with **Resorts World Sentosa** as part of the integrated resort's five-year pledge of S\$5 million cash donation and in-kind support to Community Chest from 2014 to 2018. It seeks to build an inclusive and compassionate society, and is part of **SG Cares**, a national movement to involve and inspire more Singaporeans to help one another.

In closing off the USS exclusively for an entire evening, and dedicating their staff, resources and facilities for the disadvantaged, Resorts World Sentosa is one of the forerunners from the corporate sector to heed the call from Community Chest for sustained giving, with the aim for better long-term outcomes. They stand together with like-minded businesses, like HSBC Singapore and drinks manufacturer YHS (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

Chairman of Community Chest, Mr Phillip Tan, said: "The Community Chest Charity in the Park has drawn great support from the corporates through donations and volunteerism. We are also grateful to co-organiser Resorts World Sentosa for making this a memorable experience for our beneficiaries. Such efforts demonstrate how profit-driven businesses can drive sustainable social contribution to impact those in need."

"For our beneficiaries, their evening spent at Universal Studios Singapore is not just a simple outing, but an enabling experience. We will continue to create more opportunities for meaningful interaction between persons with and without disabilities as we build a more caring and inclusive Singapore."

A beneficiary attending the CIP 2017 is Jacob Hon Mao Qing, 34, from TOUCH Silent Club, who has hearing impairment. He is stepping up as one of the station masters for the Treasure Hunt. Jacob will be teaching teams basic sign language phrases at one of four stations, where participants can learn how they can communicate with persons with hearing or speech impairment.

Donations to Community Chest channeled to the charities have been put to good use. One of the beneficiaries, Aaqil Aimar Fazly, 7, sports a winning smile and wants to be a doctor. Only four years ago, Aaqil, who has autism, responded little to his family, but now opens up to more people through interactions at Rainbow School, supported by Community Chest. His transformation is an encouraging one for him to progress to

Pathlight School, which offers mainstream academic curriculum for children with special needs.

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Community Chest

For over 30 years, Community Chest has been engaging the community to support people in need through fund-raising and volunteering. Community Chest supports about 80 charities in Singapore, allowing them to focus on caring for the disadvantaged. As Community Chest's fund-raising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board and Singapore Pools, 100% of your donations will go towards helping:

- Children with special needs and youths-at-risk to reach their potential
- Adults with disabilities to integrate into society
- Relationships of families in difficulty to stay resilient
- Seniors to age graciously in the community
- Persons with mental health issues to integrate into society

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APPENDIX

COMMUNITY CHEST CHARITY IN THE PARK

Saturday 18 February 2017
Universal Studios Singapore
Resorts World Sentosa

Programme

6.15pm	Media registration				
6.30pm	Treasure Hunt Flag Off *Photo Opps 27 teams of mixed abilities comprising beneficiaries, donors and volunteers participate in a Treasure Hunt and sign for clues.				
7.00pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour, Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education GOH to tour the Treasure Hunt Station. *Photo Opps 1. Learning of sign language from volunteer beneficiaries 2. Min Ong learning sign language				
7.20pm	Performance by Delta Senior School				
7.25pm	Opening Address by Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman of Community Chest				
7.30pm	GOH Token presentation to Contributing and Gold Partners *Photo Opps Cheque presentations on stage				
7.40pm	Giant Jenga Challenge *Photo Opps <table border="1" data-bbox="363 1496 1380 1727"><thead><tr><th>TEAM ABILITY</th><th>TEAM INCLUSIVENESS</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Min Ong Ye Kung 2. RWS representative 3. Aaqil, Rainbow Centre – Margaret Drive School</td><td>1. Mr Phillip Tan 2. Mr Eric Ang, Chairman, Organising Sub Committee 3. Beneficiary of Delta Senior School</td></tr></tbody></table>	TEAM ABILITY	TEAM INCLUSIVENESS	1. Min Ong Ye Kung 2. RWS representative 3. Aaqil, Rainbow Centre – Margaret Drive School	1. Mr Phillip Tan 2. Mr Eric Ang, Chairman, Organising Sub Committee 3. Beneficiary of Delta Senior School
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8.30pm	End of Media Programme				