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**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR FOO SAY THYE, CHAIRMAN OF  
COMMUNITY CHEST FU DAI 2020 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AT  
COMMUNITY CHEST FÚ DÀI 2020, ON 11 JANUARY 2020,  
SATURDAY, 12PM, AT THE SINGAPORE EXPO CONVENTION AND  
EXHIBITION CENTRE**

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry

Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development

Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman, Community Chest,

Friends of Community Chest,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good afternoon, and thank you for joining us at Community Chest Fú Dài 2020 . It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to welcome new friends to our annual volunteering event today.
2. This year's Fú Dài is themed "Home: For The Community, By The Community", a gathering of efforts from the people, private and public sectors and across generations. I am heartened to see that this has been exemplified in various ways: corporate donors who made generous monetary contributions or sponsorships; the corporate, individual and student volunteers who are spending their Saturday here with us packing and delivering festive bags; and the senior volunteers who will lead us in a workout later.
  - Altogether, we have about 1,500 volunteers packing over 6,000 festive bags. Fú Dài 2020 also raised more than \$2 million. This is a showcase of what we are able to achieve

when we mobilise people from all walks of life to give back to the community in whatever ways they can.

- This is also in line with Community Chest's ethos of bringing different partners together to catalyse fundraising and volunteering efforts in order to build a vibrant ecosystem for the social service sector.

3. This year is also the first time we have secondary school students take part in Fú Dài. I hope to see more youths like the students from Hougang Secondary School join us for our future volunteering events. Nurturing the next generation of givers is how we can continue to build a culture of giving and an inclusive society for all.

- One good example is Mr Suah Chee Wei from Heartwarmers. Chee Wei is 23 years old this year, but has already been volunteering with Heartwarmers for 10 years. After a positive volunteering experience in secondary school, he became passionate about helping those who may not be as fortunate. I am very proud to say that today, he serves as the Vice-Chairman of Heartwarmers, and I look forward to him inspiring other young people to follow in his footsteps.

4. Of course, we cannot forget to highlight our senior volunteers, who have been just as instrumental in inspiring the younger generation as well as fellow seniors to give back to the community in their own ways.

- Earlier today, you saw senior volunteers from Montfort Care Goodlife! Centres lead an energetic workout rehearsal. Later, the 9 of them will once again take to the stage with the workout to cheer on and motivate all of our volunteers here today. Their empowerment reflects the good work that agencies like

Montfort Care is doing, and I hope all of you can show your support by joining in for the workout!

5. 送一个福袋，献一份爱心。(sòng yī gè fú dài, xiàn yī fèn ài xīn) We want to Give Hope, and Fill Hearts with Love. That's what Community Chest Fú Dài sets out to achieve. I wish you a happy Lunar New Year in advance, and may we bring joy to those we meet. 祝大家新年快乐，万事如意(zhù dà jiā xīn nián kuài lè , wàn shì rú yì)!