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**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR CHEW SUTAT,  
CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST,  
AT COMMUNITY CHEST FÚ DÀI 2023,  
ON 7 JANUARY 2023, SATURDAY, 1.20 PM,  
AT THE CHANGI EXHIBITION CENTRE**

Senior Minister Teo Chee Hean, Coordinating Minister for  
National Security

Ms Sun Xueling, Minister of State for Social and Family  
Development and Home Affairs

Grassroot Advisors

Friends of Community Chest,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good afternoon, and a very happy new year to everyone!
2. First of all, I would like to thank all of you for joining us at Community Chest Fu Dai 2023. It's the first Saturday of 2023

and you have chosen to volunteer your time to pack and deliver festive bags for seniors and families in need. Thank you for starting the year on a good note with Community Chest!

3. Every Fu Dai, we invite our corporate and community partners to join us in “Sharing a Bag of Happiness” with those in need – or as the Chinese version goes: 送一个福袋，献一份爱心 (sòng yī gè fú dài, xiàn yī fèn ài xīn). Over the last three days, more than 1,300 of you packed over 8,500 bags to be delivered to seniors and families in need of support. While these bags contain essential food and drink items that can go a long way in defraying household bills, they are also symbolic of your well wishes and indeed, your 爱心 (ài xīn). These will certainly help bring joy to them during this festive season.
4. This event would not have been possible without our co-organiser Heartwarmers, the Fu Dai Organising Committee members as well as all our sponsors, volunteers, corporate partners and donors. Your sustained support ensures that we can continue to hold this meaningful event every year.
5. Community Chest turns 40 this year. On behalf of all of whom we support, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation

to our partners and donors who have contributed in various ways.

- A big thank you to first-time Community Chest donors Musim Mas Holdings Pte Ltd and GHY Culture and Media, who generously donated \$1 million and helped raise \$650,000 respectively.
  - We also have Standard Chartered Bank, who has been supporting Community Chest Fu Dai for the past decade through donations and dedicated volunteers.
  - Through these sustained contributions, we can support more than 200 critical social service programmes and empower children with special needs and youth-at-risk, adults with disabilities, persons with mental health conditions and families and seniors in need of assistance.
6. As social service needs become more complex, I would like to urge all our partners and donors to continue working closely with us to adopt sustainable philanthropy. It is with your strong partnership that we can ensure our service users receive continued support to fulfil their hopes and dreams. We also want to work with you to make giving a way of living and create more opportunities for the public to give conveniently and regularly.

7. With that, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Lunar New Year in advance, and a healthy and prosperous year ahead!  
祝大家新年快乐，身体健康，万事如意 (zhù dà jiā xīn nián kuài lè , shēn tǐ jiàn kāng, wàn shì rú yì)!