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**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR CHEW SUTAT,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST,
AT COMMUNITY CHEST HABUAN HARAPAN 2024,
ON 13 MARCH 2024, WEDNESDAY, 6.30 PM,
AT WISMA GEYLANG SERAI**

Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and Minister for Finance

Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Health

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Friends of Community Chest,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good evening and welcome to our very first Community Chest Habuan Harapan 2024!
2. The month of Ramadan is a special time for the Muslim community. It is a time of not just fasting and prayer, but of reflection and giving back to the community as well.
3. These values resonate with Community Chest and it is reflected in our collaboration with our valued partners such as MUIS and Wisma Geylang Serai. Through this meaningful event, we hope to spread joy to service users with the packing and delivering of festive goodies leading up to the celebrations in Hari Raya 2024.
4. These bags of festive goodies are symbolic gestures to celebrate the breaking of fast, and it is through this action

of the community coming together to pack and distribute the bags that we can better empower individuals and champion the potential of those in need.

5. Through acts of volunteerism as a community and even through small sums of donation, we can build a caring and inclusive society. This also benefits the social service sector, ensuring it has adequate funds and manpower to meet current and future challenges, giving them the resources to uplift the lives of vulnerable groups such as families in need.
6. On this note, I would like to recognise our co-organiser, Heartwarmers, our partners MUIS and Wisma Geylang Serai and all our sponsors, volunteers, corporate partners and donors.
7. I would also like to acknowledge UOL Group Limited, OUE Limited, Maybank Singapore, Prudential, and other corporate donors for their generous support in our cause.
8. Finally, we have seen how social service needs are becoming more complex over time. It is with your strong partnership that we can ensure the social service sector is sustainably resourced so that our service users can continue to receive support to fulfil their hopes and dreams. By adopting initiatives such as Change for Charity where businesses include giving mechanisms into their business models, and SHARE, our regular giving programme, we can work with you to make giving a way of living, and create more opportunities for the public to give more conveniently and regularly.
9. With that, I would like to wish everyone Selamat Berpuasa!