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MEDIA RELEASE

BUILDING CARING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH CDC VOUCHERS DONATION SCHEME

The Community Development Councils (CDC) organised a networking luncheon for 300 guests from charity organisations on 27 November 2023 at the People's Association Auditorium. The event was hosted by Mayors Low Yen Ling, Denise Phua, Alex Yam, Mohd Fahmi Aliman and North East CDC Vice Chairman Shamsul Kamar, PBM. The Guest-of-Honour (GOH) was **Mr Edwin Tong**, Minister for Culture, Community & Youth, Second Minister for Law and Deputy Chairman of the People's Association.

2 **Ms Low Yen Ling**, Chairman, Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District, welcomed guests and took the opportunity to share on CDCs' refreshed mission coinciding with its 25th anniversary last year. She shared about CDCs' shifts in community engagement approach and outlined five strategic directions for the CDCs – building caring, inclusive, healthy, learning and sustainable communities. These community pillars, aligning with ForwardSG, underscores CDC's efforts to adapt to increasingly complex needs in the community amidst a changing social landscape post-COVID. The CDC Vouchers Donation campaign is part of CDCs' efforts to build caring and inclusive communities, enabling opportunities for the community to use their CDC vouchers to uplift the lives of others in need. (For details, please refer to the full speech transcript which will be shared after the event.)

3 GOH Minister Edwin Tong was invited to announce the start of the CDC Vouchers Donation Scheme 2023 which will take place from 1 December 2023 until 31 January 2024. Since early November 2023, about 99% of Singaporean households have claimed their CDC Vouchers 2023, and of this, about 88% have been spent at participating hawkers, heartland merchants and supermarkets. He also announced key figures for CDC Vouchers Donation Scheme 2021/2022, where about 9,880 households donated about \$1.19 million worth of CDC Vouchers to 245 participating charities (who are also an Institution of a Public Character (IPC)). (For details, please refer to the full speech transcript which will be shared after the event.)

CDCV Donation Scheme 2023

4 Similar to the last donation campaign, Singaporean households can donate their unspent CDC Vouchers 2023 in three steps:

- a) **Visit the CDC Vouchers Scheme website** at vouchers.cdc.gov.sg and click on 'Donate CDC Vouchers'
- b) **Select preferred charity** - search by *sectors or names of charity using the search bar and click on the name of the charity in order to be directed to a FormSG.
- c) **Pledge your donation** – Login via Singpass to pledge the entire balance of donor's household's CDC Vouchers 2023 as of 31 December 2023 to the selected charity. Donors may opt to receive an email confirmation of their declaration.

** Animal Welfare, Arts & Heritage, Children & Youth, Education, Elderly, Environment, Families & Children, HealthCare, Migrant Community, Persons with Disability, Sports, Others*

5 The CDC Vouchers Scheme 2024 will be launched on 3 January 2024 by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr Lawrence Wong. Each Singaporean household will receive a higher quantum of \$500 CDC Vouchers to support with their daily expenses – \$250 which can be spent at participating hawkers and heartland merchants; the other \$250 at participating supermarkets. More details on CDC Vouchers Scheme 2024 will be announced in due course.

6 For more information on CDC Vouchers Donation Scheme, please visit <https://vouchers.cdc.gov.sg>.

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