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MEDIA RELEASE

Launch of \$20 million CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 2)

Mr Heng Swee Keng, Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance, together with Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State, Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District, Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District, Mr Desmond Choo, Mayor of North East District, Mr Alex Yam, Mayor of North West District and Mr Fahmi Aliman, Mayor of South East District, as well as Mr. Yeo Hiang Meng, PBM, President of the Federation of Merchants' Associations, Singapore (FMAS) and Mr Lim Hock Yu, Chief Executive Director of People's Association (PA) launched the CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 2) on Monday 25 January 2021 at Bedok Community Centre and visited some merchants at Bedok division.

2 As the CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 1) was well-received by both residents and the participating merchants/hawkers, the CDCs had decided to roll out the CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 2). This \$20 million CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 2) will benefit about 400,000 Singaporean households. Each eligible household will receive a notification letter together with the date of collection. The household member must bring along the notification letter and produce any one of the NRIC from the household to the designated Community Clubs/Centres, to collect \$50.00 worth of CDC vouchers at \$2 denomination **from 8 February onwards**. The CDC vouchers will expire **on 30 September 2021**.

3 The CDC vouchers are redeemable for food, essential goods and services at participating heartland merchant shops and hawker stalls displaying the CDC Voucher Decal (please see Annex) island-wide from 8 February 2021 onwards. The CDCs are pleased to partner Government Technology Agency (GovTech) in the use of its DistributeSG application to facilitate the CDC Vouchers Scheme.

4 The CDC Vouchers Scheme is part of the \$75 million grant announced by Mr Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance, at the Unity and Resilience Budgets 2020. Last year on 12 June,

the five CDCs rolled out a \$20 million CDC Vouchers Scheme (社理会生活补助券计划). Tranche 1 which had ended on 31 December 2020 had helped **about 338,000 Singaporean lower-income households** defray the cost of living and at the same time, supported more than **8,000 participating local merchants and hawkers** at HDB estates / heartlands.

Quotes

5 **Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District**

Over the years, the CDCs have played a key role in connecting and partnering the community to coordinate efforts and mobilise resources to meet the needs of the vulnerable. It has been a challenging year since COVID-19 struck but we have fought hard together to keep our economy, lives and businesses in shape. This scheme will not only help residents defray their cost of living, the vouchers will also revitalise hawkers and local merchants as we unite to support each other. Despite being in Phase 3, there will be no let-up in our efforts, and the CDCs will continue to provide sustained support to the community and Singaporeans in need. Together, we can build a stronger and more resilient Singapore.

6 Photos of the Launch of CDC Vouchers Scheme (Tranche 2), DPM, the five Mayors and President of the FMAS and PA Chief Executive Director are attached for use. Video speeches of DPM Mr Heng Swee Keat and Chairman of Mayors' Committee, Ms Low Yen Ling are also included. Media interviews can be arranged upon request. Please contact our media liaison officers for queries.

About the CDCs

Since 1997, the Community Development Councils (CDCs) have been bridging communities (i.e. by strengthening local social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting the culture of giving back), through the following functions:

- (a) Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- (b) Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners and Networks
- (c) Connector of Communities

2 There are five CDCs, namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Mayors of the Districts are Chairman of the respective CDCs. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

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| (a) Ms Low Yen Ling | Chairman of Mayors' Committee & Mayor of South West District |
| (b) Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng | Mayor of Central Singapore District |
| (c) Mr Desmond Choo | Mayor of North East District |
| (d) Mr Alex Yam | Mayor of North West District |
| (e) Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman | Mayor of South East District |

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov.sg and www.pa.gov.sg.

VISUAL OF CDC VOUCHER



VISUAL OF CDC VOUCHERS SCHEME DECAL



GLOSSARY AND TRANSLATION OF KEY TERMS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL VOUCHERS SCHEME

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
1.	CDC Vouchers Scheme	社理会生活补助券计划	

FUNCTIONS OF THE CDCs

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
2.	<u>A</u> ggregator of Needs and Resources	顺应需求, 汇集整合资源	Aggregat keperluan dan sumber
3.	<u>B</u> uilder of Capabilities and Capacities	提升能力, 扩大网络	Pembina Keupayaan dan Kebolehan
4.	<u>C</u> onnector of Communities	加强联系, 造福社群	Penyambung Komuniti

CDC

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
5.	Community Development Council (CDC)	社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat
6.	Central Singapore CDC	中区社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Singapura Tengah
7.	North East CDC	东北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Timur Laut
8.	North West CDC	西北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Laut
9.	South East CDC	东南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Tenggara
10.	South West CDC	西南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Daya
11.	Mayor	市长	Mayor / Datuk Bandar (formal address)
12.	Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District Chairperson, Mayors' Committee	刘燕玲女士, 西南区市长市长委员会主席	Ms Low Yen Ling, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Barat Daya Pengerusi, Jawatankuasa Datuk Bandar
13.	Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District	潘丽萍女士, 中区市长	Ms Denise Phua, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Singapura Tengah
14.	Mr Desmond Choo Mayor of North East District	朱倍庆, 东北区市长	Mr Desmond Choo, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Timur Laut
15.	Mr Alex Yam Ziming, Mayor of North West District	任梓铭, 西北区市长	Mr Alex Yam, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Barat Laut
16.	Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman, Mayor of South East District	阙贺米, 东南区市长	Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Tenggara

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
17.	District Councillors	社区理事	Ahli Majlis Daerah
18.	Grassroots Advisers	基层组织顾问	Penasihat Akar Umbi
19.	Grassroots Organisations (GROs)	社区基层组织	Persatuan Akar Umbi