

22 October 2015

CDC SYMPOSIUM AND SG50 BOOK CELEBRATE COMMUNITIES BUILT IN SHAPING A COHESIVE AND SELF-RELIANT SOCIETY

Against the backdrop of SG50 celebratory theme, “*CDCs Celebrating Communities*”, close to 400 community and corporate partners, volunteers, grassroots leaders and CDC staff from five districts will come together on **Tuesday, 27 October 2015** at Ci Yuan Community Club to take part in a **CDC Symposium graced by Emeritus Senior Minister (ESM) Goh Chok Tong**, who mooted the idea of the establishment of Community Development Councils (CDCs) back in 1997 to build a tightly-knit, compassionate and self-reliant community. The CDC Symposium serves as an important avenue for key stakeholders to celebrate the communities built over the years; understand the CDCs’ mission and explore new areas CDCs and their partners can serve the communities. ESM Goh will deliver his keynote address at the CDC Symposium. **A media Briefing, chaired by the five Mayors, will be held at 12.00noon before the commencement of the CDC Symposium.**

2 With the same SG50 celebratory theme, the first-ever publication by the five CDCs in the form of a story book, that chronicles 50 short stories by our local communities on the core values of the CDCs will also be launched at the event. The profiles and programmes featured in the *SG50 CDC Book* represent the communities that CDCs have built and developed over 18 years. The communities form the social fabric of Singapore and some of the values our founding fathers steered Singaporeans to embrace. Five values are encapsulated in the Book which comprise *More Able helping Less Able; Promoting Volunteerism; Promoting Community Ownership; Care for Environment; and Care for Vulnerable.*

3 The CDC SG50 Book importantly outlines how CDCs in our ABC mission - Assist the Needy; Bond the People; Connect the Community - work closely with the corporate and community partners to empower the community to do things for themselves and to help the less fortunate. The Book also reflects the spirit of ownership and volunteerism as 58 students from various schools in each of the five districts hone their writing skills and wrote these short real-life stories from various perspectives of the CDCs’ stakeholders such as partners, corporate sponsors, volunteers and beneficiaries of CDCs’ programmes/schemes.

MEDIA INVITATION

4 A **Media Briefing** will be conducted prior to the CDC Symposium on Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at 11.30am at Ci Yuan Community Club (Seminar Room 1, level 4). The five Mayors will be sharing on the significance of the CDC Symposium and the CDC SG50 Book. Some of the profiles highlighted in the CDC SG50 Book will be present at the briefing and available for interview. Media door-stop for the Mayors can be arranged. The programme is at **Annex A**.

5 Kindly confirm your attendance and RSVP by 23 October 2015, using **Annex B**.

Date: Tuesday, 27 October 2015
Time: 11.30am – 5.30pm
Venue: Ci Yuan Community Club
 51 Hougang Avenue 9
 Singapore 538776
 Seminar Room 1, Level 4

ABOUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (CDCs)

There are five Community Development Councils, namely, Central Singapore CDC, North East CDC, North West CDC, South East CDC and South West CDC. Mayors of the Districts are Chairmen of the respective CDCs. The CDCs' mission is to build a Caring and Cohesive Community, where we Assist the Needy, Bond the People, Connect the Community. The Office of the Mayors are :

- (a) Mayor Ms Denise Phua, Chairman of Central Singapore CDC;
- (b) Mayor Mr Teo Ser Luck, Chairman of North East CDC;
- (c) Mayor Dr Teo Ho Pin, Chairman of North West CDC;
- (d) Mayor Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman, Chairman of South East CDC; and
- (e) Mayor Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman of South West CDC.

The CDCs' mission:

- (a) **Assisting the needy**
To help the less fortunate through local assistance schemes and programmes
 - (b) **Bonding the people**
To bond the community through projects & programmes to bring them closer to one another
 - (c) **Connecting the community**
To develop and strengthen partnerships and networks with Government, corporate and community partners to better serve our residents
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**CDC SYMPOSIUM AND LAUNCH OF CDC SG50 BOOK
TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2015
AT CI YUAN COMMUNITY CLUB**

PROGRAMME

11.30am	Arrival of Media Media Briefing by 5 Mayors & Door Stop Interview
1.00pm	Lunch Reception
2.00pm	Commencement of the CDC Symposium Welcome Address by Project Mayor, Dr Maliki Osman, Mayor of South East District Video Message from Minister Chan Chun Sing Deputy Chairman of People's Association Minister, Prime Minister's Office Screening of the CDC Corporate Video Address by Guest-of-Honour, Emeritus Senior Minister (ESM) Goh Chok Tong Launch of CDC SG50 Book "CDCs Celebrating Communities" Speech by keynote speaker, Professor David Chan Lee Kuan Yew Fellow, Professor of Psychology and Director of Behavioural Science, Singapore Management University Sharing of three success stories by Volunteers/ Beneficiaries/ Partners – Central Singapore CDC, North East CDC, South West CDC
5.30pm	Panel Discussion End of Programme