

Embargoed until 20 December 2022, 8pm. Please check against delivery

20 December 2022

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## SINGAPORE HOUSEHOLDS CAN DONATE BALANCE OF CDC VOUCHERS 2021 AND 2022 TO CHARITIES

Singaporean households now have the option to donate the balance of their Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers 2021 and 2022 to a preferred Charity (who are also an Institution of a Public Character (IPC)) via the <u>CDC</u> <u>Vouchers Scheme website</u>.

As of 20 December 2022, 1.20 million (98 %) Singaporean households have claimed their CDC Vouchers 2021; and 1.16 million (95%) Singaporean households have claimed their CDC Vouchers 2022. Of the vouchers distributed, more than \$218 million, or close to 90% of the total CDC Vouchers 2021 and 2022 have been spent at close to 20,000 participating hawkers and heartland merchants.

3 While Singaporean households are encouraged to claim and spend their vouchers before they expire on 31 December 2022, the CDCs have received public feedback that some Singapore households would like to share the balance amount of their vouchers with those who might need it more amidst concern over rising cost of living. The CDCs are now offering Singaporean households more flexibility in using CDC Vouchers through a donation option.

4 From 20 December 2022 until 31 January 2023, Singaporean households may pledge the balance amount of their CDC Vouchers 2021 and 2022. The CDC Vouchers would be donated in cash value instead of vouchers. Tax deduction may be provided by respective Charity, depending on the respective Charity's policy on issuance of tax deduction, which will be reflected in the Year of Assessment 2024.

## **Donation made easy**

- 5 Singaporean households can donate their CDC Vouchers 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 the household's CDC Vouchers (2021 and 2022) as of 31 December 2022 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

A <u>step-by-step video guide</u> is also available to guide Singaporean households through the donation process.

Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman, Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District, said "Singaporeans have shown great strength and unity in the midst of challenging circumstances. I am glad that the CDC Vouchers have helped in some way to defray the daily expenses of Singaporean households and at the same time, supported our local heartland businesses. We hope Singaporeans will find this option to donate their 2021 and 2022 CDC Vouchers to be a meaningful way of contributing to those in need. I am touched by the selfless spirit of Singaporeans who uplift one another in tough times. I am certain our strong sense of solidarity and resilience will help us weather challenges and forge ahead together as one nation."

7 In 2023, Singaporean households can look forward to more support with daily essentials with the launch of CDC Vouchers Scheme 2023 on 3 January 2023 by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr Lawrence Wong. Each Singaporean household will receive \$300 CDC Vouchers in early January - \$150 which can be spent at participating hawkers and heartland merchants; the other \$150 at participating supermarkets, to offer residents more choices to meet their needs. More details on CDC Vouchers Scheme 2023 will be announced in due course.

8 For more information on CDCV Donation, please visit <u>https://vouchers.cdc.gov.sg/donate</u>.

For media enquiries, please contact:

Ms Peggy Lam Assistant Director (Corporate Development), CDC Planning & Development, People's Association Mobile no: 97490013 Email: peggy\_lam@pa.gov.sg Ms Razmiah Yacob Head (Corporate Development), CDC Planning & Development, People's Association Mobile no: 97368434 Email: <u>razmiah\_yacob@pa.gov.sg</u>