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MS THERESA GOH TAKES OVER AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF CHARITY COUNCIL FROM 1 MARCH 2023

17 February 2023 (Singapore) – Ms Theresa Goh will be appointed as Chairman of the Charity Council for a three-year term starting from 1 March 2023. Ms Theresa Goh will succeed Dr Gerard Ee who will be retiring from the Council. In addition, four new members have been appointed and ten members re-appointed.

Dr Gerard Ee

2 Dr Ee has led the Charity Council for eight years since 2015. Under his leadership, the Council developed and launched many key initiatives that uplifted governance standards and capabilities in our charities, leading to a stronger and competent charity sector in Singapore. Dr Ee also advised the Commissioner of Charities on matters relating to the administration of charities.

3 Dr Ee played a key role in leading the Council to review the Code of Governance for Charities and Institutions of a Public Character in 2017 and 2021; and revised the Charity Transparency Framework in 2020. The Code and Framework have since benefitted and guided many charities towards strengthening governance and transparency standards over the years.

4 Under Dr Ee’s leadership, the Council also launched the Charity Transparency Awards, in addition to the Charity Governance Awards. These Awards provided a platform to acknowledge the good work done by charities in promoting good transparency and governance, while inspiring other charities to emulate their best practices. The recent Charity Transparency Awards held in 2022 recognised 85 charities as winners, the highest number of charities awarded since it was introduced in 2016.

Ms Theresa Goh

5 Ms Goh joined the Charity Council as a member in 2021 and has been involved in the many initiatives introduced to the sector. Through her involvement in various boards and multi-sector organisations, Ms Goh is passionate about influencing leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors together to create collective impact in
Singapore’s society. She authored a book ‘Leading for Good’ in 2021, to guide leaders to be more effective through a deep understanding of self, purpose, and ecosystems.

6  Ms Goh is the Managing Founder of 360 Dynamics and is also serving on the boards of the Agency for Integrated Care, National Council of Social Service, and Singapore Institute of Directors where she spearheaded its Non-Profit strategy. She is the immediate past Chairperson of SATA CommHealth which won the top Charity Governance Award in 2018 under her guidance. She was also heavily involved in the startup of The Centre for Non-Profit Leadership, where she later became a board member and Chairperson.

Other Changes in the Charity Council

7  Two other council members will also be retiring from the Council. They are:

    a) Mr Han Fook Kwang, Editor-At-Large, The Straits Times
    b) Mr Rajan Krishnan, Chief Executive Office, KTC Group

8  Joining Ms Goh in the new three-year term of the Charity Council are:

    Newly Appointed Members

        a) Mr Gregory Vijayendran SC
        b) Mr Kanna Kannappan
        c) Mr Steven Chia
        d) Ms Tammie Tham

    Re-Appointed Members

        a) Mr Abdul Hamid
        b) Mr Ang Hao Yao
        c) A/P Ho Yew Kee
        d) Ms Peggy Sarah Yee May Kuen
        e) Mr Seah Chin Siong
        f) Ms Tan Li San
        g) Mr Yap Chee Meng

    Re-appointed Ex-Officios

        a) Dr Benjamin Koh
        b) Mr John Lim
        c) Mr Lim Boon Wee
Registration of appreciation

9 Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth & Second Minister for Law said: “I thank Dr Ee for his stewardship of the Charity Council over the past eight years. Throughout his term, Dr Ee helped drive various initiatives by the Charity Council and uplifted our charity sector. These include the review of the Code of Governance for Charities and Institutions of a Public Character and the Charity Transparency Framework, and the launch of the Charity Transparency Awards. The vision and foundation laid out by Dr Ee and members of the Charity Council over the years has strengthened the governance standards and capabilities of our charities. Going forward, I hope the Charity Council will continue to provide sound advisory to the Commissioner and lead the efforts to strengthen public trust in charities. I am confident that with Theresa’s experience, expertise, and passion, she will continue to lead the team well.”

10 The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth would like to thank Dr Ee for his noteworthy contributions to Charity Council and the charity sector, and welcome Ms Goh.

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About the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth seeks to inspire Singaporeans through the arts and sports, strengthen community bonds, and promote volunteerism and philanthropy. Since its inception in November 2012, MCCY has been actively engaging the arts, heritage, sports, community and youth sectors. The Ministry aims to bring into sharper focus the efforts to build a more cohesive and vibrant society, and to deepen a sense of identity and belonging to the nation. MCCY will work with its stakeholders to create an environment where Singaporeans can pursue their aspirations for a better quality of life and together, build a gracious and caring society we are proud to call home.

About the Charity Council
The Charity Council was first established in 2007 and members to the Council for each term are appointed by the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth. It seeks to be a:

i. Promoter - Encouraging the adoption of good governance standards and best practices, enhance public confidence in the charity sector;

ii. Enabler - Building the governance capabilities of charities to enable them to comply with regulatory requirements and enhance public accountability of charities; and

iii. Advisor - Advising the Commissioner of Charities (COC) on key regulatory issues where there may be broad-ranging impact on the charity sector.
# ANNEX A: PHOTOGRAPHS OF DR GERARD EE AND MS THERESA GOH

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Managing Founder of 360 Dynamics |

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| 2 | Mr Abdul Hamid Abdullah  
Retired |
| 3 | Mr Ang Hao Yao  
Private Investor |
| 4 | Mr Gregory Vijayendran SC  
Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP |
| 5 | A/P Ho Yew Kee  
Professor of Accounting, Cluster Director, Business, Communication and Design, Singapore Institute of Technology |
| 6 | Mr Kanna Kannappan  
Account Director, BT Singapore |
| 7 | Ms Peggy Sarah Yee May Kuen  
Director, PY Legal LLC |
| 8 | Mr Steven Chia  
Senior Editor/Presenter, Channel News Asia |
| 9 | Ms Tammie Tham  
Chief Executive Officer, Ensign Infosecurity Pte Ltd |
| 10 | Mr Yap Chee Meng  
Retired |

(NVPC, NCSS Representative and Ex-Officio)

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| 11 | Dr Benjamin Koh  
Deputy Secretary (Development), Ministry of Health |
| 12 | Mr John Lim  
Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development |
| 13 | Mr Lim Boon Wee  
Deputy Secretary (Services), Ministry of Education |
| 14 | Mr Seah Chin Siong  
Chairman, National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre |
| 15 | Ms Tan Li San  
Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Social Service |