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PRESS RELEASE

NEW PARK OFFERING VARIETY OF FACILITIES FROM SKATE BOWL, GARDEN MAZE TO FITNESS CORNERS OPENING AT BISHAN EAST

- ✓ **Harmony Park@BishanEast is part of programme to improve the lifestyle of residents**
- ✓ **Landscape and surroundings lend opportunities for resident activities**

Singapore, 14 June 2009 – A new park offering a variety of activities for residents, young and old, was officially opened by the Deputy Prime Minister Wong Kan Seng and his four other parliamentary colleagues in the Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC **at 10.00 am on 14 June (Sunday) at the Harmony Park, Bishan Road (next to Block 105).**

The MPs who present with DPM Wong will: Mayor Zainudin Nordin, Mrs Josephine Teo and Mr Hri Kumar Nair. Minister for Education Dr Ng Eng Hen was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

Speaking at the official opening of the park, DPM Wong said, “We have named this Bishan Harmony Park because it is what we collectively aspire to build - a vibrant community where all the residents live harmoniously with one another. The park is not

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just a place for us to relax and enjoy the facilities; it is also a shared communal space for us to foster relationships with our families, friends and neighbours. As the community grows, we can expect to see more new neighbours, both locals and foreigners. This makes it even more important for us to forge neighbourliness within our community.”

DPM Wong added that the Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council and grassroots organisations had community bonding in mind when they came up with the concept of the Harmony Park. The park is a modest green lung with space and facilities for residents to take part in a range of activities, thereby further strengthening community bonding.

Facilities in the park

Located along Bishan Road, it is flanked on one side by Block 105 and Braddell Road on the other side. The 25,200 square metre ground offer facilities such as:

- a. In-line skating court
- b. Skating bowl
- c. Garden maze
- d. Multi-purpose court
- e. Two barbecue pits



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- f. Three pavilions; and
- g. Eight fitness corners.

Since its recent completion, the park has been a popular attraction for young residents, especially skate-boarders and in-line skaters. Families have also been using the barbecue pits for social gatherings.

The Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council has also introduced a variety of floral and shrubs to give the park a lush greenery.

As part of the opening ceremony, all five MPs will be converging on stage where they will collectively affix the five branches into an artificial tree. This will be followed by their touring the Harmony Park, where a Family Day is also being held as part of the day's festivities.
