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South East CDC Drives Upskilling and Reskilling for Jobseekers to be Future-Ready

Singapore, 19 July 2025 – Over 2,000 residents attended the **Skills & Learning Festival @ South East 2025** this morning as South East Community Development Council (South East CDC) reaffirms its commitment to supporting jobseekers, focusing on upskilling and reskilling. Hosted by Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash, Mayor of South East District, the two-day event running from **19 to 20 July 2025** puts the spotlight on empowering residents with practical tools and pathways to secure employment and build long-term career resilience.

Better matching between employees and employers through Career Coaching

2 The event, organised in conjunction with the annual SkillsFuture Festival, features programmes that directly address key employment challenges faced by both jobseekers and employers. An area of focus remains addressing expectation mismatches that might prevent successful job matching. Agencies such as AngusKnight Singapore (AKG), an appointed career matching provider by Workforce Singapore (WSG), aim to reduce these gaps through career counselling.

3 They also assist residents with resume advice, job search strategies and connections to relevant training opportunities, all designed to improve job readiness and build confidence. Onsite interviews are also conducted by NCS Pte Ltd and WSH Experts, offering close to 300 job vacancies. Additionally, residents can explore career

resources and other localised job opportunities within the South East District through NTUC's Employment and Employability Institute (e2i), which connects jobseekers to roles closer to home.

Equipping residents with skills to be future-ready

4 Skills & Learning Festival @ South East 2025 also addresses the need for future proofing careers in a rapidly changing economy. Attendees can explore SkillsFuture programmes in the Digital, Green and Care growth economies, equipping them with the competencies to remain competitive and future-ready.

5 “Job mismatches may occur due to gaps in either skills or expectations. This may result in some quarters of the workforce feeling disenfranchised. The Skills & Learning Festival @ South East takes a novel approach, job matching through career counselling. This allows for a brokered conversation between employers and employees, resulting in successful job matches. Further, in a rapidly changing economy, new skills, such as those in the digital, green or care economy is important for our employees to remain viable in the workforce. As a Mayor, I am able to create opportunities for my residents of the South East district, so that they can learn new skills for the future economy, network and expand job options,” said Mayor Dinesh Vasu Dash.

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About South East Community Development Council

The South East Community Development Council, established on 24 November 2001, oversees the Marine Parade-Braddell Heights Group Representative Constituency (GRC), East Coast GRC and Mountbatten Single Member Constituency (SMC), serving a population of more than half a million residents. At the helm of the South East CDC, Mayor Dinesh Vasu Dash leads the team in fulfilling the CDC's mission – an Aggregator of Needs and Resources, Builder of Capability and Capacity in Partners and Networks and Connector of Communities.

Fostering a caring, cohesive, and future-ready community, South East CDC drives initiatives that encourage active citizenry, and lifelong learning. Its programmes also champion community-led mental wellness and empowering youth to thrive in a quickly evolving society. These programmes are managed in collaboration with both community and corporate partners to nurture a vibrant and self-reliant community.

More information on South East CDC can be found at southeast.cdc.gov.sg, its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/secdc or its Instagram at www.instagram.com/southeastcdc.

To keep up with Mayor Dinesh and receive updates on his work in the South East District, follow him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dineshvdash or his Instagram at www.instagram.com/dineshvasudash.