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## **JOINT MEDIA RELEASE**

### **\$4 MILLION NAK-CDC COVID-19 RELIEF FUND TO SUPPORT SINGAPOREAN HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH COVID-19 SITUATION**

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The five Community Development Councils (CDCs) together with The Ngee Ann Kongsi (NAK) have set up a new \$4 million ***COVID Relief Fund*** to provide relief to Singaporean households whose family members may have lost their jobs due to COVID as Singapore moves towards the next phase of crisis recovery.

#### **Launch of the NAK-CDC COVID-19 Relief Fund**

2 The Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Mr Heng Swee Keat, together with Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Minister of State Mayor Low Yen Ling, Mayor Denise Phua, Mayor Desmond Choo, Mayor Alex Yam as well as Mayor Fahmi Aliman, and the two NAK Executive Committee members Mr Jamie Teo and Mr James Teo, have launched the ***NAK-CDC COVID-19 Relief Fund*** this morning at a simple ceremony. DPM witnessed the presentation of a \$2 million cheque by Mr Jamie Teo, President of the NAK, to the five Mayors. The CDCs also pledged their commitment with another \$2 million to match the corporate donation, thus topping up the total fund to \$4 million.

3 The ***NAK-CDC COVID-19 Relief Fund*** is targeted at Singaporeans aged 21 years old and above, who are currently unemployed and have experienced a total loss of income due to non-voluntary no pay leave, retrenchment or termination for at least three months at point of application.

4           This initiative is part of the CDCs' continued efforts to complement the national assistance schemes by the Government, and it serves to further strengthen the social safety net through the 3P partnership (3P: People / Public / Private) during this difficult period.

5           The CDCs will work closely with community partners to *identify eligible Singaporeans* to benefit from this Fund which will start from 15 November onwards. Each successful applicant (and his/ her household) will receive a one-time relief of \$500.

### **Quotes from Mayor and NAK**

6           **Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Mayor of South West District**

“Despite how Covid-19 has disrupted lives, our community has rallied together to help one another. The CDCs are grateful for the scale of collaboration, cooperation and compassion shown by individuals, companies and organisations like The Ngee Ann Kongsi. We will continue to tap our diverse network of partners to aggregate resources to meet emerging needs. This Covid-19 relief fund demonstrates the strength of our community bonds to uplift Singaporeans who have lost their jobs. We feel the pain and loss collectively, and this solidarity to get through the tough times together will set our generation apart with grit.”

7           **Mr Jamie Teo, President, The Ngee Ann Kongsi**

“Over the decades, The Ngee Ann Kongsi has been actively contributing to various philanthropic causes in Singapore, going beyond the Teochew community, and supporting and benefiting Singaporeans from all walks and races. In these difficult times where many are facing unprecedented challenges, we would like to continue to play our part. Apart from a \$500,000 fund we set aside to help the Teochew community, we also dipped into our reserves for this \$2 million donation. In partnership with the CDCs, we hope this fund can provide some relief and support for Singaporeans whose jobs have been affected or lost because of COVID-19. It is only through unity and as one community, that we can emerge better and stronger.”

8           Group photo of the launch / cheque presentation, video links of DPM Heng's, Mayor Low's and NAK Mr Jamie Teo's speeches are included. Please contact our media liaison officers for queries.

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## **About the CDCs**

Since 1997, the Community Development Councils (CDCs) have been bridging communities (i.e. by strengthening local social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting the culture of giving back), through the following functions:

- (a) Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- (b) Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners and Networks
- (c) Connector of Communities

2 There are five CDCs, namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Mayors of the Districts are Chairman of the respective CDCs. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

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| (a) Ms Low Yen Ling         | Chairman of Mayors' Committee &<br>Mayor of South West District |
| (b) Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng | Mayor of Central Singapore District                             |
| (c) Mr Desmond Choo         | Mayor of North East District                                    |
| (d) Mr Alex Yam             | Mayor of North West District                                    |
| (e) Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman    | Mayor of South East District                                    |

For more information, please visit [www.cdc.gov.sg](http://www.cdc.gov.sg) and [www.pa.gov.sg](http://www.pa.gov.sg).

## **About The Ngee Ann Kongsi**

3 The Ngee Ann Kongsi was founded in 1845 by Teochew immigrants from China providing welfare services for its members. It was formally incorporated under the Ngee Ann Kongsi (Incorporation) Ordinance in 1933. The foundation is an active advocate in education which funds scholarships for high-performing students and study awards to disadvantaged students as well as promotes cultural and charitable activities. The Kongsi also places a deep emphasis on preserving Chinese heritage in Singapore.

## GLOSSARY AND TRANSLATION OF KEY TERMS

### NAK-CDC COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
1.	NAK-CDC COVID-19 RELIEF FUND	義安公司社理會疫情基金	Ngee Ann Kongsi - Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Dana Bantuan COVID-19

### FUNCTIONS

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
2.	<u>A</u> ggregator of Needs and Resources	顺应需求，汇集整合资源	Aggregat keperluan dan sumber
3.	<u>B</u> uilder of Capabilities and Capacities	提升能力，扩大网络	Pembina Keupayaan dan Kebolehan
4.	<u>C</u> onnector of Communities	加强联系，造福社群	Penyambung Komuniti

### CDC

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
5.	Community Development Council (CDC)	社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat
6.	Central Singapore CDC	中区社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Singapura Tengah
7.	North East CDC	东北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Timur Laut
8.	North West CDC	西北社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Laut

S/N	Key Term	Chinese Translation	Malay Translation
9.	South East CDC	东南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Tenggara
10.	South West CDC	西南社区发展理事会	Majlis Pembangunan Masyarakat Barat Daya
11.	Mayor	市长	Mayor / Datuk Bandar (formal address)
12.	Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District Chairperson, Mayors' Committee	刘燕玲女士, 西南区市长 市长委员会主席	Ms Low Yen Ling, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Barat Daya Pengerusi, Jawatankuasa Datuk Bandar
13.	Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District	潘丽萍女士, 中区市长	Ms Denise Phua, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Singapura Tengah
14.	Mr Desmond Choo Mayor of North East District	朱倍庆, 东北区市长	Mr Desmond Choo, Datuk Bandar, Daerah Timur Laut
15.	Mr Alex Yam Ziming, Mayor of North West District	任梓铭, 西北区市长	Mr Alex Yam, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Barat Laut
16.	Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman, Mayor of South East District	阙贺米, 东南区市长	Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman, Datuk Bandar, Kawasan Tenggara
17.	District Councillors	社区理事	Ahli Majlis Daerah
18.	Grassroots Advisers	基层组织顾问	Penasihat Akar Umbi
19.	Grassroots Organisations (GROs)	社区基层组织	Persatuan Akar Umbi

**THE NGEE ANN KONGSI**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Key Term</b>	<b>Chinese Translation</b>
20.	The Ngee Ann Kongsi	義安公司
21.	Mr Jamie Teo, President	张绵耀, 義安公司总理
22.	Mr James Teo, Honorary Treasurer	张伟伟, 義安公司義務财政