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**RSVP SINGAPORE PARTNERS SG CARES
TO GROW SENIOR VOLUNTEERISM IN SINGAPORE**

Singapore, 14 September 2019 – RSVP Singapore The Organisation of Senior Volunteers and National Centre of Excellence for Senior Volunteerism, has today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) to grow senior volunteerism in Singapore, as part of the SG Cares national movement. The partnership was inked during RSVP Singapore’s fifth annual National Senior Volunteer Month (NSVM) Opening Ceremony, its largest volunteer outreach at a single location in Singapore this year.

2 Through this MoU, SG Cares will help develop RSVP Singapore’s capability to grow the number of volunteers aged 50 and above, and help them embark on a meaningful journey through curated volunteer opportunities with community partners, including local SG Cares Volunteer Centres. SG Cares will also expand RSVP Singapore’s network to engage baby boomers upstream at their workplaces, and introduce them to volunteering opportunities. The target is to outreach up to 30,000 baby boomers in the first year.

3 Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth was the Guest-of-Honour and witnessed the signing of the MoU. She said, “Our Merdeka and Pioneer Generations have a wealth of skills and expertise to offer the community. RSVP represents the energy and potential of silver volunteerism in Singapore, tapping on our seniors’ experience and dedication to service. MCCY as a partner of RSVP will support by enlarging the space for volunteerism, so that our communities on the local level, and our society as a whole, can benefit from their experience. Let’s continue to encourage more Singaporeans, especially our seniors, to volunteer, and grow the spirit of SG Cares!”

4 “We believe that the signing of this MoU is a huge step in working towards our vision to make every senior a volunteer. It is important to keep seniors, especially the Merdeka Generation, socially and mentally active by involving them in various meaningful community programmes,” said Mr Koh Juay Meng, Chairman of RSVP Singapore.

5 National Senior Volunteer Month (NSVM) is RSVP Singapore’s annual signature event to promote volunteerism among seniors and their families. The first NSVM was launched in 2015 by then-President Tony Tan. NSVM 2019 will continue to promote volunteerism among Singaporeans and target to engage over 2,500 volunteers through at least 40 volunteering opportunities with community partners over four months from July to October.

6 RSVP Singapore launched their “Retire With A Purpose” (RWAP) programme, Singapore’s first pre-retirement volunteerism initiative, at NSVM 2017. RWAP is designed to promote a culture of giving and community involvement amongst corporates, while encouraging those who approach retirement age to continue living a purposeful and active life through volunteerism. Today, over 20 corporates are on board the RWAP initiative. RSVP has reached out to 1,400 employees, of which 900 have been deployed as volunteers for its CSR activities.

7 NSVM 2019 is sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank, which works closely with the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC) to champion corporate giving efforts in Singapore. Standard Chartered Bank had also signed a three-year partnership with RSVP Singapore in February this year, to develop the capabilities of seniors and to empower them as active volunteers serving the needs of the community. The partnership is part of their “Silver Lining” initiative to address issues faced by Singapore’s ageing population.

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About RSVP Singapore

RSVP Singapore The Organisation of Senior Volunteers is an Institution of Public Character and the National Centre of Excellence for Senior Volunteerism under the patronage of Mdm Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore. The organisation started in 1998 and was launched by then-Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. RSVP Singapore is a registered society under the Societies Act and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).

Since its inception, RSVP Singapore has been actively engaging seniors in purpose-driven volunteerism. With over 2,500 volunteers, RSVP Singapore serves more than 200,000 beneficiaries each year including the mentally disadvantaged, at-risk children from low income families, and socially isolated seniors through its community service programmes.

About National Senior Volunteer Month

In line with its mission to provide opportunities for seniors to serve the community, RSVP led the first major volunteering movement targeted at seniors in 2012, encouraging them to embark on their volunteering journey. Working with various VVO partners, volunteering opportunities were created to allow new and would-be volunteers to have a taste of volunteering.

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About SG Cares

SG Cares is a national movement dedicated to building a more caring and inclusive home for all. The movement invites all who live in Singapore to put values into action through active volunteerism, ground-up efforts and everyday acts of care. It also aims to build capability and share resources across various sectors and organisations to grow opportunities for volunteering. By inspiring and supporting one another, we can show the world that we are a nation with a big heart.

About National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre

NVPC promotes a giving culture in Singapore through catalysing development in volunteerism and philanthropy to build a City of Good. We facilitate partnerships with non-profits, companies, public sector bodies and individuals to enliven the giving ecosystem within Singapore. We curate and celebrate stories about giving to inspire and encourage more to take action. We conduct research on giving motivations and behaviours, create roadmaps and landscape of the giving sector, and aspire to be the go-to-place for giving. We honour and recognise giving champions who demonstrate that giving is part of Singapore DNA. We connect and convene networks and build communities to impact the giving space on a national level.

Visit us at www.nvpc.org.sg.

About Standard Chartered Bank

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The Bank has a history of 160 years in Singapore, where we opened our first branch in 1859. In October 1999, we were among the first international banks to receive a Qualifying Full Bank (QFB) licence, an endorsement of the Group's long-standing commitment to our business in the country.

Singapore is home to the majority of our global business leadership, our technology operations, as well as SC Ventures, our innovation hub. In 2013, the Bank transferred our Singapore Retail and SME businesses to a locally-incorporated subsidiary, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited ("SCBSL"). And in May 2019, we fully consolidated our business operations in Singapore through the transfer of our Commercial Banking, Corporate & Institutional Banking and Private Banking businesses to SCBSL. SCBSL is one of the highest-rated banks globally: A1/Stable by Moody's Investor Services, A/Stable by Standard & Poor's and A/Stable by Fitch Ratings.

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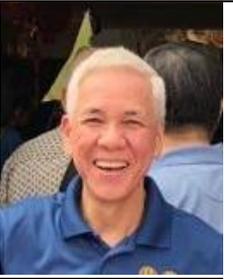
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Event Programme

Time	Activity
9.45am	Arrival of guests and participants
10.00am	Warm up exercise by RSVP trainers and participants of the Healthy Ageing Promotion Programme for You (HAPPY)
10.30am	Performances by community groups (Malay dance by Jamiyah Home, Zumba by Down Syndrome Association and serenade by RSVP Ukulele Activity Circle)
11.00am	Dialogue session with volunteers
11.35am	Seniors Can Fly! videos
11.40am	Welcome address by Mr Koh Juay Meng, Chairman, RSVP Singapore
11.45am	Short address by Guest-of-Honour, Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
11.55am	MoU signing on Growing Senior Volunteerism in Singapore
12.00pm	Sharing by NVPC Chairman Mrs Mildred Tan on senior volunteer stories
12.10pm	End of morning programme
12.30pm	Media briefing by NVPC on Silver Volunteerism Study
1pm to 5pm	Talks, seminars and workshops in the afternoon at the classrooms

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Profiles of RSVP's senior volunteers

<p>Mr Gurdip Singh, 66</p> <p>Mr Singh joined RSVP in 2015. Wanting to put his customer relations skills to continued good use, he decided to offer his services as a volunteer in RSVP's Senior Guiding Programme at Changi Airport and URA, where volunteers provide concierge services as well as directional and general assistance. He now volunteers at Wisma Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery. He made a choice of not slowing down, but instead decided to channel his experience and knowledge into volunteering.</p>	
<p>Ms Khartini Longpoetih, 68</p> <p>Ms Khartini started volunteering at the age of 62. She had just retired from her job as a personal assistant to regional senior management in an MNC, and after a short break decided to volunteer as it was always on her mind to do so at some point. She started as a mentor at Lakeside Primary School. Aside from the Mentoring Programme, she also volunteered in the Enriching Lives of Seniors Programme (ELSP).</p>	
<p>Mr Ling Lik Kwok, 64</p> <p>Mr Ling retired from corporate life in 2017 and started his volunteering journey with RSVP the same year. He is currently active in several RSVP's programmes including teaching seniors IT skills, befriending socially isolated seniors at Senior Activity Centres. He is also a trainer for HAPPY, RSVP's pre-dementia programme. According to him, volunteering not only keeps him mentally active and physically fit, but also gives him the chance to widen his network of friends.</p>	
<p>Ms Lily Chan, 58</p> <p>Ms Chan retired from being an educationist in 2017 and started her volunteering journey with RSVP in 2018. She is currently active in several RSVP programmes including the Senior Guiding Programme at National Heart Centre. She is a trainer for both HAPPY and AWE programmes, RSVP's pre-dementia programmes. Ms Chan also takes on the role of emcee for CSR events organised by RSVP for corporates. In her words, volunteering is a way to "appreciate life", making a difference in the lives of others and yourself through gifts of time, care and loving kindness.</p>	