

## **MEDIA INVITE**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF CARE PACKS FOR TAXI DRIVERS AT CHANGI AIRPORT**

RSVP Singapore together with the National Taxi Association (NTA) and the Society of Tourist Guides Singapore (STGS) offered help and showed its support to taxi drivers by distributing care packs on 4 March to help them tide through this COVID-19 period.

RSVP Singapore, a senior volunteer organisation, donated 1500 surgical masks while the STGS sponsored 500 hand sanitisers. NTA also distributed 500 packs of lunch bento sponsored by Hyatt Hotel. These care packs were distributed to 500 taxi drivers in the queue at Changi Airport T1, T2, T3 and T4. There were 8 representatives from RSVP Singapore, 25 drivers/volunteers from NTA, 8 from Hyatt Hotel and 10 from STGS.

Mr Ang Hin Kee, Advisor for NTA, MP for Cheng San-Seletar, was there to help distribute the care packs to the taxi drivers as well. He said, "We are heartened by the show of support from communities and establishments like Grand Hyatt Singapore, Society of Tourist Guides Singapore and RSVP Singapore. Many of our taxi drivers had to queue for about two hours for passengers at the airport, and care pack comprising bento set, masks and hand sanitizer really helps to provide them with some encouragement. Let's press on and overcome the challenges as Team Singapore."

The 1500 surgical masks were packed into packets of three by RSVP's senior volunteers, who heeded the call for help the day before. The volunteer slots were filled within half an hour.

"We are heartened by the initiative of the private sector to partner us and provide for our taxi drivers. Our taxi drivers are one of the first point of contacts for visitors to Singapore, and we want to play a part to build a safe environment for them. At RSVP, we want to show that seniors too can play a part to help to build a caring society," said Mr Koh Juay Meng, PBM, Chairman of RSVP Singapore.

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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.