

Talking Points for Mr Jayadev Unnithan, President, SNM (Singapore)

Charity Golf Dinner

Good evening,

Distinguished Guest-of-Honour, Mr Chan Yeng Kit; Permanent Secretary (Health)

His Excellency, Mr P Kumaran, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to the Republic of Singapore

Mr Neil Parekh, Chairman of SICCI

Dr T Chandroo, Immediate Past Chairman of SICCI

Mr Dileep Nair, Chairman of SNM's Board of Trustees

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for taking the time to join us this Friday evening here at the Orchid Country Club. On behalf of Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore), I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all our esteemed partners and guests today, who have come together to make the Charity Golf event a success. We are especially thankful to the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) for championing our cause through this Charity Golf today through its charity arm, SICCI Cares.

This year, Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) will mark its 75th anniversary on 18 June. In addition to the charity golf tournament today, we will also be showcasing SNM's history from 17 to 18 June at the Indian Heritage Centre. Our 75th Anniversary Charity Dinner will be held at the grand ballroom of this same venue on 7 July 2023, where Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will be the guest-of-honour.

We will also be holding a National Symposium on 16 September at the Stephen Riady @NTUC Level 7. The theme of the symposium is on oneness, where we will discuss and examine what diversity

and inclusivity means. This is aligned to the teachings of Sree Narayana Guru and our national pledge 'regardless of race, language or religion'. More details will follow as we get closer to the event.

With the help of our partners from the very outset, SNM embarked on a journey together and have developed interventions to provide a better quality of life for our seniors. We have been privileged to be awarded a new nursing home by the Ministry of Health, which will be ready by 2025 and another Senior Care Centre in Bedok, which is targeted to be operational by early 2024.

As a charity with IPC (Institutions of Public Character) status, we want to ensure that we remain a trusted charity of choice. The IPC status is not a permanent status. It is accorded to a registered charity for only a certain period. In addition to the income tax and property tax benefits enjoyed by registered charities, IPCs are authorised to issue tax deduction receipts for qualifying donations received.

I give you my word that SNM will continue to strive in its efforts and is confident that we will do better in our pursuit of excellence. For the third time, we were accorded the Charity Transparency Award 2022, an award which recognises charities that have adopted good governance standards.

Over the years, we have received strong support from our regulators, enablers, partners, donors, members and volunteers. We are very grateful for the support and goodwill of those who support the work we do as we strive towards building an inclusive society.

We believe in empowering the lives of those we serve and want to ensure that they continue to lead dignified lives with SNM.

In order to do this, we depend on the support from the community.

Help us build an inclusive future for all.

Once again, on behalf of SNM, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to every one of you for standing by us and believing in what we do.

Thank you for walking that journey with us.