

PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR MR CHAN YENG KIT, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AT THE SICCI CARES CHARITY GOLF 2023 DINNER, FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023, 7.00PM

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

Mr Neil Parekh, Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI)

Mr Jayadev Unnithan, President, Sree Narayana Mission

Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good evening to everyone

- Thank you for having me here today at this meaningful event.
- It is heartening to see so many golfers here to support SICCI Cares and Sree Narayana Mission (SNM).

SICCI CARES

- As the charity arm of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, SICCI Cares has supported many good causes over the years, including raising \$100,000 in support of children with cancer.
- Most recently, it set up a relief fund and raised over \$1 million to help India in its fight against COVID-19.
- These initiatives exemplify the dedication of the SICCI Cares team in reaching out to help those in need.

SREE NARAYANA MISSION

- Today, we are here to support a worthy cause: SNM's 75th Anniversary fundraising campaign.
- In Singapore, our population is ageing rapidly, and one in four citizens will be 65 and above by 2030.
- At the Ministry of Health, our priority is to support and enable our seniors to age in the community.

- o This is where they can keep active, surrounded by their friends and family.
- At the same time, we will also continue to build up our aged care capacity.
 - o This includes a variety of care services to cater to frail seniors who have limited or no family support and may need residential care.
- SNM is a key partner in this regard, through its range of services such as:
 - o residential care homes;
 - o day care services; and
 - o active ageing and befriending/buddying services.
- SNM's mission is to serve with care and compassion, regardless of race, language or religion. And for the past 75 years, it has been living out its mission by serving the needs of the community.
- Today, SNM's services include:
 - o a nursing home in Yishun;
 - o a psychiatric welfare home in Pelangi Village;
 - o a Senior Activity Centre in Race Course Road; and
 - o two senior care centres in Yishun and Woodlands.
- It continues to grow from strength to strength. It has another new nursing home coming up at Yishun Avenue 6, which is expected to begin operations in 2025.
- To continue meeting the needs of the community, SNM needs everyone's support.
 - o For its 75th Anniversary, it hopes to raise \$750,000.
 - o Many of us here have already contributed to this cause and I thank you for your generosity.
- MOH will also continue to work closely with SNM to provide quality care services for our seniors.

Closing

- In closing, I would also like to express my appreciation to
 - SICCI Cares;
 - donors and supporters of SNM; and
 - last but not least, the organising committee of this charity golf and dinner who have worked hard to make this event a success.

- Through your tireless efforts, all of you have positively impacted the lives of many in the community.

- Thank you for your time and have a great evening.

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