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Temasek Cares partners Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to enhance capabilities of the intermediate and long-term care sector

1 Temasek Cares, the philanthropic arm of Temasek Holdings, has joined hands with the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to extend its capability building efforts to the intermediate and long-term care (ILTC) sector. The partnership will see \$650,000 in funding from Temasek Cares committed towards boosting the capabilities and services of healthcare Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) in Singapore through:

- a. The Temasek Cares - Singapore Programme for Integrated Care for the Elderly (TC-SPICE) to provide integrated, comprehensive and community-based care services for the frail elderly; and
- b. The Temasek Cares – Healthcare Capability Building Project to enhance the standards of care by ILTC healthcare professionals and attract new talent into the sector through study and training awards.

Temasek Cares - Singapore Programme for Integrated Care for the Elderly (TC-SPICE)

2 The Temasek Cares - Singapore Programme for Integrated Care for the Elderly (TC-SPICE) aims to offer the frail elderly an alternative care solution to nursing homes. This will be accomplished by ramping up the facilities and providing health and personal care services at the Salvation Army Bedok Multi-Service Centre (Bedok MSC). Temasek Cares will inject \$400,000 to pilot this programme at the Day Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) for one year.

3 Under the existing DRC model, service users receive basic custodial care and rehabilitation services like physiotherapy and occupational therapy services. While many clients have benefited from this model of care, it is not designed to meet the more advanced care needs of those whose condition qualify them for nursing homes. TC-SPICE aims to provide a more comprehensive care solution that will cater to the needs of this group of frail elderly by making significant enhancements to the existing capabilities of DRCs like Bedok MSC. These enhancements include:

- (a) a multi-disciplinary team comprising a visiting doctor, a nurse, healthcare aides, a therapist, a medical social worker and a case manager to help tailor and coordinate the patient's total care needs;
- (b) facilities for extended care, including shower stalls and a resting area;
- (c) additional meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner);

- (d) case managers to organise holistic plans that ensure appropriate care is extended to the client at home, including home modifications and home nursing;
and
- (e) extended operating hours from 7am to 6pm on weekdays.

These enhanced offerings will allow more frail elderly to receive needed care within the community during the day and continue to live at home amongst their loved ones. It also provides support for their families, allowing caregivers to continue to work and get respite from caring for the elderly during the day.

More details on TC-SPICE can be found in the Factsheet at Annex A.

4 On the extended scope of services for patients, Madam Low Mui Lang, Executive Director of Salvation Army Peacehaven said, “Many clients would prefer to stay in their present living arrangement as long as possible. However, as they develop frailty and disabilities it can become a challenge. The Programme allows the Centre to expand its scope of services to provide personal care, nursing, therapy and social interaction to enhance the patients’ sense of well-being and help reduce frequency of hospitalisation and medication management. This is the best alternative option to living in a nursing home.”

Temasek Cares - Healthcare Capability Building Project

5 To build the professional capabilities of the workforce in healthcare VWOs within the ILTC sector and attract new talent, the Temasek Cares - Healthcare Capability Building Project will also provide for study and training awards worth \$250,000 in its first year. The Project will be administered by AIC and will consist of study awards for new entrants to Nursing, Nursing Care and the allied health profession in the ILTC sector, as well as continuous learning opportunities for in-employment ILTC professionals. More information on the Project can be found at Annex B.

6 On their partnership with AIC, Mr Richard Magnus, Chairman of Temasek Cares said, “As our elderly become frailer, there is an urgent need to build the capability of intermediate and long-term care and to put in place more care services within the community. We are pleased to support the programmes with AIC under our new Healthcare Endowment. It is our hope that our support can be the catalyst to enable the elderly to age in place with dignity and respect, surrounded by their loved ones.”

7 Dr Jason Cheah, Chief Executive Officer of AIC, said “The funding support from Temasek Cares will accelerate efforts of healthcare Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) to raise their capabilities and deliver quality and innovative care to patients. AIC is excited to partner Temasek Cares and VWOs to pilot new care delivery models like TC-SPICE which will enable the elderly to grow old at home and in the communities they are familiar with. Such partnerships will raise the quality of care and life for our elderly now and in the years to come.”

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About the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC)

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is set up by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to oversee, coordinate and facilitate all efforts in care integration. Our mission is to achieve best health outcomes for our patients by empowering clients and coordinating access to appropriate care, enable stakeholders to strengthen the primary and community care sectors, and enhancing collaboration to create a well-connected healthcare system. For more information, please visit www.aic.sg.

About Temasek Cares

Temasek Cares CLG Ltd is an Institution of a Public Character set up in 2009 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Temasek Holdings. The purpose and mission of Temasek Cares is to contribute to the well-being, dignity and livelihoods for underprivileged individuals, families and communities in Singapore. It aims to do so through the following thrusts:

Building People - Through support with dignity for individuals and families in times of need;
Building Capability - Through education, training and other initiatives to improve opportunities for livelihood;
Building Community - Through fostering racial and religious harmony and promoting understanding across cultures and languages for the underprivileged, poor and needy;
Rebuilding Lives - Through a helping hand for another chance for the disadvantaged individuals, families or communities.

Temasek Holdings has provided funds in the form of 2 endowments of \$100 million and \$70 million to the Temasek Trust. In turn, the Trustees of Temasek Trust acts as stewards of the endowment and decide on the sums to be granted to Temasek Cares. For more information, please visit www.temasekcares.org.sg.