

WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR JENNIFER LEE, CHAIRMAN OF AIC AT THE ILTC NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATION ON 28TH MARCH 2012, WEDNESDAY, 11.00AM AT REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC

Dr Amy Khor, Minister of State, Ministry of Health

Our valued partners from the nursing homes,

Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good afternoon. Welcome to the inaugural Intermediate and Long-Term Care (ILTC) Nutrition Month Celebration 2012.

2. We are here today to celebrate the completion of several initiatives carried out under the ILTC Nutrition Movement. As the name suggests, this Movement is not a one-off effort. Rather, it is a journey by the sector towards achieving quality food service and improving the nutritional status of our elderly. I am most encouraged by the level of commitment from the nursing homes to this effort. I would especially like to thank the Management and staff of the nursing homes for supporting the various good nutrition projects organised by the Agency for Integrated Care, AIC, covering training on food service, cooking lessons, recipe sharing and participating in research studies. In particular, I hear that participants of the Culinary Skills Training have been very enthusiastic learners and have benefited greatly from the culinary coaching by Chef Eric Teo. Thank you, Chef!

3. Besides Chef Teo, I would also like to thank several other partners who have helped us make the ILTC Nutrition Movement possible:

- Students from Singapore Polytechnic for developing the puree recipes and assistance in producing the ILTC cookbook, "Cooking for Health";
- Our local celebrity chefs – Chef Devagi Sanmugam, Chef Sam Leong, and again Chef Eric Teo for sharing their recipes; and

- Republic Polytechnic, our event co-host, for graciously allowing us to use their premises not only for today's event, but during the Culinary Skills Training sessions for our nursing home cooks as well.

On behalf of AIC, thank you for your precious contributions.

4. I am sure that these joint efforts to improve food service and nutrition at the nursing homes will contribute towards better care for residents. AIC will continue to work with you to keep the Nutrition Movement going in the years to come.

5. Thank you.