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CONCERT ORGANISING COMMITTEE
16 MAY 2015, SATURDAY, 3.00PM
AT SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA CONCERT HALL**

**Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister of Culture, Community and Youth, and
Second Minister for Ministry of Communications and Information**

**Ms Low Yen Ling, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and
Family Development & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, and
Mayor, South West District**

Ms Denise Phua, Mayor, Central Singapore District

**Mr Chan Heng Kee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social and
Family Development**

**Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman of Community Chest and Care & Share
Movement Steering Committee**

**Mr Sim Gim Guan, Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Social
Service**

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Good afternoon. Thank you, Minister Lawrence Wong, for making time to join us today.
2. I am heartened to see all of you, who are not only here for the wonderful music, but also for a common cause in giving back. Community Chest is proud to partner Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) in bringing our Chinese-speaking community together to care for those in need. This is the second year that our

partnership has come to fruition and we are grateful for it. I would also like thank Ms Low Yen Ling and Mr Poh Choon Ann, the event advisers, for their counsel in putting together this special concert.

3. The Community Chest Golden Jubilee Charity Concert <公益金金禧慈善音乐会> is a celebration of Singapore reaching another significant milestone in independence and nation-building. Today, we will be reminiscing the past, through a medley of iconic Chinese hits of yesteryears. These songs are carefully selected to recapture memories of Singapore over the years, and serves to remind us of our heritage. As we grow as a nation, let us strive to look beyond our personal success and start creating success for others, too. I am encouraged that the Chinese community is coming together as one, to embrace differences and to impact the lives of our beneficiaries.
4. This stage will also feature two very special guest artistes. We are indeed privileged to have Taiwanese singer Wa Wa - who have just arrived last night - lending her star power to this charity concert. We are also very happy to have singer Kelvin Tan performing for us today. He is an inspiration to many. Kelvin, who is visually-impaired, overcame all odds in a singing competition, where not only did he win it, but he showed us what it meant to not give up. His story of triumph mirrors that of some of our beneficiaries, who continue to thrive and excel, in the face of their disabilities and challenges.

5. Our beneficiaries can thrive and excel because of the help they received from charities. For the supported charities to continue doing what they do best, I am grateful for the big-hearted donations from corporate partners, such as Land Transport Authority, Ministry of National Development Recreation Club, Jian Yu Construction Pte Ltd and Newsman Realty Pte Ltd. Thank you.

6. Your generosity has enabled:
 - a. our children with special needs and youth-at-risk to achieve their fullest potential,
 - b. adults with disabilities to integrate into society,
 - c. relationships of families in difficulty to stay strong and;
 - d. frail and lonely elderly to age graciously in the community.

7. All donations made to Community Chest for this concert go towards helping the less fortunate, since all fund-raising and operating costs are covered mainly by Tote Board and Singapore Pools. I am pleased to inform that your donations will also be matched dollar-for-dollar by the government under the Care & Share Movement, a national fund-raising and volunteerism movement led by Community Chest, in celebration of SG50 this year.

8. I am glad that many elderly guests, who may be attending a musical concert for the first time in their lives, are with us today. They would certainly appreciate the wonderful collection of popular Chinese hits that we have in store for them.

9. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to fellow organising committee members, Dr Mary Chen, Ms Kelly Keak and Mr Tan Kwang Hwee, for their unstinting dedication in putting this concert together.

10. Lastly, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of you who have joined us today. Let us now sit back and take a trip down memory lane with the wonderful musical journey we have prepared for you.

11. Thank you.