



**13,000 AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Masks and AIR<sup>+</sup> Micro Ventilators for Vulnerable Children**  
***Helping vulnerable children prepare for emergencies***

**Singapore, 8 April 2015** – Temasek Cares is giving AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Masks and AIR<sup>+</sup> Micro Ventilators to vulnerable children. This is part of the Temasek Cares ‘Stay Prepared’ initiative to help enhance the resilience of the Singapore community to cope with emergencies.

13,000 children will receive the masks and micro ventilators which can be used when there is a severe haze or a flu pandemic.

Children who will receive these masks comprise of those 7 to 14 years old who are from low-income families and those who are residing in Children’s Homes.

Temasek Cares will deliver the masks and micro ventilators directly to the Children’s Homes while the remaining children will collect their sets from the Watsons outlets upon receiving a redemption letter from Temasek Cares.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam was the Guest-of-Honour at Melrose Home earlier today to give out the masks and micro ventilators to the children there. The President demonstrated and guided the children on the correct way to wear the masks and use of the micro ventilators. The President also took the opportunity to emphasise to the children the need to stay alert and be prepared for unexpected situations.

Richard Magnus, Chairman of Temasek Cares, said, “Children are precious to us and they hold a special place in our hearts. We need to help them to cope with unexpected and unforeseen events like severe haze and flu pandemic. Previously, we distributed N95 masks to all households but now that we have special masks that can fit children, Temasek Cares wants to ensure that our children are also protected.”

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## **About the AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Mask & Micro Ventilator**

Designed by Innosparks, an ST Engineering subsidiary, the AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Mask is the first certified N95 mask in the market that comes in three sizes. The smallest size is generally suitable for children aged 7 years old and above. The detachable and rechargeable ventilator can be attached to the masks to help young children breathe more comfortably. More information on the AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Mask is available at [www.airplus.sg](http://www.airplus.sg).

## **About the 'Stay Prepared' initiative and the Temasek Emergency Preparedness (T-PREP) Fund**

'Stay Prepared' is an initiative by Temasek Cares to help build the resilience of the Singapore community to cope with emergencies. It is supported by the T-PREP Fund which was set up in 2014 with an initial endowment of S\$40m from Temasek, to commemorate its 40th anniversary.

'Stay Prepared' supports programmes that:

- Help people in Singapore be ready for a range of emergencies
- Build longer-term capability and capacity of the community in emergency preparedness
- Provide assistance in emergencies
- Complement national efforts and foster collaboration with private sector partners, voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) and community groups to achieve emergency preparedness

The programme to give AIR<sup>+</sup> Smart Masks and AIR<sup>+</sup> Micro Ventilator to vulnerable children complements the programme in May 2014 by Temasek Cares and its partners, Singapore Power and Singapore Post, which saw all households in Singapore, receive 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits containing three N95 VFLEX masks and emergency contact numbers.

For more information, please visit. [www.stayprepared.sg](http://www.stayprepared.sg)

## **About Temasek Cares**

Temasek Cares CLG Ltd is a Temasek funded non-profit philanthropic organisation that aims to help improve the lives of underprivileged individuals, families and communities in Singapore; and to build the capability and capacity of all people in Singapore to be prepared for emergencies.

Set up in 2009 as an Institution of a Public Character, it works in partnership with various voluntary welfare organisations, non-profit organisations, government agencies, Ministries and other institutions to support programmes that contribute to the well-being, dignity, livelihood, and emergency preparedness of its beneficiaries.

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