



Temasek Cares Releases More than 300,000 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits to Needy Families and the Vulnerable

Singapore, 14 August 2014 – In May 2014, Temasek Cares, Singapore Power and Singapore Post had distributed 1.2 million 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits, to all households nationwide. In addition, staff from Singapore Power helped to reach out to about 17,000 residents in charity homes, and provided them with a Starter Kit each.

The aim of the exercise was to help Singapore families and residents stay better prepared to cope with emergencies or environmental risks such as severe haze.

Each kit contains three 3M™ N95 face masks with instructions on use, and emergency contact numbers.

Additional kits had also been prepared for needy families and other vulnerable groups in our community.

We have since worked with all Members of Parliament to release about 220,000 kits for them to distribute to needy families in their respective constituencies.

In addition, we have worked with dormitory operators to distribute a further 160,000 kits to foreign workers residing in their dormitories. Many of these foreign workers are engaged in outdoor work and continue to contribute to our community even during times of crises. We hope that the Starter Kits will encourage them and their employers to be better prepared for emergencies.

With these two follow-on exercises, we have completed our 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits initiative.

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Additional Information

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

For more information, please visit. www.stayprepared.sg

The 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits

The 'Stay Prepared' Starter Kits were distributed to 1.2 million households in Singapore through the joint effort of Temasek Cares, Singapore Power and Singapore Post in May, to help remind Singapore families to stay prepared for emergencies. Each kit contains three 3M™ N95 masks which are useable during infectious pandemics or severe haze. Additional Starter Kits had also been prepared as standby for needy families.

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.

For more information, please visit www.temasekcares.org.sg.