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**“Temasek Cares - An Inclusive Future of Us Programme” – Engaging Children with Special Needs**

A special outreach programme to engage more than 6,000 children with special needs and their caregivers at ‘The Future of Us’ Exhibition was launched by President Tony Tan Keng Yam today.

2 The “*Temasek Cares - An Inclusive Future of Us Programme*” is made possible with a grant from Temasek Cares, in partnership with ‘The Future of Us’ Exhibition and the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) to engage children from 20 special needs schools and Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) serving children with special needs<sup>1</sup>.

3 Like the thousands of visitors who have visited the exhibition since its opening on 1 Dec 2015, these children will be brought through the exhibition by volunteer guides from various organisations and agencies. They will enjoy a multi-sensory immersive experience across three domes in a fun and fascinating journey of what the future may look like in Singapore. They will also be able to share their personal aspirations and hopes for the future at the final exhibition dome called Blue Skies.

4 Mr Eng Tiang Sing, Project Director of ‘The Future of Us’ Exhibition said, “The Singapore of the future is a future of varied possibilities. But whatever the shape of that landscape may be, one thing must not change - it must always be a Singapore that is home to all, inclusive of all our people, where each can chase his or her dreams of his own choosing, at his own pace. We are very delighted to be able to host our young guests from our special schools and are grateful to Temasek Cares and NCSS for giving us the opportunity and pleasure to do so.”

5 Chairman of Temasek Cares, Mr Richard Magnus said, “Temasek Cares is playing its part in building an inclusive future with this programme for our special needs community. We hope that through this, our special young people will be able to actively contribute to building the future of our nation together.”

6 National Council of Social Service chief executive Mr Sim Gim Guan said, “This is a good example of stakeholders from the people, private and public sector coming together to create a future that we aspire towards. The three partners in this project each contributed unique strengths that brought the initiative to fruition, and I would like to thank the special schools for giving us the support.”

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<sup>1</sup> The list of participating schools and VWOs can be found in [Annex A](#).



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## **‘THE FUTURE OF US’ EXHIBITION**

### **About ‘The Future of Us’ Exhibition**

‘The Future of Us’ exhibition is an immersive and multi-sensory experience that offers a glimpse into the possibilities of how Singaporeans can live, work, learn and care in the future. The exhibition hopes to encourage Singaporeans to share their hopes and dreams for themselves, their family and the nation, and to participate in steering Singapore towards the future. It is the last major event to round up Singapore’s SG50 year of celebrations, and runs from till 8 March 2016.

Admission to ‘The Future of Us’ exhibition is free for members of the public, and visitors can reserve tickets via the website [www.thefutureofus.sg](http://www.thefutureofus.sg). Tickets are also available at the door.

Website – [www.thefutureofus.sg](http://www.thefutureofus.sg)

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/thefutureofus.sg>

Instagram – <https://instagram.com/thefutureofus.sg/>

Twitter – <https://twitter.com/thefutureofussg/>

### **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](http://www.temasekcares.org.sg).

### **About the National Council of Social Service**

NCSS is the umbrella body for over 450 member voluntary welfare organisations in Singapore. Its mission is to provide leadership and direction in social services, to enhance the capabilities of social service organisations, and to promote strategic partnerships for social services.



## Annex A: List of Special Needs Schools

School	Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO)
Chaoyang School	Association for Persons with Special Needs
Delta Senior School	
Katong School	
Tanglin School	
AWWA School	AWWA Ltd
Eden School	Autism Association (Singapore)
Pathlight School	Autism Resource Centre (Singapore)
Canossian School	Canossian Daughters of Charity
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (CPASS)	Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS)
Metta School	Metta Welfare Association
Fernvale Gardens School	Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS)
Lee Kong Chian Gardens School	
Towner Gardens School	
Woodlands Gardens School	
Grace Orchard School	Presbyterian Community Services
Rainbow Centre - Margaret Drive School	Rainbow Centre, Singapore
Rainbow Centre - Yishun Park School	
St Andrew's Autism School	St Andrew's Mission Hospital
Singapore School for the Deaf	The Singapore Association For The Deaf
Lighthouse School	Singapore Association Of The Visually Handicapped



## Annex B: List of Translated terms

ENGLISH	CHINESE	MALAY	TAMIL
The Future of Us	共同未来	Masa Hadapan Kita	நமது எதிர்காலம்
Temasek Cares – An Inclusive Future of Us Programme	淡马锡关怀基金会 —共同未来计划	Temasek Cares – Program Masa Hadapan Kita yang Inklusif	“தெமாசெக் கேர்ஸ் - அனைவரையும் அரவணைக்கும் நமது எதிர்காலம்” திட்டம்
National Council of Social Service	国家福利理事会	Majlis Perkhidmatan Masyarakat Kebangsaan	தேசியச் சமூகச் சேவை மன்றம்
The Future Express	未来快报	Akhbar “The Future Express”	தி :பியூச்சர் எக்ஸ்பிரஸ்
Theatre of Generations	时光剧院	Teater Generasi	தலைமுறைகள் அரங்கம்
Symphony of the City	城市交响曲	Simfoni Kota	நகர ஒருங்கிசை
Home Tomorrow	明日家园	Kediaman Masa Hadapan	நாளைய இல்லம்
Blue Skies	蔚蓝天空	Langit Biru	நீல வானம்
The Lion	雄狮游乐区	Sang Singa	சிங்கம்
The Market Place	交流园地	“The Market Place”	புதுமைகள் பிறப்பிடம்
The Thread of Us	寄语丝带	Perjalanan Kita	நம்மை இணைக்கும் நூலிழை
Domes	穹顶设计展区	Kubah	குவிமாடங்கள்