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**CapitaLand holds inaugural Volunteer Day in Malaysia in conjunction with annual My Schoolbag CSR programme**

* ***More than 150 staff volunteers helped to refurbish three children charity homes in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Kuantan***
* ***322 underprivileged children benefitted from donation of school and daily necessities worth RM165,000***

***Kuala Lumpur, 28 November 2017*** – CapitaLand and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall REIT Management Sdn. Bhd. (CMRM), the manager of CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust (CMMT), jointly held the first CapitaLand Volunteer Day in Malaysia today, in conjunction with their annual signature corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme My Schoolbag. More than 150 Malaysia-based staff volunteers took part in the full-day volunteerism activity, which involved refurbishing children charity homes and giving out school and daily necessities to underprivileged children. This year, 322 children benefitted from a donation of RM165,000, which was made possible with funding from CapitaLand’s philanthropic arm, CapitaLand Hope Foundation (CHF).

CapitaLand launched CapitaLand Volunteer Day in 2013 in Singapore, during which the company provided staff time off from work to contribute towards enhancing the lives of underprivileged children. CapitaLand extended the initiative to its staff in China the following year, and to Vietnam in 2015. For the inaugural CapitaLand Volunteer Day in Malaysia today, staff volunteers were divided into teams to help refurbish three children charity homes in three states – namely Desa Amal Jireh in Selangor, House of Hope in Penang and Rapha Children’s Home in Kuantan. These homes cater to the educational and shelter needs of orphans and abandoned or abused children.

Mr Tan Seng Chai, Group Chief Corporate Officer of CapitaLand Limited and Executive Director of CHF, said: “CapitaLand has always held the belief that corporates can play an important role in contributing towards the building of an inclusive and caring society. Our corporate value of nurturing staff to build and care for the community is encapsulated in our company credo ‘Building People. Building Communities.’. By helping underprivileged children with their education and shelter needs, we hope to create a positive multiplier effect for their families and improve social mobility.”

Mr Tan added: “To encourage staff volunteerism, CapitaLand staff can take up to three days of paid Volunteer Service Leave each year. The CapitaLand Volunteer Day is another of our initiatives to encourage staff to dedicate their time to serve the community. This is consistent with our commitment to sustainable corporate giving, which goes beyond financial contributions. By promoting staff volunteerism, we hope to create a shared bond among our staff to contribute positively towards the society. Our aim is for CapitaLand to not just be a commercial success but also a company that gives back to and grows with the community.”

Ms Low Peck Chen, CEO of CMRM, said: “We are pleased to organise the first CapitaLand Volunteer Day in Malaysia, in conjunction with the seventh edition of My Schoolbag in Malaysia. Including this year, My Schoolbag in Malaysia has reached out to over 4,500 underprivileged children with a total donation of more than RM1 million. It is our hope that the schoolbags, as well as the school and daily necessities, will provide the underprivileged children with a head start as they embark on their learning journeys.”

Added Ms Low: “The first CapitaLand Volunteer Day in Malaysia brings greater focus to our malls’ efforts to support underprivileged children. On this day, more than 150 staff volunteers rolled up their sleeves to refurbish three children charity homes, with the objective of creating a conducive learning and play environment for the young ones. Through these efforts, we hope to inspire the children to realise their full potential, and empower them to create a better future for themselves and their families. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff volunteers, whose commitment to the programme embodies CapitaLand’s spirit of community development.”

The refurbishment works at the three children charity homes focused on creating a better living and learning environment. Enhancements include a cosy resource centre and study corner with tables, chairs, bookshelves, mats and cushions. In addition to the furniture, staff volunteers stocked the study corner with textbooks, reference books and dictionaries.

From 2009 to 2016, CHF donated over S$3.5 million (about RM10.9 million) to support My Schoolbag, reaching out to nearly 126,000 children beneficiaries. For 2017, CHF has committed more than S$600,000 (about RM1.86 million) to My Schoolbag, which will benefit over 21,000 children across Asia - Singapore, China, Malaysia, Japan, India and Vietnam.

**About CapitaLand Limited (**[**www.capitaland.com**](http://www.capitaland.com)**)**

CapitaLand is one of Asia’s largest real estate companies. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, it is an owner and manager of a global portfolio worth more than S$85 billion as at 30 September 2017, comprising integrated developments, shopping malls, serviced residences, offices, homes, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and funds. Present across more than 150 cities in over 30 countries, the Group focuses on Singapore and China as core markets, while it continues to expand in markets such as Vietnam and Indonesia.

CapitaLand’s competitive advantage is its significant asset base and extensive market network. Coupled with extensive design, development and operational capabilities, the Group develops and manages high-quality real estate products and services. It also has one of the largest investment management businesses in Asia and a stable of five REITs listed in Singapore and Malaysia – CapitaLand Mall Trust, CapitaLand Commercial Trust, Ascott Residence Trust, CapitaLand Retail China Trust and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust.

**About CapitaLand Hope Foundation (**[**www.capitalandhopefoundation.com**](http://www.capitalandhopefoundation.com)**)**

CapitaLand Hope Foundation, the philanthropic arm of CapitaLand, was established in 2005 to further CapitaLand’s community development commitment to ‘Building People. Building Communities’, by recognising that the long-term success of the company’s business is closely intertwined with the health and prosperity of the communities in which it operates. Every year, CapitaLand allocates up to 0.5% of its net profit to the Foundation to promote social growth and development of underprivileged children with respect to their education, healthcare and shelter needs. CapitaLand Hope Foundation is a registered charity in Singapore and strongly believes each child has within them the potential for greatness, which if nurtured and built upon, can bring significant value to future societies. Going beyond donations associated with charitable giving, the Foundation also focuses on giving time and attention to the children beneficiaries through advocating volunteerism. The strong commitment of volunteers embodies CapitaLand’s mission to care for and contribute to the economic, environmental and social development of communities.

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**About CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust (**[**www.cmmt.com.my**](http://www.cmmt.com.my)**)**

CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust (CMMT), listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 16 July 2010, is a shopping mall-focused real estate investment trust (REIT) in Malaysia with an income-and geographically-diversified portfolio of six shopping malls.

These quality assets are strategically located in key urban centres across Malaysia: Gurney Plaza in Penang; three in Klang Valley – a majority interest in Sungei Wang Plaza in Kuala Lumpur; Tropicana City Mall and Tropicana City Office Tower in Petaling Jaya; and The Mines in Seri Kembangan; and East Coast Mall in Kuantan, Pahang. The portfolio has a total net lettable area of over 3.1 million square feet (sq ft). As at 30 September 2017, the total asset size of CMMT is about RM4.1 billion.

CMMT is managed by CapitaLand Malaysia Mall REIT Management Sdn. Bhd. – a joint venture between CapitaLand Limited, one of Asia’s largest real estate companies headquartered and listed in Singapore, and Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF).

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