

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR TAN SENG CHAI, CHIEF CORPORATE & PEOPLE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAPITALAND HOPE FOUNDATION AT THE LAUNCH OF 'ARTS IN THE CITY: WE LOVE SINGAPORE' EXHIBITION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2019, 3.05 PM, RAFFLES CITY SINGAPORE**

Madam Halimah Yacob, President of Singapore

Dr William Wan, General Secretary of the Singapore Kindness Movement

Distinguished Guests

Volunteers

Ladies and Gentlemen

**Introduction**

1. Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us today.

**Promoting kindness, doing good through 'Arts in the City: We love SINGApore' Exhibition**

2. Many of us are familiar with the iconic Singa the Courtesy Lion which encourages people to be kind and gracious.

3. Today as we commemorate Singapore's Bicentennial and celebrate our nation's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, it is fitting that Raffles City Singapore today launched this 'Arts in the City: We love SINGApore' exhibition.

4. The exhibition showcases 200 unique figurines of Singa the Lion, specially designed by people from all walks of life. Each Singa the Lion tells a story about kindness and being greater and doing good to the community.

5. Similarly, at CapitaLand we believe in giving back to the community as we do well. Through this initiative with Singapore Kindness Movement in support of President's Challenge, we aim to bring people together to do our part for the less fortunate.

### **Creating inclusive communities**

6. As a Singapore brand that has grown to be one of Asia's largest diversified real estate groups, CapitaLand has played a key role in shaping the built environment in Singapore and the region, enriching people's lives and creating inclusive communities.

7. Several of our properties including the well-loved Funan and Jewel Changi Airport, and our upcoming CapitaSpring have been recognised for Universal Design, with their inclusive spaces for people to interact and move around seamlessly. We will continue to leverage CapitaLand's real estate expertise to develop inclusive communities.

## **Rallying support for President's Challenge**

8. To build a caring community, we believe in creating platforms for everyone to come together to invest in the future of our children and the vulnerable elderly. This is also the spirit of President's Challenge, which we have been supporting since 2008. We have donated about S\$3 million through our philanthropic arm, CapitaLand Hope Foundation, benefitting 37 children and elderly charities in Singapore.

9. For President's Challenge this year, CapitaLand Hope Foundation has pledged S\$300,000 to benefit six charities. Each Singa the Lion figurine displayed here will earn a donation by our Foundation. We are very honoured to have President Halimah and her husband Mr Mohamed contribute a lovely pair of Singa and join us to spread kindness. Thank you, Mdm President.

10. There are also many creative designs by the community as well as tenants and shoppers of Raffles City Singapore. I apologise that I can't mention everyone, they include Bee Cheng Hiang, Robinsons, Shanghai Tang, The Cookie Museum; local celebrities Chen Han Wei, Fann Wong, Taufik Batisah; award-winning filmmaker Boo Junfeng, and Chef Janice Wong. Thank you for your contribution.

11. If you like any of these unique Singa figurines, you can adopt them or share photos of them on our Instagram with our hashtags, and all proceeds will go towards President's Challenge.

## **Conclusion**

12. I would like to thank President Halimah and all of you for being here with us. I would also like to thank our community partners, customers, local personalities, volunteers and my colleagues for putting together this colourful exhibition for a good cause.

13. As we commemorate Singapore's Bicentennial and celebrate our nation's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, I hope everyone will remember that every small act of kindness goes a long way, and CapitaLand aims to continue to make a meaningful contribution to the communities we are in as we grow globally.

14. Thank you.