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JOIN DR WILLIAM TAN IN RACING AGAINST CANCER

Run alongside Dr William Tan in the SingTel & SCS 2009 Race Against Cancer

SINGAPORE, 5 AUGUST 2009 – A staunch supporter and fundraiser for the cancer cause, Dr William Tan is stepping out again to support the Singapore Cancer Society in its fight against cancer – this time at the SingTel & SCS (Singapore Cancer Society) 2009 Race Against Cancer on 23 August 2009.

The side-effects of his chemotherapy treatment did not deter him from taking part in the Race. Dr Tan was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia in April 2009 and is currently undergoing treatment.

“I’ll do my best in this race against cancer and if I feel tired, I’ll just slow down but not give up. The fight against cancer has to continue. I encourage everyone to support this race as our efforts could help raise the needed funds for the many cancer patients who require the treatment but unable to afford due to its high costs,” said Dr Tan.

He added, “I told myself, it’s perfectly okay to have cancer. I will be a stronger person, a better doctor, because I have crossed the bridge. When I help my patients, I can tell them I’ve been there before.”

On Dr William Tan’s participation in the Race Against Cancer, Dr Koo Wen Hsin, SCS Chairman, said, “We are touched by Dr Tan’s ardent support towards our cause even in the midst of his difficult battle with cancer. It is our hope that cancer patients and survivors will be encouraged by his strength and fighting spirit.”

Race Against Cancer symbolizes hope for cancer patients and is an expression of the community’s support for cancer survivors and those battling cancer. Proceeds from the run will go towards funding the Society’s various programmes, such as cancer treatment subsidy,



hospice home care, welfare assistance for needy cancer patients, free cancer screenings, public education initiatives and helping children whose lives have been affected by cancer.

SingTel pledges \$200,000 to kick start “SCS Help the Children and Youth ” programme

SingTel’s contribution of \$200,000 from its Touching Lives Fund towards the Race Against Cancer will help to kick start the “SCS Help the Children and Youth” programme to help children whose lives have been affected by cancer. The support will be provided in four areas - the school allowance grant and bursary schemes, counseling, mentoring and family engagement services. The financial assistance to help defray schooling expenses will ease the burden on the families whose finances are already strained due to the illness. Counselling, mentoring and family engagement services will provide psycho-social support to these children and youths who are often confronted with a range of emotions such as fears, depression, guilt or anger when coping with cancer or a sick parent.

Annually, the Society helps more than 1,000 needy cancer patients and reaches out to some 40,000 individuals through its community outreach and awareness programmes to encourage screening and early detection of cancers.

SingTel & SCS 2009 Race Against Cancer will take place on:

- 23 August 2009, Sunday
- Start 7.45 am at Angsana Green, East Coast Park (Next to Lagoon Food Village Carpark E2)
- 5 km or 10 km
- Register online at www.raceagainstcancer.org.sg
- Register on-site at (i) 15 Enggor Street #04-01 Realty Centre (3-21 August during weekdays), and (ii) Borders at Wheelock Place (1-22 August during weekends)
- Fees: \$30 – Adults; \$18 – Child below 12 years old / Full-time students with student ID

About Singapore Cancer Society

Established in 1964, Singapore Cancer Society is a self-funded voluntary welfare organization which provides patient care services to needy cancer patients through its welfare, hospice home care, cancer treatment subsidy and rehabilitation support programmes. In addition, the



Society also provides free cancer screening services and promotes cancer awareness and prevention through its public education and community outreach programmes.

About SingTel *Touching Lives Fund*

The SingTel *Touching Lives Fund* is SingTel's annual corporate philanthropy programme to help the less privileged children and young people in Singapore. It was launched in 2002 to consolidate the Group's community support activities. Since the Fund's launch, S\$14 million has been raised for 19 charities under the auspices of the National Council of Social Service.

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