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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

To News Editors

### **SAFRA PUNGGOL LAUNCHES QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES FOR LESS PRIVILEGED NSMEN'S FAMILIES IN NORTH-EAST REGION**

It was a day of fun for more than 70 less privileged Operationally Ready National Servicemen (ORNS) and their families at the newly-opened SAFRA Punggol. They enjoyed free play at the club's indoor water playground and painted their way to a new Singapore record for the 'Most number of people painting a mural at the same time'.

This was the first in a series of activities to be organised by the club every quarter to provide less privileged NSmen's families with opportunities to bond through play in the newest SAFRA club.

MAJ (NS) Terence Quek, Chairman, SAFRA Punggol Executive Committee, said, "Many NSmen and their families came by last weekend to enjoy the new facilities. Yet, we are aware that some low-income NSmen and their families may not be able to have the opportunity to spend similar quality time together. Many do not have the time or means to enjoy the latest attractions in Singapore, so we want to remove the financial barrier by organising quarterly activities where they can enjoy free play at Splash @ Kidz Amaze and other special treats at SAFRA Punggol."

He added: "We are partnering with the Community Chest to reach out to these families within the North-East region where our club is situated for a start. Along the way, we also hope to involve more of our tenants and other corporate partners to join us in this effort."

The mural, measuring seven meters wide and three meters high, was designed by CPL (NS) Tan Kwang Yang, a budding artist and an NSman who lives in the North-East region. It features a cartoon illustration of NSmen and their families enjoying various fun-filled activities at SAFRA Punggol and Punggol Waterway Park to celebrate the opening of the new waterfront club. Visitors can view it at the fourth level of SARA Punggol where the club's enrichment facilities are located.

Mr Bruce Liew, Director of Strategies & Operations in Community Chest, commented, "The children and their families were also very excited to be one of the first to enjoy the facilities at the brand new SAFRA Punggol. We like to thank SAFRA for going beyond fund-raising for Community Chest, by arranging such meaningful interactions and sharing the joy of play with them."

Participating NSmen and their families in the day's activities also received goodie bags with complimentary return vouchers and were also treated to food and beverages co-sponsored by Pizza Hut and the club.

Besides this new initiative by the club, SAFRA also organises the annual SAFRA Swim For Hope event to raise funds for needy NSmen and their families.

### **About SAFRA National Service Association**

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence. SAFRA currently has a network of six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 370,000 members and their families.

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