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WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR PHILLIP TAN, CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY CHEST COMMITTEE, AT COMMUNITY CHEST FÚ DÀI 2022, ON 15 JANUARY 2022, SATURDAY, 1.30PM, AT MARINA BAY SANDS EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTRE

Mr Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security

Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health

Mr Desmond Lee, Minister of National Development, Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration

Members of Parliament and Grassroot Advisers,

Partners and friends of Community Chest,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us at the Community Chest Fú
 Dài 2022. I am delighted to have your company and support, as we
 come together today and spread festive cheer to communities-in need.

- 2. As this year's theme, "Share Happiness, One Bag at a Time", suggests "we hope to uplift and share festive joy with seniors and families in need of support, through the packing and delivery of over 8,100 festive bags, at this event.
- 3. Co-organised by Community Chest and Heartwarmers, Fú Dài 2022 marks the ninth year of this annual volunteering event. To date, we have raised over \$2.8 million through Fú Dài 2022, which will go towards more than 100 social service agencies and 200 critical programmes. These programmes support over 41,000 service users, including children with special needs and youth-at-risk, adults with disabilities, persons with mental health conditions as well as families and seniors in need of assistance.
- 4. More notably, we will be distributing more festive bags, despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As we move forward amid these unprecedented times, Community Chest recognises the need to step up its efforts in caring for those in need amongst us.
- 5. I would like to extend my gratitude towards over 1,150 volunteers who have kindly volunteered your time over the past 3 days to help pack and distribute the festive bags. I would also like to express my heartfelt

thanks to our esteemed partners, donors, and sponsors, and the Organising Committee, without whom, Community Chest Fú Dài 2022 will not be possible.

6. 送一个福袋,献一份爱心。(sòng yī gè fú dài, xiàn yī fèn ài xīn). We hope that beyond filling each bag with love and warmth, the community will preserve the festive, jovial spirit and continue to share happiness with everyone we meet. With that, I would like to wish you good health and fortune this Lunar New Year. 祝大家新年快乐,身体健康,万事如意 (zhù dà jiā xīn nián kuài lè, shēn tǐ jiàn kāng, wàn shì rú yì)!