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TZU CHI'S COVID-19 EFFORTS RECOGNISED
THROUGH NATIONAL AWARDS

SINGAPORE, 29 DECEMBER 2022: In recognition of Tzu Chi's contribution to Singapore's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) announced on Thursday that the organisation will be awarded the President's Certificate of Commendation (COVID-19), as part of the 2022 National Awards (COVID-19). Given to organisations and teams who went above and beyond what was expected of them in contributing expertise and resources towards pandemic efforts, there are 481 recipients of this award. Out of this figure, close to 80 are social service agencies (SSAs).

Over the past three years, Tzu Chi has done its utmost to support the nation's COVID-19 efforts, with a focus on calming the minds of those affected. Among the groups of people whom the organisation reached out to included migrant workers, medical frontliners, business owners of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and vulnerable families. For the migrant workers, who were most deeply affected by the pandemic, Tzu Chi stepped up to support them in various ways in accordance with the Singapore government's pandemic policies. Volunteers came forward to embellish isolation facilities in a bid to provide greater warmth and daily essentials were also delivered in the form of care packages.

Additionally, the organisation also supported the Ministry of Manpower's various initiatives aimed at improving migrant workers' mental well-being. These included being part of eight online broadcast sessions and eleven onsite activities aimed at lifting the workers' spirits. (2020: Three times at isolation facilities; 2021: Four times at recreation centres as part of National Day, Deepavali, Labour Day and International Migrant Day celebrations; 2022: Four times at recreation centres as part of Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Labour Day and National Day celebrations)

In the second half of 2020, when pandemic restrictions tightened further, Tzu Chi collaborated with professional partners, artists and students to promote the "Stay Home Quilt" community art project. Migrant workers, domestic helpers and community residents were invited to sew their stories on recycled fabric, with their patchworks later stitched together to form a collective creation meant for exhibition. The 10-month-long project drew the participation of more than 1,000 people.

On the project, one of the residents commented: "During the pandemic, it was very heartwarming to see some Singaporeans working with migrant workers to create such a harmonious atmosphere where the workers were given an avenue to tell their own stories."

In the post-pandemic period, the world has become a global village, rendering it even more essential to work together across different fields and institutions for the good of mankind. Heading into the future, Tzu Chi looks forward to strengthening cooperation with government agencies and partners from all walks of life to achieve greater good together.

Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) CEO, Mr Low Swee Seh said: "As long as it is right and beneficial for the nation and society, we will try our best to help. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers in Tzu Chi for coming together to support our COVID-19 relief efforts. Unity is strength and we could not have done it without everyone's support."



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ABOUT TZU-CHI FOUNDATION (SINGAPORE)

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan. Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental protection have brought relief to over 100 countries.

In 1993, Tzu-Chi Foundation (Singapore) was established, with the organisation's work starting with the Mission of Charity and the goal of relieving poverty, before gradually

expanding into the Missions of Medicine, Education, Humanistic Culture, and Environmental Protection over the years. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded in its name: in Chinese, “tzu” means compassion and “chi” means relief.

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