

**PROPOSED WELCOME ADDRESS FOR MR ALEX YAM,
MAYOR OF NORTH WEST DISTRICT
AT THE NORTH WEST VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION 2024
ON FRIDAY, 12 APRIL 2024
PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE, SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Good evening.

Introduction

- It is with great pleasure to welcome all our awardees and distinguished guests, to our North West Volunteers' Appreciation this evening.
- Firstly, I would like to wish all our Muslim awardees Selamat Hari Raya.
- Today, we recognise the contributions of **153 awardees** receiving awards from four categories: i) Outstanding All Rounder Student Award; ii) Outstanding School Partner Award; iii) WeCare Volunteer Award, which recognises individuals and informal groups; and iv) WeCare Partner Award, which recognises organisations.

Coming Together to Make a Difference

- I'm heartened to be able to recognise many of you who have dedicated your time and service to support the North West community.
- The CDCs were established to build a Caring and Cohesive community, and the work of the CDCs can only be achieved through collaborations with partners and volunteers to amplify the impact in the community.
- Whether it is lending a helping hand to needy residents, inspiring fellow students to do good, spurring the community to adopt a healthy lifestyle, or championing green causes, our committed volunteers have enabled the CDC to engage our residents on a deeper level, and connect resources to the needs in the community.
- Providing outstanding care to the community, North West WeCare Volunteer Awardees, **Mr Peter Tierney** and **Ms Gurbir Kaur** are full-time respite carers at Boys Town Sanctuary Care.
- Since 2019, the couple opened their home and became full-time caregivers to numerous children in need, aged from new born to 5 years old, and often with only a few hours' notice. Besides caring for the children, their family

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has been active volunteers and fundraisers for the organisation for many years.

- On the healthy living front, we have another husband-and-wife duo, **Mr Leng Tian Poh and Mdm Ong Kwee Heong**, North West Brisk Walking Club leader and assistant leader who have led the Marsiling Zone 4 for the past 6 years.
- Their commitment towards enriching the members' weekly brisk walks pushed them to scout for new scenic routes around Singapore such as historical sites like Fort Canning Park and nature reserve like Bukit Timah Hill, and at the same time, bringing together like-minded individuals to bond through brisk walking.
- I would also like to congratulate **5 of our District Councillors – Ms Molly Too-Yeo, BBM, Mr Yeo Siew Khiank, BBM, Mr Ralph Foong, PBM, Mr Garick Kea, PBM, and Mr Muhammad Imran, PBM**, who are conferred the National Day Award for their outstanding commitment towards serving the North West District.
- Today, we also celebrate the achievements of our school partners and outstanding students in the North West District. **7 of the 65 Outstanding All-Rounder Student awardees serve in the North West Youth Assembly**, our

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youth volunteer group who are actively involved in community work and leading projects that would benefit the less-privileged residents in the North West.

- I would also like to thank and congratulate our corporate and community partners, who have stepped forward to lend their support towards the community.
- We will continue to work closely with all of you to engage and serve our residents.

Conclusion

- Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all 153 awardees, who will be receiving your awards this evening.
- Let us build a healthy and caring North West together.
- I wish you an enjoyable evening ahead.

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