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# CapitaLand donates S\$500,000 to develop cognitive and socioemotional skills programme for children of offenders Unveils new community initiatives at CapitaLand Digital Festival to inspire younger generation to look to the future

**Singapore, 8 July 2017** – CapitaLand, through its philanthropic arm, CapitaLand Hope Foundation (CHF) is donating S\$500,000 to the CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme, to develop the cognitive and socio-emotional skills of children of offenders<sup>1</sup>. Launched in partnership with the Community Action for the Rehabilitation of Exoffenders (CARE) Network, this programme will support 100 children, aged between 3 and 12 years old, for over two years. The programme will include mentorship initiatives, bonding and enrichment activities, tuition and educational support, amongst others; and will involve a system-level intervention with participation of multiple agencies, including Singapore Prison Service, Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises, grassroots volunteers and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations.

Mr Lim Ming Yan, President & Group CEO of CapitaLand Limited and Director of CHF, said: "CapitaLand has always held the belief that corporates can play an important role in contributing towards the building of an inclusive and caring society. CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme comprises new and existing initiatives which will be more coordinated under a structured framework to better provide community resources for the children and families of offenders in Singapore. It will complement our suite of CHF programmes that empower children beneficiaries to create a brighter future for themselves and their families."

In addition to the launch of the CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme today at the CapitaLand Digital Festival, CapitaLand also unveiled the CapitaLand Young Architect Programme (CLYAP). Funded by CHF and supported by the People's Association, Community Development Councils (CDCs) and National University of Singapore (NUS), CLYAP seeks to expose youths to the wonders of architecture and inspire them to design sustainable solutions for community spaces in Singapore. About 80 secondary school students will be mentored by product and design experts from CapitaLand as well as NUS student volunteers. The participants' ideas will be considered for implementation by the CDCs together with local community partners, in line with the Urban Redevelopment Authority's efforts to empower the public to co-design community spaces in Singapore. CLYAP is under the CapitaLand-People's Association Community Development Fund set up in November 2016.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Offenders include those currently incarcerated as well as those who have been released from incarceration.

Mr Lim added: "At CapitaLand Digital Festival this year, we are showcasing various emerging technologies that would complement or disrupt our real estate business. As part of CapitaLand's commitment to building communities, we want to inspire the younger generation by giving them a peek into what the future holds – sparking their curiosity and encouraging them to join CapitaLand in challenging today's norms so that together we can build exciting spaces of tomorrow."

More than 4,000 CapitaLand staff and their family members, as well as over 300 children beneficiaries of CHF, visited today's CapitaLand Digital Festival, held at The Star Vista. They enjoyed experiential zones featuring Internet-of-Things technology, robotics, smart office, virtual design and construction technologies, emotion analytics of shoppers as well as a series of educational talks that provide insights into the digital age. A group of aspiring architects from CLYAP had the opportunity this afternoon to bring their ideas to life by learning how to create a smart windmill model with micro:bit pocket-sized computers.

Please refer to the Annexes for more information on the CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme and CapitaLand Young Architect Programme.

These two new community programmes follow CapitaLand's successful #ChiongForCharity campaign in June, which called the public to earn donations from CHF as they pay tribute to National Service as part of the Group's 50 years of National Service (NS50) celebrations. CHF donated S\$300,000 to benefit six children's charities under President's Challenge 2017 to mark the nation's support for the campaign.

In 2016, CHF donated over S\$2.4 million to benefit underprivileged children in Singapore and other countries where it operates, and contributed close to 20,000 hours of service to the community. In recognition of its strong commitment to helping underprivileged children and advocacy for volunteerism, CapitaLand has received the Community Spirit Excellence Award from the People's Association for three consecutive years since 2015.

#### About CapitaLand Limited (<u>www.capitaland.com</u>)

CapitaLand is one of Asia's largest real estate companies. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, it is an owner and manager of a global portfolio worth more than S\$78 billion as at 31 March 2017, comprising integrated developments, shopping malls, serviced residences, offices, homes, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and funds. Present across more than 130 cities in over 20 countries, the Group focuses on Singapore and China as core markets, while it continues to expand in markets such as Vietnam and Indonesia.

CapitaLand's competitive advantage is its significant asset base and extensive market network. Coupled with extensive design, development and operational capabilities, the Group develops and manages high-quality real estate products and services. It also has one of the largest investment management businesses in Asia and a stable of five REITs listed in Singapore and Malaysia – CapitaLand Mall Trust, CapitaLand Commercial Trust, Ascott Residence Trust, CapitaLand Retail China Trust and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust.

# About CapitaLand Hope Foundation (www.capitalandhopefoundation.com)

CapitaLand Hope Foundation, the philanthropic arm of CapitaLand, was established in 2005 to further CapitaLand's community development commitment to 'Building People. Building Communities', by recognising that the long-term success of the company's business is closely intertwined with the health and prosperity of the communities in which it operates. Every year, CapitaLand allocates up to 0.5% of its net profit to the Foundation to promote social growth and development of underprivileged children with respect to their education, healthcare and shelter needs. CapitaLand Hope Foundation is a registered charity in Singapore and strongly believes each child has within them the potential for greatness, which if nurtured and built upon, can bring significant value to future societies. Going beyond donations associated with charitable giving, the Foundation also focuses on giving time and attention to the children beneficiaries through advocating volunteerism. The strong commitment of volunteers embodies CapitaLand's mission to care for and contribute to the economic, environmental and social development of communities.

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# CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme

CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme seeks to develop the cognitive and socio-emotional skills of children of inmates and ex-offenders. The two-year programme will support 100 children between 3 and 12 years of age. It will involve the participation of multiple agencies, including Singapore Prison Service (SPS), Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises (SCORE), grassroots volunteers from selected Yellow Ribbon Community Project (YRCP) Divisions, Community Action for the Rehabilitation of Ex-offenders (CARE) Network agencies and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs).

# **Key Components of the Programme**

The Children Support Programme aims to better provide community resources for the children and families of inmates and ex-offenders through new and existing VWO-driven initiatives under a structured framework.

- a. <u>Seamless Referral Processes</u>: The existing referral processes would be enhanced between SPS, YRCP and Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA), offering early identification and referral to community resources for offenders' children requiring assistance.
- b. <u>Case Management Services</u>: Community agencies would provide collaborative case management services for each family referred. The caseworkers would provide referrals for financial, accommodation and employment assistance. Children with specific needs would be channelled to appropriate children and family programmes managed by VWOs within CARE Network.
- c. <u>Children and Family Programmes</u>: CARE Network agencies would support the caseworkers by administering children and family programmes to the referred families, with the aim of developing the children's socio-emotional and cognitive skills. These programmes include mentorship initiatives, bonding and enrichment activities, tuition and educational support, as well as parenting workshops, amongst others.

CapitaLand-CARE Network Children Support Programme is funded by CapitaLand Hope Foundation, the philanthropic arm of CapitaLand.

### Attribute quote to:

## **CARE Network**

Mr Chng Hwee Hong, Co-Chairman CARE Network and Chairman SCORE, said: "This partnership with CapitaLand Hope Foundation will enable us to better aggregate and deploy community resources to help children of inmates and ex-offenders. By being able to identify the vulnerable children early on and connecting them with the relevant programmes to provide them with mentorship and befriending service besides financial assistance and educational support, we hope to be able to minimise disruption to the children's lives."

# **CapitaLand Young Architect Programme**

CapitaLand Young Architect Programme is a multi-sectoral pilot project funded by CapitaLand Hope Foundation, in collaboration with People's Association, Community Development Councils (CDCs) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) Department of Architecture. The programme enables youth to gain first-hand experience in designing sustainable solutions for community spaces.

About 80 Secondary 2 and 3 students across five districts are expected to participate in this three-month pilot programme which started on 1 July 2017. Five product and design experts from CapitaLand will volunteer as mentors to the students. They will share their knowledge on the ecosystem within the building industry and advise them on how to apply design and architectural concepts. Twelve students from NUS 'Architecture Design Facilitation' course will also be joining as mentors.

The programme will culminate in a presentation by the secondary students to a panel comprising representatives from CapitaLand, NUS, People's Association and the CDCs, followed by a showcase of their ideas at an exhibition. The CDCs will consider executing the students' ideas together with local community partners, in line with Urban Redevelopment Authority's efforts to empower citizens in co-designing community spaces in Singapore.

CapitaLand Young Architect Programme is under the CapitaLand-People's Association Community Development Fund set up in November 2016.

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## **National University of Singapore**

Prof Ho Puay Peng, Head, Department of Architecture NUS, said: "Through the CapitaLand Young Architect Programme, National University of Singapore students are able to contribute to society by sharing their knowledge and passion in architecture and design. This community service project is a meaningful opportunity for our students to experience the challenges of design facilitation and participatory design. At the same, this is also a great learning platform for them to gain invaluable insights and best practices from the guidance of CapitaLand, People's Association and CDCs."

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