

Media Release

TEMASEK FOUNDATION PARTNERS PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, CORPORATES, UNIONS, UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE FREE HAND SANITISER TO SINGAPORE HOUSEHOLDS

- *All residential households may collect 500ml of FREE zero alcohol hand sanitiser*
- *Collection pamphlets will be sent to all households in the coming days*
- *Interested households should also bring their own clean reusable bottle/s*
- *Collection dates as follows:*
 - *23 – 29 March at any 109 Community Clubs (CCs) around Singapore*
 - *23 March – 5 April at any participating CapitaLand malls¹*

Singapore, 17 March 2020 – Temasek Foundation greatly appreciates the support of People's Association, CapitaLand, SG Cares, Singapore Post, SP Group and many other local partners, to provide up to half a litre of alcohol-free hand sanitiser to almost 1.5 million households in Singapore. This is part of a *Stay Prepared* initiative to support the Singapore community during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

The World Health Organisation² has recommended that regular handwashing with soap and water is an effective way of preventing the spread of viruses and other germs. However, hand sanitisers are especially useful when there are no convenient hand washing facilities available. Apart from alcohol-based hand sanitisers, there are also safe broad spectrum non-alcohol based sanitisers which can be considered.

Based on the interim guidelines from the National Environment Agency³ of Singapore, and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control⁴ (ECDC) in the European Union, 0.05% of benzalkonium chloride or BKC is one of the non-alcohol disinfectants that can be used against coronaviruses.

¹ The 16 participating CapitaLand malls are Bedok Mall; Bugis Junction; Bugis+; Bukit Panjang Plaza; Clarke Quay; Funan; IMM; JCube; Junction 8; Lot One Shoppers' Mall; Plaza Singapura; Raffles City Singapore; SingPost Centre; Tampines Mall; The Star Vista; and Westgate. SingPost Centre and The Star Vista are CapitaLand managed malls.

² <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

³ <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/guidelines/interim-list-of-household-products-and-active-ingredients-for-disinfection-of-covid-19>

⁴ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/coronavirus-SARS-CoV-2-guidance-environmental-cleaning-non-healthcare-facilities.pdf>

Temasek Foundation is supplying 500ml of 0.054% BKC sanitiser to every household in Singapore. It is a water-based zero alcohol hand sanitiser, which is not flammable. It is also not toxic or corrosive, and does not stain clothing, or irritate the skin.

The hand sanitiser will be available for collection around Singapore over two weeks, from 23 March to 29 March 2020 at any of the 109 CCs around Singapore, and from 23 March to 5 April 2020, at 16 participating CapitaLand malls. In other words, during the first week on 23-29 March (Mon-Sun) of the #BYOBclean community rollout, residents may collect from either the 109 CCs or the 16 participating CapitaLand malls. In the following week of 30 March – 5 April (Mon-Sun), residents may collect from any of the 16 participating CapitaLand malls.

Interested households should bring along these two items to any of the above venues to collect their 500ml of sanitiser solution:

1. A #BYOBclean collection pamphlet
2. One or more empty and clean bottles

1. #BYOBclean Pamphlet

All households are encouraged to look out for the pamphlet that will be delivered by Singapore Post to their mailboxes in the coming days.

Residents should **note the specified collection date** on their pamphlet. They **must bring along their pamphlet to collect their free sanitiser** at any collection centre.

Each pamphlet will entitle the resident to collect up to 500ml of hand sanitiser.

In addition to the collection details, the pamphlet also provides useful information such as the seven-step hand-washing technique to ensure good hand hygiene⁵. Hand hygiene is an important precaution to minimise or prevent the transmission of germs that cause respiratory infections like flu, common cold, and COVID-19.

2. Bring Your Own Bottle

Residents must bring their own clean, recycled bottle(s) to collect their free hand sanitiser. This #BYOBclean approach is part of our collective responsibility to reuse and recycle bottles and reduce waste.

The recycled bottles may be an empty shampoo bottle, a glass bottle, or an ordinary PET or other plastic bottles. Residents may also bring up to 5 smaller bottles, so long as each bottle has at least 100ml of capacity. Volunteers will affix a special label to each bottle, before residents fill their own bottles with 500ml of sanitiser solution.

⁵ The seven steps to ensure good hand hygiene are to wash: (i) palm to palm; (ii) between fingers; (iii) back of hands; (iv) base of thumbs; (v) back of fingers; (vi) fingernails; and (vii) wrists.

A special thank you to our 25,000 volunteers and partners

Temasek Foundation wishes to thank the 25,000 corporate, community and university volunteers⁶ who have stepped forward to support this initiative. They will be helping to prepare and distribute the hand sanitiser during the 2-week long exercise.

Organisations such as the Migrant Workers Centre, CapitaLand, SBS Transit and SMRT have also extended their support by helping to develop and refine our collection process.

Mr Desmond Tan, Chief Executive Director of the People's Association, said, "PA is happy to support Temasek Foundation for the #BYOBclean initiative. It is heartening to see corporates and community organisations stepping forward to help the community during this COVID-19 outbreak. Our grassroots volunteers are happy to support our partners in reaching out to our residents. We look forward to the continued support from Temasek Foundation to serve our residents better."

Mr Tan Seng Chai, Chief Corporate & People Officer for CapitaLand Group and Executive Director of CapitaLand Hope Foundation, said: "It has been all hands on deck for us at CapitaLand since the Ministry of Health raised Singapore's DORSCON level to Orange in early February. The health and well-being of our customers, staff and the community remain our topmost concern as we put in place all the necessary precautionary measures at our properties. Temasek Foundation's Stay Prepared initiative is another opportunity for CapitaLand to play our part meaningfully. The enthusiastic response from our staff volunteers strongly demonstrates that we are all in this together with the community."

During the #BYOBclean grassroots volunteers training at Pasir Ris Elias Community Club, Mr Lim Boon Heng, Chairman, Temasek, said, "Doing Good for the community is at the heart of Temasek's DNA. We are very encouraged by the enthusiastic support and ideas from so many organisations and volunteers. Together, we share a common goal – to try our best to help Singapore stay prepared and resilient during this tough and uncertain time. We hope this sanitiser will come in handy for all Singapore residents, for everyone to pick up the habit of washing or sanitising our hands regularly."

Mr Richard Magnus, Chairman, Temasek Foundation Cares, said, "We would like to thank People's Association, CapitaLand, Singapore Post and the SP Group. They and many other corporate and community organisations and volunteers have generously lent their support to this logistical undertaking. This is part of a radical and comprehensive battle plan to enable our community to overcome COVID-19. Temasek Foundation and the stakeholders of this initiative stand in solidarity with the

⁶ Please refer to Annex C for full list of volunteer organisations.

government's plans and actions. We are leaving no stone unturned and will continue to help build social resilience and instill public confidence during this uncertain period."

Temasek Foundation initiatives to combat COVID-19

Temasek Foundation has been working with multiple partners to provide support in and outside Singapore, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

These include providing sanitisers to frontline workers in the public transport, immigration, quarantine oversight, community healthcare service providers⁷ and many others.

Temasek Foundation recognises that the COVID-19 outbreak requires a global response to combat against this global pandemic. By containing or slowing its spread, we can reduce the cost to human lives and livelihoods. Each of us, individuals, companies, governments and various institutions can do our part to help break the infection transmission.

#BYOBclean is enabled by the T-PREP Fund, managed by Temasek Foundation since 2014. Other *Stay Prepared* initiatives included the distribution of N95 masks to all 1.2 million households nationwide in 2014, to prepare the community for potential severe haze or a flu pandemic. During the 2015 severe haze in South East Asia, AIR+ Smart Masks and Micro Ventilators were distributed to 13,000 children from low-income families and children's homes, as well as to 29,000 elderly aged 60 years and above and staying in an HDB rental flat.

For more information about the #BYOBclean initiative, members of the public may visit **stayprepared.sg/BYOBclean**, or call the hotline at 1800-738-2000, from 9am to 9pm daily between 16 March to 5 April 2020.

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⁷ Community organisations include Care Corner Singapore, Filos Community Services, Loving Heart Multi-Service Centre, National Kidney Foundation Integrated Renal Centre, Sian Chay Medical Institution, and Tzu Chi Day Rehabilitation Centre.

About Temasek Foundation

Temasek Foundation supports programmes that uplift lives and communities in Singapore and beyond. We aim to strengthen social resilience, foster international exchange and enhance regional capabilities, and advance science and nature for a sustainable world.

For more information, visit www.temasekfoundation.org.sg.

About *Stay Prepared* Programmes

Stay Prepared helps to prepare the Singapore community for emergencies like major accidents, natural disasters, pandemics, severe haze or terrorist attacks. It is supported by the Temasek Emergency Preparedness Fund, managed by Temasek Foundation.

Quotes from #BYOBclean Partners

<p>Dr Ang Hak Seng, Deputy Secretary SG Cares Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth</p>	<p>“This is a good example of the public, private and people sectors coming together to stand by each other and to serve Singaporeans in need. Corporates, students and community volunteers all play a big part in making this possible. This is a strong testament of the national SG Cares Movement that seeks to build a caring and inclusive home through acts of care, consideration and active volunteerism. It is our commitment to build a caring and inclusive home that is resilient in times of crisis.”</p>
<p>Paul Coutts, Group Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Post</p>	<p>“As Singapore’s postal service provider, SingPost is proud to be part of the #BYOBclean@SG initiative to help tackle the current COVID-19 health crisis, where over 1,000 postmen will be activated to deliver the pamphlets to 1.5 million households. We are committed to playing our part in this multilateral partnership involving both the private and public sectors, as a show of unity by Singapore companies and organisations during this tough and uncertain time.”</p>
<p>Mr Wong Kim Yin, Group Chief Executive Officer, SP Group</p>	<p>“We stand together as a nation to keep our community safe. Our employees have come forward as volunteers to help at the hand sanitiser distribution centres. For this mass outreach to all households, we have also set up a dedicated public phone hotline to answer any questions. SP Group is happy that we can contribute to this meaningful effort, alongside Temasek and other partners.”</p>

List of #BYOBclean Volunteer Partners

1	ABC World Asia	34	Olam International Limited
2	AETOS Holdings Pte Ltd	35	Pavilion Capital Holdings Pte Ltd
3	Asia Pulp & Paper Company Ltd	36	People's Association
4	Azalea Asset Management	37	PSA International
5	CapitaLand Limited	38	PwC Singapore
6	CEI Limited	39	RGE
7	Centre for Domestic Employees	40	RSVP Singapore The Organisation of Senior Volunteers
8	Certis CISCO Security Pte Ltd	41	SATS Ltd
9	Clifford Capital Pte Ltd	42	SBS Transit Ltd
10	Development Bank of Singapore Ltd	43	SeaTown International Pte Ltd
11	Ensign InfoSecurity (Systems) Pte Ltd	44	Sembcorp Industries Limited
12	Eu Yan Sang International Limited	45	Sheares Healthcare Group Pte Ltd
13	EY	46	Singapore Airlines
14	Football Association of Singapore & Clubs from the Singapore Premier League	47	Singapore Airport Terminal Services Workers Union
15	Fullerton Financial Holdings Pt Ltd	48	Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan
16	Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd	49	Singapore Institute of Technology
17	GEODIS	50	Singapore Management University
18	Golden Agri-Resources Ltd	51	Singapore Pools (Pte) Ltd
19	Keppel Corporation	52	Singapore Power
20	KOP Limited	53	Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd
21	Kuok (Singapore) Limited	54	Singapore Telecommunications Limited
22	Land Transport Authority	55	Singapore University of Social Sciences
23	Life Community Services Society	56	SingEx Holdings
24	Mandai Park Holdings Pte Ltd	57	SMRT Corporation Ltd
25	Mediacorp Pte Ltd	58	Soilbuild Group Holdings Ltd
26	Migrant Workers' Centre	59	ST Telemedia
27	Montigo Resorts Pte Ltd	60	ST Telemedia Global Data Centres
28	Nanyang Technological University	61	Surbana Jurong Pte Ltd
29	National University of Singapore	62	Team Nila
30	National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre	63	Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory
31	NTUC First Campus Co-operative Ltd	64	Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities
32	NTUC Health Co-operative Ltd (Active Ageing Hub)	65	Vertex Ventures Holdings
33	OKH Global Ltd	66	YMCA of Singapore

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