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**PROPOSED WELCOME ADDRESS FOR MR ALEX YAM,  
MAYOR OF NORTH WEST DISTRICT  
AT THE CLUB-100 @ NORTH WEST FUNDRAISING GOLF  
AND DINNER 2022  
ON WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022  
ORCHID COUNTRY CLUB**

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Mr Lawrence Wong;

Organising Committee Members;

Distinguished Donors, Sponsors, Partners and Guests;

Good evening.

**Introduction**

- I'm honoured to welcome Deputy Prime Minister, and all our distinguished guests to the Club-100 @ North West Fundraising Golf & Dinner 2022.
- At our Golf event this afternoon, we saw many like-minded individuals come together to support a meaningful cause through Club-100 @ North West, which provides a platform for companies and individuals to do good for the less-privileged residents in the North West.

## **Club-100 Fundraising Golf & Dinner 2022**

- The annual Fundraising Golf event is a key programme supporting Club-100 @ North West.
- Since 2009, it has provided another avenue to augment the funds raised from the regular contributions to Club-100 @ North West. With the annual support of the Fundraising Golf and Dinner, Club-100 @ North West has raised over \$11 million in total.
- The generous and sustained contributions of our committed donors have enabled North West CDC to provide food assistance to low-income residents.
- On behalf of our beneficiaries, a big thank you to our donors and sponsors for your generous contributions.
- I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the Organising Committee of the Fundraising Golf and Dinner 2022, led by Organising committee Chairman Mr Sim Chuan San and Vice-chairman Mr Ralph Foong, and the Members, for their hard work over the last few months, to make today's event possible. May I invite the Committee to stand, please?

## **Uplifting the Community**

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- The rising cost of living has been of concern to many, in particular, to our low-income residents. For them, a slight increase in prices may exert great stress on their household finances.
- To tide North West residents through this challenging period, we have rolled out several assistance schemes, in addition to Club-100 @ North West.
- For example, we launched an Interim Financial Assistance Scheme (IFAS) that provides up to \$500 in cash assistance to eligible residents to offer some financial relief.
- We also introduced the Huggies Singapore Diaper Bank @ North West, to provide children's diapers to low-income residents in the North West.
- One resident who have benefited from the Diaper programme is Mdm Ashikin (Zhenghua Resident) and her two young children. Her family of 13 requires various assistance such as food and household necessities to cope with daily expenses. With the additional support to ease some of her expenses on diapers, Mdm Ashikin can focus her spending on other necessities, such as daily meals for her family.
- Apart from newer schemes, the North West Food Aid Fund (FAF) supported by the Club-100 @ North West, continues to support low-income residents in the North West with food rations and vouchers to help defray daily expenses.
- 82-year-old Mr Tan (Limbang Resident) was among the 7,300 households who received festive packs containing food rations, as

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part of our WeCare @ North West – Service Weeks held earlier this year.

- Having to care for his bedridden wife, Mr Tan is unable to work, and the couple rely heavily on financial assistance. These food rations can last them for over three months, allowing Mr Tan to use their savings on medical expenses.
- Beyond social assistance schemes, we are also continuing our efforts in SkillsFuture, to assist residents to embark on their lifelong learning journey and to upskill to be more employable in the workforce.

**Conclusion**

- Moving forward, we will work closely with grassroots leaders and volunteers to understand the needs in our community, to provide better support for our North West residents.
- Once again, thank you to DPM, our organising committee, donors, sponsors, and all, for making today's event possible.
- I wish you an enjoyable night ahead.

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