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## President's Star Charity: P.C.K. The Musical

The Television Corporation of Singapore (TCS) is proud to present *President's Star Charity: P.C.K. The Musical* as part of President's Challenge 2000.

The President's Star Charity, which has gained a reputation as Singapore's premier fund-raising event since its inception in 1994, will be graced by President S. R Nathan for the first time this year. Instead of performing stunts and competing against each other, MediaCorp artistes will be staging a musical based on TCS 5's top-rated sitcom, "Phua Chu Kang Pte Ltd".

The two-hour musical will be telecast live on TCS 5 from the TCS TV Theatre on Saturday, 9 September 2000, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Said Ms Alice Tan, Vice-President of Network Programming and Promotions 5: "Since its creation by our production team, Phua Chu Kang has become a TCS 5 icon whom Singaporeans of all ages and races have grown to love. Singapore's favourite contractor will now be singing and dancing together with his family and other top artistes for a good cause. We believe that P.C.K the musical will be as delightful and entertaining as P.C.K the sitcom."

Said Mr Steven Ong, Senior Assistant Vice-President of Entertainment Productions, MediaCorp Studios: "The musical will be conceived from scratch with a very definite television appeal. The impact of the musical will be paramount as the comedy series has already endeared itself to the whole of Singapore."

*P.C.K. The Musical* will revolve around the adventures or rather, misadventures of Phua Chu Kang and his family. The charity extravaganza will boast elements of comedy, drama, romance and tragedy (in a light-hearted vein, of course). As in the sitcom, the glitzy show will also have a uniquely Singaporean heritage.

Besides the usual P.C.K cast which includes Gurmit Singh, Irene Ang, Pierre Png, Tan Kheng Hua, Neo Swee Lin, Marcus Ng and Lim Kay Siu, the illustrious line-up of artistes in the star-studded event include Zoe Tay, Kym Ng, Mark Lee, Henry Thia, Patricia Mok, Tay Ping Hui, Ix Shen, Sharon Au, Bryan Wong and Moses Lim. Well-known celebrity Anita Sarawak will also make a special appearance in the musical.

The ten songs in the musical are written and composed by Dick Lee and arranged by Iskandar. The musical is directed by Ivan Heng.

Viewers can pledge their donations through telepoll lines from Wednesday, 16 August at 6pm to Sunday, 17 September at 7pm. These telepoll lines will allow viewers to pledge \$5, \$10 or \$50.

For \$5 : 1900 112 8861 For \$10 : 1900 112 8862 For \$50 : 1900 112 8863

The telepoll service is sponsored by SingTel.

Donors wishing to sponsor other amounts are encouraged to send a cheque to the Corporate Communications and Relations department of TCS. All envelopes should be marked for the attention of "President's Star Charity 2000" and should include contact details of donors. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to "Television Corporation of Singapore".

All donations will go to the 18 beneficiaries selected by the President. They are: Jamiyah HWH (Darul Islah), The Ashram, Pertapis Senior Citizens Fellowship Home, Asian Women's Welfare Association, Lakeside Family Service Centre, MINDS Yio Chu Kang Gardens School, Asian Women's Welfare Association (AWWA) Special School, Spastic Children's Association School, Ren Ci Hospital, SILRA Home, Sunlove Abode, St Andrew's Community Hospital, Home Nursing Foundation, Drama Box, Dance Dimension Project, Bhaskar's Art Academy (Nrityalaya Aesthetics Society), Singapore Wind Symphony, Community Chest.

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1	Asian Women's Welfare Association (AWWA)  9 Norris Road Singapore 208 252  Contact Person: Ms Maureen Fung Group Director Tel: 291 2878	AWWA, established in 1970, currently runs various social services which include a Community Home for Senior Citizens, a Family Service Centre, Special School for children with multiple disabilities and the TEACH ME programme which provides therapy and educational support for children with physical disabilities who are studying in regular schools or attending child care centres.  AWWA Community Home for Senior Citizens, which is currently located on the second and third level of Blk 123 Ang Mo Kio Ave 6, has a total capacity of 94. AWWA plans to expand the Home to the fourth level of the block.
2	PERTAPIS Senior Citizens Fellowship Home No 1 Lorong 23, Geylang Road Singapore 318 876  Contact Person: Mr Masadi Masdawi Chief Executive Officer PERTAPIS Tel: 745 3969	PERTAPIS Senior Citizens Fellowship Home was set up in June 1992 by the Persatuan Taman Pengajian Islam Singapura (PERTAPIS).  The objective of PERTAPIS Senior Citizens Fellowship Home is to provide shelter, care, social and recreational activities as well as religious counselling for the destitute aged.  This Home is located at Blk 222 Toa Payoh Lorong 8 #01-707/711 Singapore 310222. It consists of 2 dormitories — male and female wings and has a capacity of 40 residents.  The Home is planning to do improvement works to improve the quality of living of the residents and to enhance the safety features of the Home.
3	Lakeside Family Service Centre (FSC) Blk 516 Jurong West St 52, #01-73 Singapore 640 516  Contact Person: Mrs Jenny Bong Executive Director Tel: 567 1908	Lakeside FSC is currently running programmes and services for families. It's primary objective is to promote and strengthen family units. Its services are well-received by the community.  The FSC is well recognised by the Juvenile court for its youth services. The FSC cum SCC project is worthwhile funding as it aims to develop and strengthen families.

4	Jamiyah HWH (Darul Islah) 352 Pasir Panjang Road Singapore 118 694  Contact Person: Mr Mohamed Mustafa Marican Executive Director Tel: 776 9101	A HWH for Muslim drug addicts.  Capacity: 70
5	The Ashram 30 Durban Road Singapore 759 692  Contact Person: Mr Lakshmanan Secretary Tel: 753 9730	A HWH for Indian male addicts. The HWH is under the umbrella of Hindu Endowments Board.  Capacity: 40
6	Ren Ci Hospital 50 Jalan Tan Tock Seng Singapore 308 438  Contact Person: Venerable Shi Ming Yi Chairman Tel: 385 0288	New 200-bedded community hospital providing residential care for the elderly sick.  Expected completion in end 2000.
7	SILRA Home Singapore Leprosy Relief Assn 18 Lorong Buangkok Singapore 547 566  Contact Person: Dr Seow Chew Swee President Tel: 481 3270	New 100-bedded nursing home providing residential care for the ex-leprosy patients.  Expected completion in 2002.

8	Sunlove Abode for Intellectually Infirmed Ltd 461 Lorong Buangkok Singapore 547 698  Contact Person: Mr Wee Lin Director Tel: 225 7633	New 200-bedded nursing home providing residential and day care for the mentally-infirmed patients.  Expected completion in 2002.
9	Spastic Children's Association School Field House 25 Gilstead Road Singapore 309 070  Contact Person: Ms Stephanie Leow Tel: 256 0831	New school to replace the current one.  Expected completion in 2002.
10	AWWA Special School (AWWASS) 10 Kwong Avenue Singapore 348 884  Contact Person: Mrs Annie Tan Principal Tel: 285 2515	The parent organisation is the Asian Women's Welfare Association (AWWA).  New school as a replacement for AWWASS.  Expected completion by 2002.
11	Yio Chu Kang Gardens School (YGS-MINDS) 844 Margaret Drive Singapore 149 308  Contact Person: Mr Jeffrey Tan Chairman Schools Management Committee Tel: 479 5655	New school as a replacement for YGS.  Expected completion by year 2002.

12	Home Nursing Foundation 26 Dunearn Road Singapore 309423 Contact Person:	HNF was established in 1976 to provide community-based health care services for the frail, semi- and non-ambulant elderly so that they can remain with their families as long as possible.
	Cheong Kah Meng CEO Tel: 252 5677	HNF offers two mutually supporting core services. Home nursing services are provided by a pool of 26 roving nurses while Active Rehabilitation therapy services are provided at 6 Senior Citizens Health Care Centres.
13	St. Andrew Community Hospital 1 Elliot Road Singapore 458686  Contact Person: Mrs Yuen-Chiew Yew Mee General Manager Tel: 2419956	New 250-bedded replacement purpose-built community hospital providing rehabilitative and day care for the elderly sick.  Expected completion in 2003.
14	Community Chest 11 Penang Lane Singapore 238 485  Contact Person: Ms Lynda Soong Director (Partnership) Community Division Tel: 336 1544	All the money raised by the Community Chest is given out entirely to funded voluntary welfare organisations to provide the services needed.  These services will benefit the elderly sick, destitute elderly without family support, children and adults with physical or intellectual disabilities, youths at risk, distressed individuals and families, people with progressive incurable illnesses, people with emotional problems etc.
15	Dance Dimension Project Robinson Road P.O.Box 1732 Singapore 903 432  Contact Person: Ms Mak Wei Yeen Producer Tel: 226 6772	Formed in 1996, the Dance Dimension Project is the first full-time contemporary dance group in Singapore.  Known for its creative productions, it is committed to the development of contemporary dance in Singapore through its own artistic endeavors, educational and outreach activities.

16	Bhaskar's Arts Academy (Nrityalaya Aesthetics Society) 155 Waterloo Street Stamford Arts Centre #01-09 Singapore 187962  Contact Person: Mr K P Bhaskar President Tel: 336 6537	This is one of the most active Indian arts organisations in Singapore. Founded by Mr Bhaskar in 1987, the Academy has since been nurturing talents and promoting Indian arts and culture, particularly in music and dance.  Currently it has over 900 students taught by more than 20 part-time and full-time teachers.
17	Drama Box 14A Trengganu Street Singapore 058 468  Contact Person: Mr Kok Heng Leun Director Tel: 324 5434	Drama Box was founded by Mr Kok Heng Leun in 1980. It constantly seeks to produce new Mandarin works, and has served as a platform for new playwrights and directors.  In 1998, Drama Box became a full-time theatre company, with 4 full-time staff and over 50 volunteers.
18	Singapore Wind Symphony Tiong Bahru P.O.Box 0661 Singapore 911 603  Contact Person: Ms Seet Yeng Fang Chairman Tel: 768 2528	Formed in 1991, SWS is one of the top symphonic bands in Singapore which has more than 20 successful years of performing experience, spinning off from the National Theatre Symphonic Band.  In the next five years, SWS plans to focus on increasing audienceship, cultivating and creating a distinct symphonic sound texture, promoting local compositions for wind band music, and to improve the programming of their concert repertoires.

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#### **Media Conference**

Wednesday, 16 August 2000

#### **Programme**

2.30pm

Arrival of Media

3.00pm

Introduction of Main Cast by Gurmit Singh

3.30pm

Address by:

- Ms Alice Tan, Vice-President Network Programming & Promotions 5
- Mr Steven Ong, Senior Assistant Vice-President Entertainment Productions

3.40pm

Q&A

3.50pm

Reception

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#### **Panelists**

Ms Alice Tan
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