

**SPEECH BY MR RICHARD MAGNUS, CHAIRMAN,
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TEMASEK FOUNDATION CARES –
KAMPUNG SENANG WHEELS PROGRAMME
ON 4 OCTOBER 2017, 10.30AM, AT THE VOID DECK OF
BLOCK 31 CHAI CHEE AVENUE**

Guest-of-Honour, Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development

Mdm Joyce Lye, President and Founder of Kampung Senang

Mr Wee Lin, Chairman and Founder of Sunlove Home

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good morning. Thank you for joining us today to launch the Temasek Foundation Cares – Kampung Senang WHEELS programme.

2. We are very excited about this WHEELS programme. I shall call this team the Temasek Foundation Cares Wheelchair Brigade. Active seniors learning new technical skills is remarkable. I wanted to join the training but could not find the time to do so, so I'm very proud of them for committing the time. Can the Temasek Foundation Cares Wheelchair Brigade please stand up? Let us give them a round of applause. There are currently 25 trained seniors and we target to have 30 trained.

3. I wish to thank our partner Kampung Senang for training this wonderful team of seniors. With their new skills, they are now able to help other seniors who are reliant on their wheelchairs.

4. We know that wheelchairs in regular use, like everything else, need maintenance. They are also subject to wear and tear. Sometimes there may be foreign objects stuck in the wheels, or the wheel lock may be faulty. With a team of trained seniors at five Senior Activity Centres, elderly wheelchair users will find it easier to get help to keep their wheelchairs safe and usable.

5. If this WHEELS pilot programme is successful, we hope that it will be replicated on a larger scale to more Senior Activity Centres and community organisations.

6. In closing, I wish to thank Minister for Social & Family Development Mr Desmond Lee for gracing the event this morning. Our thanks to the Agency for Integrated Care and Kampung Senang for your partnership in the WHEELS programme, as well as Sunlove Home for hosting today's launch event. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen too, for joining us today.