

News Release

HSBC SINGAPORE ANNOUNCES LOCAL CHARITY RECIPIENTS OF ITS GLOBAL 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY FUND

**** HSBC Singapore today unveiled Singapore charity recipients of its global 150th Anniversary Community Fund ***
*** HSBC staff presented funds to a charity recipient at the bank's annual Ang Pow Night ****

As part of a global initiative to mark its 150th year of business, HSBC Group is donating USD150 million to charities and community projects around the world in a move to thank customers, shareholders and employees for their support.

In Singapore, eight charities will receive donations and benefit from the fund. Among these are three organisations which focus on integrating people with disabilities into mainstream society: the SPD, Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS) and the Community Chest.

Other charity recipients are: The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund, The Business Times Budding Artists Fund, Students Care Service, Garden City Fund (National Parks Board) and HSBC Centenary Scholarship (with the Ministry of Education).

Mr Guy Harvey-Samuel, CEO for HSBC Singapore presented the cheque to one of the eight charity recipients, MINDS, at the bank's annual Ang Pow Night this evening at the Peach Garden Restaurant.

Ang Pow Night is an annual tradition of the bank, held to celebrate the Lunar New Year with elderly residents from the Henderson Aged Reachout Programme (HARP).

Mr Harvey-Samuel said: "HSBC strives to ensure that people with disabilities in our community receive proper care, assistance, and above all, a chance to live normal lives."

"HSBC has had a rewarding and ongoing partnership with MINDS, SPD and Community Chest to bring meaningful outcomes to the disabled in Singapore, as well as contribute to building stronger awareness about how inclusivity enriches our community. Through the HSBC 150th anniversary community fund, we're delighted to strengthen these partnerships further."

Mr Keh Eng Song, Chief Executive Officer of MINDS of Singapore, said: "HSBC's generous gift will improve the quality of lives for our beneficiaries. It will give our beneficiaries opportunities to participate and excel in disability sports, as well as to actualise their potential in performance arts, such as playing a musical instrument, dancing or painting. Through these activities, MINDS hopes that the public will become more embracing of persons with intellectual disability and understand that they are just like us, able to achieve and excel, when given the opportunities and support."

HSBC's Ang Pow Night was graced by Ms Joan Pereira, Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC.

In addition, HSBC staff volunteers and elderly from HARP, including a centenary birthday celebrant, were in attendance. They enjoyed a string ensemble performance specially put together by a group of HSBC employees, while some of MINDS' beneficiaries also rendered a Taiko drum performance, to the delight of the elderly.

Globally, the HSBC 150th anniversary Community Fund will benefit more than 140 community projects, and local charities and programs until 2017, and is aimed at supplementing HSBC's existing contributions to community involvement programmes.

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HSBC invited its employees to vote on the kind of projects they wanted the fund to support. More than 50,000 employees across the Group took part prioritising projects relating to children and education, medical welfare and research, as well as the environment and wildlife.

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Notes to editors:

Photos will be distributed to news and photo desks tonight at 830 pm

HSBC's US\$150m community fund

HSBC marks its 150th anniversary in 2015. As part of this, HSBC has made a US\$150m fund available to community projects over three years (2015-2017). More than 140 charities worldwide have been selected by HSBC's management team, based on votes from HSBC employee for charitable themes. The US\$150m fund is in addition to the US\$114m HSBC makes available to community investment programmes globally each year. Further details: <http://www.hsbc.com/citizenship/sustainability>.

HSBC Singapore

HSBC Group's history in Singapore dates back to 1877 when its founding member, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, opened its first branch on the island. A qualifying full bank, HSBC in Singapore offers a comprehensive range of banking and financial services including retail banking and wealth management; commercial, investment and private banking; insurance; forfeiting and trustee services; securities and capital markets services. One of the earliest banks to establish in Singapore, HSBC today is a prominent player in Singapore's financial services sector serving the banking needs of multi-national corporations, home-grown businesses, private banking clients, institutional and retail customers. Today,

HSBC's flagship office remains at the original Collyer Quay site where its first branch was set up. HSBC Singapore has a retail network of eleven branches (seven of which incorporate a dedicated HSBC Premier Centre) and many locations across the island providing self-service terminals.

About HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,100 offices in 72 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,549 billion as at 30 September 2015, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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