

## PRESS RELEASE

### **HomeTeamNS launches book to celebrate 10th Anniversary**

- *New President hands out over 90 bursaries to children of members –*
- *Taufik Batisah's first live public performance of his new single – "Izinkanku"*

**November 28, 2015** – HomeTeamNS celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the launch of a commemorative book and disbursing close to 100 children education bursaries for its members. The event took place at Joyden Hall, Bugis+, and was officiated by its new President, Mr Desmond Lee, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs. More than 700 HomeTeamNS members and their families were present at the event.

#### **One Home Team, moving from strength to strength**

2. In his maiden address to the association, Mr Desmond Lee thanked the efforts of his predecessors for setting in motion over the transformation of four clubhouses and multiple facilities to support the recreational needs of Home Team NSmen and their families. He also shared on the importance of the work that these men in the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) have undertaken over the years, cannot be overemphasised to ensure the safety and security of the nation.

#### **Launch of HomeTeamNS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary book**

3. The *10 Years of Stories* anniversary book is a lively, pictorial volume, filled with quotes from Home Team NSmen past and present. Guided by a panel of Home Team NSmen with editorial experience from SPH and MediaCorp, the book provides a good retrospective of the consideration and strategy behind the combining of seven component forces<sup>1</sup> to form the Home Team in 1997, as well as the subsequent merger of the Singapore Police Association for National Servicemen (SPANS) and the Civil Defence Association for National Servicemen (CDANS) to form HomeTeamNS in 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> The component forces include the Singapore Police Force, Singapore Civil Defence Force, Singapore Immigration, National Registration Department, Central Narcotics Bureau, Internal Security Department and Prisons Department.

## Inclusive HomeTeamNS Community

4. To mark the decade-long practice of giving back to the Home Team community, Mr Lee also gave out 97 educational bursaries. In all, more than S\$60,000 has been given out this year to underprivileged students through the HomeTeamNS Education Bursary Awards 2015. Since the introduction of the awards, HomeTeamNS has given out a total of \$1.29m to over 2,000 recipients, as part of its efforts to build an inclusive community within the HomeTeamNS family. Meanwhile, Taufik Batisah, Home Team NSmen and Singapore Idol performed an exclusive live public performance of his latest single, "Izinkanku".

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### **About HomeTeamNS**

*HomeTeamNS is a non-profit organisation set up to recognise the invaluable contributions of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) NSmen to the safety and security of the nation. HomeTeamNS aims to build a greater sense of camaraderie amongst SPF and SCDF NSmen by providing a shared environment for them to network and build bonds through sporting and social activities.*

*HomeTeamNS has a membership base of 180,000 with four clubhouses conveniently located at Balestier, Bukit Batok, Chinatown and Sembawang. For more information, please visit [www.hometeamns.sg](http://www.hometeamns.sg).*

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