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HomeTeamNS salutes 180,000 NSmen and their families with a recognition package featuring enhanced family-oriented activities and fitness programmes

SINGAPORE, July 25, 2014 – New and upgraded HomeTeamNS clubhouses and facilities were launched today, in the second part of a \$26 million ‘Salute to HomeTeam NSmen’ initiative. A new ‘Train and Pass’ fitness training programme to improve Home Team NSmen’s pass rates for the Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) was also introduced.

2 This was announced by Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Minister of State (Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and President of HomeTeamNS, who was the Guest-of-Honour at a media preview of the newly refurbished HomeTeamNS Balestier Clubhouse this afternoon.

Enriched Members’ Experience with Improved Facilities and Family Focus

3 Speaking at the preview, Mr Masagos said, “We recognise the contributions of our 180,000 Home Team NSmen and their families. In the revamp of the HomeTeamNS clubhouses, we have selected new partners in education and food and beverage sectors, to boost the family and social hubs at our clubhouses.”

4 As part of the HomeTeamNS clubhouses’ transformation plan, each HomeTeamNS clubhouse will be a one-stop venue for family-bonding activities. There will be enrichment learning avenues including dance studios and schools such as The Learning Lab, Zoo-phonics School and Ossia Music School. Enhanced areas for family recreational activities include water-themed playgrounds, BBQ pits, chalets and an adventure centre. New restaurants include popular names such as Saizeriya, Fig and Olive, Grub, and Milk and Honey Gelato.

5 At the preview of the HomeTeamNS Balestier clubhouse, it was unveiled that Cookyn Inc, which organises bonding sessions over cooking activities, will be one of the Balestier Clubhouse’s tenants. New home-grown eateries Ah Huat White Coffee and Fix Café will also open their first outlets in

HomeTeamNS Chinatown and Balestier clubhouses, respectively. By 2016, HomeTeamNS will also open a new clubhouse at Tampines.

6 A \$4 million upgrading of the Sembawang Clubhouse will commence in October 2014. Members staying at the northern-part of Singapore will enjoy refurbished guest rooms, a new children's water playground, more eateries and entertainment outlets, and a new gym when it reopens in end March 2015.

Enhanced Membership Prilvileges for NSmen and their families

7 In line with the HomeTeamNS' focus to encourage family bonding, the Association plans to extend one year's free membership to an NSman's spouse or parent with no affiliation to any NS clubhouses. This \$1.5 million initiative is in view of their recognition and strong support towards National Service. HomeTeamNS has also doubled their strategic partnership tie-ups, which will provide members with more membership benefits. These benefits include exclusive recreational promotions such as 1-for-1 promotional stays at Impiana Hotels and Resorts in Malaysia and Thailand, and promotional entry fees for top local attractions such as Universal Studios, S.E.A. Aquarium and River Safari.

'Train and Pass' Fitness Training Programme

8 A pilot fitness training programme to help NSmen pass the IPPT -'Train and Pass' – was also introduced at the preview this afternoon. The programme will see personalised, one-to-one coachings by NSmen, who were former Physical Training Instructors (PTIs) from SPF and SCDF, to help improve the physical fitness of their fellow NSmen and advocate a healthier lifestyle among them. The pilot programme will involve 120 NSmen for a series of 10 fitness sessions over five weeks. Each NSman will have the flexibility to choose their training timings and venues of their convenience. The participants of this programme can also utilise the clubhouses' new gym facilities and training equipment. More details of the training programme will be unveiled by end of this year.

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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 189,804 with four clubhouses conveniently located at Balestier, Bukit Batok, Chinatown and Sembawang. For more information, please visit www.hometeamns.sg.

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