

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **HomeTeamNS launches Bicentennial “REAL Pledge” at Members Extravaganza 2019**

**SINGAPORE, 23 March 2019** – In commemoration of Singapore’s Bicentennial, HomeTeamNS kicked off its annual Members Extravaganza this afternoon with a pledge movement led by the President of HomeTeamNS, Mrs Josephine Teo. Called the “REAL Pledge”, the year-long movement aims to get Home Team NSmen to reaffirm their commitment to serve and protect Singapore, and their family members and the public to support our everyday heroes. About 1,500 Home Team NSmen and their families took the REAL pledge at HomeTeamNS Members Extravaganza at Plaza Singapura today.

Mrs Teo said: “The men and women from Police and Civil Defence have been very much a part of our journey in the last 200 years from Singapore to Singaporeans. As we mark Singapore’s bicentennial year, the REAL Pledge is a rallying call for Home Team NSmen to rededicate their service to the nation and give their best effort to ensure the continued safety and security of fellow Singaporeans. The pledge takes on added significance, especially in light of the rise in global terrorism incidents in recent years.”

After the kick-off at HomeTeamNS Members Extravaganza, Home Team NSmen and the public can continue to make their pledges via Instagram using the hashtag #REALPledge or in person at four HomeTeamNS clubhouses (Balestier, Bukit Batok, Sembawang and Tampines). Pledge cards with pre-written messages for NSmen, their families and the public will be made available at the clubhouses. HomeTeamNS aims to collect 100,000 pledges by 31 December 2019. Details on the REAL Pledge movement can be found on HomeTeamNS website (<https://www.hometeamns.sg/realpledge>).

HomeTeamNS committee member LTC (NS) Sim Meng San, who also made the pledge, said: “All Singaporeans can play a part in celebrating our everyday heroes who ensure that our lives are being safeguarded. Through the REAL Pledge movement, we hope to raise public awareness of the important roles played by Home Team NSmen, and provide a platform for the public to show appreciation to our NSmen.”

## Commemorating SG Bicentennial with 18.19km Virtual Lifesavers Run

To commemorate Singapore's Bicentennial, HomeTeamNS will also launch an 18.19km Virtual Lifesavers Run in the lead-up to its annual flagship REAL® Run on 5 October 2019 at Gardens by the Bay. Participants can choose their own running routes and complete the race at their own time and pace between April - June 2019. NSmen and the public can register for the virtual run via HomeTeamNS website (<https://www.hometeamns.sg/realrun>) from 1 April 2019.

## New and Enhanced Membership Benefits

As part of HomeTeamNS's REAL Pledge, the Association will be launching new and enhanced perks for its members. These include 1-for-1 weekend movie tickets at Cathay Cineplexes from 1 April 2019, and a chance to win a SKODA Octavia Ambition 1.4 car via a lucky draw when members signup or renew their memberships between March 2019 - February 2020.

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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 Singapore. 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 200,000 NSmen, with five clubhouses located at Balestier, Bukit Batok, Chinatown, Tampines and Sembawang. For more information, please visit [www.hometeamns.sg](http://www.hometeamns.sg).*

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