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Singapore Teochew Foundation pledges to support more children of reformed offenders through a new two-year agreement with ISCOS ReGen Fund

Singapore, 31 August 2020 – The ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF) is pleased to announce the continued collaboration with Singapore Teochew Foundation (STF) today to offer assistance to children of reformed offenders from low-income families.

Named 'Singapore Teochew Foundation Student Support Fund (Managed by IRF)', the sponsorship covers three specific initiatives under the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) for 2020 and 2021. These include the tuition sponsorship, art therapy and the Living Environment Assistance Project (LEAP) with an aggregate contribution of up to \$305,980 per annum. This is the third year STF has partnered with IRF.

"It is indeed our honour to have partnered with Singapore Teochew Foundation since 2018. It is with the support from such like-minded sponsor that we can do more and do better for our student beneficiaries - particularly to improve their academic performance and provide a conducive home study area for each of them," said Mr Alex Yeo, Chairman of IRF Management Board.

Commenting on the collaboration, Mr Jamie Teo, Chairman of Singapore Teochew Foundation shared, **"We believe that education should be for all children in Singapore regardless of their family circumstances, ever so during these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic."**

The sponsorship has brought positive impact to families like Madam T (not her real name), a single mother who has seen significant improvement in her daughter's studies after receiving tuition on Mathematics for the past two years. Thanks to the support from STF, she continued to benefit from the sponsored tuition this year.

A signature programme of IRF, the FGP is dedicated to empower the children and families of reformed offenders with the opportunity of a complete education and the skills required to be employable and financially independent in future, so that they can lead meaningful and productive lives.

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About ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF)

The ISCOS ReGen Fund is a registered charity fund to support children and families of reformed offenders. Through the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP), the main objective is to prevent intergenerational offending by empowering the children with the opportunity of a complete education and the skills required to be employable and financially independent in future.

The name ReGen is made up of '*Re*' and '*Gen'* – '*Re*' embodies the notion of reintegration into society, renewed and reformed life while the term '*Gen'* refers to the younger generation and families of reformed offenders. For more information, please refer to <u>www.irf.org.sg</u> and the social media channels (<u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>).

About Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP)

FGP is anchored on three domains: Student Development, Family Support and Home Environment. Under FGP, IRF provides holistic support through bursary awards, sponsored tuition and pro-social initiatives such as after school activities to the children of reformed offenders. We place emphasis on the importance of building strong family units through family bonding activities, parenting workshops, mothers' support group and festive celebrations.

With the support from volunteers, we also help create conducive study corners for the children in their own homes through home reorganisation and/or painting projects. Since its introduction, thousands of children from low-income families have benefited from the FGP initiatives over the years.

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