

## MEDIA FACTSHEET

### 20 Years of Connecting Singapore: People, Places and Possibilities

The Ministry of Transport (MOT) held a conference today, 20 September, to commemorate the 20-year milestone of MOT's formation.

2 Held at the Lifelong Learning Institute, the MOT Conference recapped major transport milestones and achievements in Singapore since 2001 and focused on MOT's vision for the future of transport in Singapore. The conference was held in a hybrid format, with more than 150 guests attending in total comprising of transport industry leaders and unions, representatives from the public and private sectors and staff from MOT and its statutory boards.

#### The Future of Transport in Singapore

3 Gracing the occasion, Mr S Iswaran, Minister for Transport and Minister-In-Charge of Trade Relations, said, "Our efforts to build a reliable, resilient and future-ready transport network are all aligned to one enduring mission – to connect Singapore and Singaporeans with people, places and possibilities."

4 Mr Iswaran also highlighted the need to ensure that Singapore's transport network is accessible to everyone in Singapore. This includes designing transport 'hardware' with user needs in mind as well as 'software' through developing a culture of graciousness amongst all who share the transport system.

5 MOT also held a panel dialogue where leaders from key industry partners came together to discuss sustainability in the transport sector. The session was moderated by Prof Lynn Loo, CEO of the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation.

#### MOT Family Charity Outreach

6 Mr Iswaran also presented a cheque of \$1.4 million to the Community Chest as part of the MOT Family Charity Outreach. The MOT Family Charity Outreach, started in 2010, and brought together all the five MOT agencies in their efforts to help the disadvantaged and needy in Singapore.

7 In response to MOT's contribution, Mr Phillip Tan, Chairman of Community Chest, said "We are heartened by the continuous support from Ministry of Transport and its statutory boards over the last 12 years, especially in these uniquely challenging times. As social needs become increasingly complex and varied due to the impact of COVID-19, these donations will be more vital than ever to the over 100 social service agencies and more than 200 critical programmes that are supported by Community Chest."

## Appreciation towards Stay-Home Notice (SHN) Transport Frontline Workers

8 Mr Iswaran presented tokens of appreciation for workers serving on the frontline in support of MOT's SHN Transport operations. The tokens presented to six representatives consist of a letter of appreciation and NTUC FairPrice vouchers, which were raised by MOT staff in August 2021.

9 Over 600 frontline workers support the SHN Transport operations led by MOT. These include drivers, transport coordinators and security escort staff. Since 26 March 2020, they have been working round-the-clock at the air, sea and land checkpoints to ensure that Persons on Stay-Home Notice (PSHNs) entering Singapore are safely transported from the checkpoints to locations where they will serve their SHN. Their duties include organising the PSHNs upon their arrival, arranging the required ground transport for the PSHNs, including those with special needs, and ensuring that PSHNs are promptly conveyed to their destinations in compliance with prevailing public health measures. In so doing, they also play a part in protecting our wider community.