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WE CAN  
OVERCOME**

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## TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME

"Huat ah!" NTUC Secretary-General Ng Chee Meng greeted the guests at the SOS/Seacare Hongbao Presentation and Lunar New Year Celebration on 31 January 2020.



His words that called forth prosperity rang through the ballroom at the Raffles City Convention Centre and in unison, the 1,100 strong echoed with gusto, "Huat ah!"

The mood of camaraderie is unmistakably a common characteristic of SOS/Seacare events. Traditionally, SOS has organised the hong bao presentation and the lunar new year celebration for the union members, maritime community and the charities. And this year is no different.

The sharing of blessings is the "value that binds us together", Brother Chee Meng said in his opening speech. He went on to thank SOS and Seacare for taking care of fellow members and citizens all these years.



In the current climate of fighting the spread of the novel coronavirus (now known as COVID-2019), Brother Chee Meng highlighted that different measures are in place and called on everyone to practise personal hygiene. He affirmed that Singapore and Singaporeans can overcome this challenge together.

"Singapore is stronger than that. We will hold together, take care of each other and move forward."



# Year of Renewal and Thanksgiving



The Year of the Rat marks the beginning of a new cycle of the Chinese zodiac and it signifies new beginnings and opportunities.

**"It therefore brings us great joy to kick off the new 12-year cycle by renewing our commitment to tripartism,"** SOS General Secretary Daniel Tan said in his welcome address at the SOS/Seacare Hongbao Presentation and Lunar New Year Celebration. Among the guests were tripartite partners from the labour and co-operative movement, maritime community, Seacare associates and more.



Brother Daniel went on to thank three union leaders who have been re-designated or flowed on. Brother Leow Peng Kui (outgoing SOS Trustee) Brother Mohamad Abu Bakar (former SOS President), and Brother David Shoo (former SOS Treasurer) received the Appreciation Award for their contributions to SOS.

Among the guests were 15 residents from Jamiyah Home for the Aged (Darul Takrim) who each received a \$50 hongbao.





“Lunar New Year is very much a family affair. To SOS and Seacare, each and every one of you here is a part of our extended family.”

Brother Daniel Tan





“It is an honour to be associated with SOS. I still remember the early founding days, the Union had very limited resources and manpower. It is amazing to see it grow to its present status, size and reach of service. This must be attributed to good leadership, good governance and strong support from members and shipping companies. Seafarers have often been seen as a marginalised group among the working population. SOS / Seacare played an important role of bringing them into mainstream of working population.



We all did what we can to serve the organisation. At some point in time, the baton must be passed on. It is a race with no finishing line.”

**Brother Leow Peng Kui, Former SOS Trustee**



“In whatever role we are called on to serve, we will do our best. Our focus is to look after the welfare of our SOS members; to be their voice and to represent their interests. I count it a privilege to serve my fellow brothers in Singapore and afar. SOS as a Union has come a long way. I believe we will keep on improving and growing.”

**Brother Mohamad Abu Bakar, Former SOS President,  
Current Vice President**

# Long Membership Award Enhanced

**"SOS would not be where we are today without our members. To recognise the local members' strong support, the SOS Long Membership Token has been enhanced,"** SOS General Secretary Daniel Tan said.

This year, SOS added another 5 categories of long membership award recipients. Previously, only members who have clocked in 15 years and 30 years membership would get an award. With the enhancement, members who have reached 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years will receive a token of appreciation worth \$100 to \$1000. About 400 eligible members of SOS have reached these membership milestones as at 31 December 2019.

From: Length of Membership/Value	To: Length of Membership/Value
15 years: \$150	5 years: \$100
30 years: \$300	10 years: \$200
	15 years: \$300
	20 years: \$400
	30 years: \$600
	40 years: \$800
	50 years: \$1,000

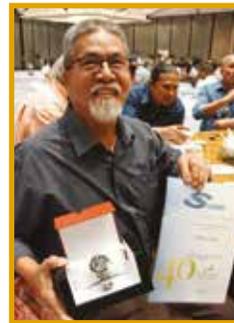
Some 400 eligible members of SOS have reached these respective length of membership milestones as at 31 December 2019 will be receiving the awards in 2020. Ten of them were sent on stage to receive the award from Guest-of-Honour Brother Ng Chee Meng at the SOS/ Seacare Lunar New Year Celebration event.

**"For all the years I have been a member of SOS, the union has never failed to call me for all the union activities. The truth is that SOS really takes care of its members' welfare and provide good benefits."**

**Narayanasamy Paramesvaran, 40 years LMA recipient**

**"What I love about my union is the benefits it gives to members like myself. The union knows how to take care of its members – from SPF, to scholarship awards for our children, medical benefits and members' events."**

**Othman Jusra,  
40 years LMA recipient**



**"There is no organisation that can beat what SOS does for its members. Myself and my dependents have benefited from the medical benefits. My children have the opportunity to get bursary awards. Then, there's the overseas trips, members' night, training schemes, year end gifts and festival events."**

**Chong Say Inn, 30 years LMA recipient**





## TRIPARTITE COLLABORATION IN SEAFARERS' WELFARE APPRECIATED AT MPA DINNER



Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) hosted its annual year end appreciation dinner for seafarers and all its partners in seafarer welfare at the Singapore Mariners' Club at the Maritime House. The dinner event celebrates and recognises the hard work that seafarers do, as well as the contributions made by seafarers and unions in the Port of Singapore.

Held on 3 December 2019, the event saw Brother Kam Soon Huat, SOS President, MPA Board Member and Chairman of the Welfare Committee for Seafarers, kicking off the evening with words of encouragement and gratitude.



Brother Kam thanked the tripartite partners who had contributed to seafarers' well-being, including companies that made it possible for seafarers to enjoy the facilities at the maritime house and the three drop-in centres at Jurong Port, Pasir Panjang and Keppel terminals.



In his speech, Brother Kam highlighted the series of events that MPA, together with partners such as Singapore maritime unions, Jurong Port, seafarers missions had organised. Events such as futsal, bowling tournament, international sportsweek for seafarers and learning tours for seafarers to places of interest in Singapore had enabled seafarers to maximise their time in port. The tripartite partners also hosted the "Day of Seafarer 2019" by going onboard ships and distributed hampers to thank seafarers for their contributions.



He congratulated MPA and related partners for clinching the Port of the Year award at the International Seafarers' Welfare Awards 2019. Brother Kam called on stakeholders to continue working with MPA to put in place more efforts to improve seafarers' well-being in areas like mental health, shore leave and creating awareness to eliminate harassment and bullying.



Also representing SOS at the event were Vice President Mohamad Abu Bakar, Executive Secretary Chen Chuanyi and Senior Manager Shirley Lai.

# KUDOS TO YOUNG UNIONISTS FOR U HEART PROJECTS



Young NTUC gathers each year to celebrate the achievements of youth who have led community outreach initiatives they are passionate about.

On 11 December 2019, SOS Youth representatives Chen Chuanyi and Jullienne Low, joined other young unionists from NTUC's affiliated unions to reflect the various outreach endeavours under the Young NTUC U Heart programme. Held at the Three Degree Café, the Young NTUC Appreciation Night sought to honour young unionists and to spur them toward greater works. It was also a good time for fellow unionists to network.

Since 2016, SOS youth have rallied union members and staff to engage in acts of kindness for the benefit of the underprivileged. For their passion and involvement to make a difference through U Heart project in 2019, SOS youth were presented with a token of appreciation.

▼ SOS Youth organised a visit to AWWA Senior Community Home on 16 September 2019, where a half day bonding session was held for 84 senior residents. 20 volunteers comprising union members set aside time to interact with senior residents.





## GUANGZHOU FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AND GUANGZHOU PORT GROUP CALLED ON SOS

Six delegates from the Guangzhou Federation of Trade Unions and the Guangzhou Port Group called on SOS at the Seacare Building on 19 November 2019, for a visit to build relationship and explore collaboration.

▲ To thank SOS for the hospitality, Mr Ji presented a memento to Brother Daniel

The delegation, led by Mr Ji Xiaohui, Divisional Chief of Guangzhou Federation of Trade Unions, was warmly welcomed by SOS General Secretary Daniel Tan, Vice President Mohamad Abu Bakar and Executive Secretary Chen Chuanyi.

During the meeting, the hosts gave an overview of the SOS profile, industrial relations climate and the benefits members enjoy. The dialogue also covered issues pertaining to membership, skills and employment trends and challenges.

In their visit to the National Trades Union Congress, the delegation was briefed on the Labour Movement in Singapore and the Unions' approach to help workers embrace digital disruption by working with the tripartite partners.

The trip to Singapore also included a tour of latest port innovations in PSA terminal at Pasir Panjang and a visit to the Port Officers' Union.





## FOSTERING SOLIDARITY WITH FKSU

The two Singapore seafarers unions, SOS and SMOU, were in South Korea for an exchange programme with the Federation of Korean Seafarers' Unions (FKSU).

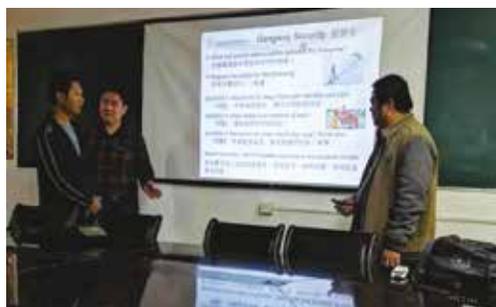
The dialogues with the FKSU leaders headed by President Chung Tae Kil centered on pertinent ITF matters, future collaborations and strengthening solidarity among them.

▼ Representing SOS at the meeting held in Jeju and Seoul on 5 to 10 December 2019 were President Kam Soon Huat, Vice President Mohamad Abu Bakar, Assistant Secretary Norani Mohamad Rais and IR Executive Alan Kor.





## SQRT 66 RATINGS SEA-READY AND SEA-WORTHY



The Seacare Quality Rating Training (SQRT) course, an initiative by the SOS, under the Seacare Maritime Training Scheme (SMTS) has come a long way. Since 2008, SOS has added value to its Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) companies, through SQRT.

From 11 November to 6 December 2019, the SQRT course produced their 66th batch of graduates. 15 ratings were trained to have a better handle on the English language. Under the guidance of their trainers, the trainees reported a swift progress both in their English proficiency and knowledge of vessel equipment. Having spent four weeks of training with the students, trainers are confident that the ratings will now be able to work productively, efficiently and safely onboard CBA vessels. Some of the new skills that they picked up include behaviour and work attitude, garbage management as well as proper usage of their Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The ratings highlighted that they found the training useful and will recommend it to their peers.

The Seacare Quality Rating Training (SQRT) course conducted by Singapore (Nantong) International Maritime Institute (SNIMI) offers seafarers an opportunity to enhance their language proficiency and seafaring skills. The course aims to upskill candidates to meet the professional needs of the maritime industry.

# SQCT 67 BATCH GRADUATE THROUGH HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION

The 67th batch of 15 maritime rating cooks, underwent the SMTS Seacare Quality Cooks Training (SQCT), which ran from 11 November to 6 December 2019 at SNIMI.

The training environment and the duration of the course allowed the ratings to immerse in the learning of the English language and establish strong camaraderie. During the four-week training, ratings learnt how to prepare sumptuous meals on board, handling of food, preventing cross contamination and checking the temperature danger zone.

SNIMI trainer credited the students for their positive learning attitudes. Most of the students in the cohort were older in age and so they experienced some difficulties in memorising new terms in English. However they managed to overcome the obstacle with their hard work and determination.

Equipped with the enhanced skills and newfound confidence, the maritime rating cooks are all set to serve effectively onboard with a multi-national crew.



# SLOP CHEST GIFT VOUCHERS FOR

A pilot project to introduce more benefits to SOS Filipino members is getting the thumbs up from the ground.

Through the Union's dialogues with Filipino members and their employers, SOS discovered that AMOSUP (Associated Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines) has a chain of convenient stores, Slop Chest, selling basic necessities at a discounted price to their members.

As a pilot run in Manila, SOS gave away Peso 3,000,000 (estimated SGD 80,000) worth of gift vouchers as a year end gift to 1,500 eligible Filipino members for them to exchange for subsidised grocery and daily necessities at Slop Chest. Members are advised to self-collect their vouchers from the Seacare's Representative Office, LSA Consultancy and Management Services Inc in Manila. Collection period is until 31 March 2020.

The number of SOS Filipino members has been increasing gradually over the years and they now made up more than 50% of the SOS membership strength.

"SOS has established the Seafarers' Provident Fund, Seacare Medical Scheme and Seacare Sailors Home Schemes to look after the welfare of our Filipino members. The Union also organises social events and seminars in the Philippines to benefit our members. But we want to do more," said SOS General Secretary Daniel Tan.

The feedback from the SOS Filipino members has been positive.

"We have received good feedback from our Filipino members. We are looking into extending this benefit to Slop Chest branches in other parts of the Philippines in the future," said Brother Daniel.



"I am truly thankful to all of you. It means a lot to me. God bless and more power to you!"

Julius Manuel Flores



# SOS FILIPINO MEMBERS

“Deeply appreciate the initiative.”

Chiro Franko Rivera



“I am very glad to receive this gift voucher from SOS. I wish the Union success!”

Jason M Arabejo



## UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE FOR THE FAMILY

For the SOS members and their family members who participated in the Family Outing, it was an adventure of a lifetime.

The 5 day 4 night cruise onboard the mega Royal Caribbean Quantum of the Seas on 19 to 23 December 2019 spoils the cruisers to the core with the myriad of top notch facilities, activities and restaurants.

During their stay, SOS members and their families occupied rooms with a private balcony with a clear view of the wide ocean.

It was hard to go hungry onboard when they had access to an array of complimentary dining choices, from the different buffet spreads at the Windjammer Promenade, fine dining at the four Main Dining Rooms; and to the 24-hour Café Promenade that offer pizzas, sandwiches, hot dogs.

There were also specialty restaurants such as Jamie Oliver's Italian Restaurant, Izumi Japanese Cuisine and Chops Grille that proved too tempting for some.

The Family Outing was packed with endless fun activities such as bumper cars, sky diving simulator, surfing, line dancing classes, and bingo games; and mesmerising evening entertainment shows including Broadway-style musicals.

Other highlights included the 360-degree view of the vessel on board the North Star and a Welcome Reception, where cruisers had a chance to toast and pose for photographs with the Captain.





There were opportunities for the cruisers to hop off and take in the sights and sounds of Port Klang and Penang when the vessel docked. The shore excursions of their choice ranged from shopping and food trips to museum, cultural and nature visits.

This was the first time that the SOS Family Outing took place onboard the Royal Caribbean Quantum of the Seas. From the smiles and approving nods of the participants, it will not be the last time. The Union has once again planned an unforgettable outing for members and their families to bond and have fun together.





## CHRISTMAS TREAT AT SEACARE DROP-IN CENTRE

**F**or SOS, Christmas isn't Christmas till some love is shared.

That was exactly what the Union did to make Christmas a special season for the international seafarers.

On 23 December 2019, SOS organised a Christmas gathering at the Seacare Drop-in Centre for international seafarers. The sumptuous Christmas dinner did not just fill their plates but also the hearts of the seafarers with warmth and joy.



### Complimentary Services for All Seafarers

International Seafarers can enjoy complimentary services at the Seacare Drop-In Centre for International Seafarers at the Pasir Panjang Terminal Building 1, Singapore.

The Centre provides

- on-demand shuttle service between designated bus-stops in Pasir Panjang Terminal and the Centre
- communication and leisure facilities such as Wi-Fi, broadband, computer games
- light refreshments and
- reading materials.



## LONG SERVICE AWARDEES A RARE BREED

In today's world of work with a transient workforce, long-term employees are a rare breed. It's often said that long service awards no longer have a place these days, but not so at SOS / Seacare. On 29 January 2020, five long service awards staff from SOS / Seacare were honoured for their long service at Club@52. Ms Sharon Li

of SOS, Ms Ang Peiwen of Seacare Holdings, Ms Claudia Toh of Seacare Manpower Services and Mr Sam Sudin Esir of Seacare Environmental picked up a 10 year long service award, while Mr Mazlan Othman of Seacare Maritime Medical Centre was recognised for 20 years.

### Congratulations to

10 years Long Service Awardees

**Ms Sharon Li** started her career first with Seacare Thrift Pte Ltd 10 years ago on 4 May 2009. She was appointed Manager the following year with SOS and has since been promoted through the ranks to her current position as Director, Schemes Administration. Sharon oversees the operations of Schemes Administration covering Seafarers Provident Fund (SPF), Seacare Medical Scheme (SMS), Seacare Maritime Training Scheme (SMTS) and Seacare Sailors' Home Scheme (SSS). Sharon possesses drive and enthusiasm in her work. Above all, her openness and engaging personality enable her to interact effectively with both external parties and colleagues.



**Ms Ang Peiwen** joined the Finance Department of Seacare Holdings Pte Ltd as an Accounts Executive on 24 August 2009 and was subsequently promoted to Assistant Manager. During her 10 years of service, Peiwen produced timely and accurate monthly reports for several companies within the Seacare Group, despite tight deadlines which are not uncommon in the accounting profession. She has proven herself to be a reliable and responsible team player with a high level of integrity and commitment.



On 24 August 2019, **Ms Claudia Toh** reached her 10 years' service milestone in Seacare Manpower Services Pte Ltd. Throughout her years of service, she rose through the ranks as Admin Executive to become the Assistant Manager. Her duties include handling payroll, administering benefit claims and payment discrepancies; following up on Accounts Receivables, consolidating information for reporting whilst ensuring the procedures are in compliance with statutory regulations and policies. Claudia is a loyal and reliable employee. With her cheerful personality and strong work ethic, she prioritises her work well to ensure timely completion.



**Mr Sam Sudin Esir** has been a Cleaner with the Mobile Float Team since he joined Seacare Environmental Pte Ltd on 24 September 2009. His main duties include monthly cleaning of PAP Community Foundation Sparkletots Preschools island-wide and relieving station cleaners at various locations, when necessary. He is meticulous in his work and always ensure that all tasks are completed with the highest standards. A reliable and dependable staff who is always willing to help, Sam Sudin is well-liked by his colleagues and clients.



20 years Long Service Awardee

**Mr Mazlan Othman** has been a faithful staff of Seacare Maritime Medical Centre Pte Ltd (SMMC) for the past two decades. He joined the company in April 1999, two years after its incorporation in 1997. Throughout his 20 years of service, he has shown great adaptability and versatility in the various roles which have contributed greatly to the success and help built SMMC to what it is today.



## MEET OUR PEOPLE

Since November 2019, two new faces have come onboard to fill positions in support of the work of the union.

Mr Alfred Lim and Mr Mohamed Hafiz Smadi are with the Membership & Welfare Services Department.

Samudra sought these newbies out just to say 'Hi!'



**Alfred Lim** graduated from SUSS in Human Resource Management, prior to joining SOS. The desire to make a difference in people's lives was what prompted him to take up the position as executive in the Membership & Welfare Services. "Being courteous, sincere and trustworthy allows me to contribute in my role where members will be able to feel a sense of belonging in SOS."

**Mohamed Hafiz Smadi** was intrigued to learn and be part of the union, especially after hearing what the union does for its members. He came across as a people-centred man, a virtue needed in a role that serves members. "I hope to apply my past experience in handling people, dealing with high volume of paperwork and my good sense of teamwork to effectively carry out my duties."





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# Crown Jewel of Cairnhill Rise - Cairnhill 16

There's a freehold posh property that is rising in the heart of the city. Cairnhill 16, an exclusive 15-storey residential development is about to take its spot as architectural crown jewel of Cairnhill Rise.

The boutique residential project, a collaboration between Seacare Property Development Pte Ltd (SPDPL) and its partners TSky Development Pte Ltd, Ocean City Global Limited and Min Ghee Investments (2018) Pte Ltd, is expected to launch its sales end March 2020. Marketing agencies appointed for this project are Savills, ERA and PropNex.

Inspired by nature, Cairnhill 16 boldly distinguishes itself with a contemporary yet unique façade, featuring 39 luxurious units set in an idyllic garden environment.

The sleek lines of the curtain wall are juxtaposed with the distinct and interesting play of timber inspired lattice and bronze coloured aluminium screens in harmonious composition; the cool steel edging contrasting tastefully with the warm timber toned surfaces. Organic randomness is introduced through the provision of moveable screens. The combination expressed in a geometric modernist form appeals to a discerning and sophisticated clientele.





### Shared private spaces/facilities

The grand and lush entrance lobby at the first storey exudes elegance and sophistication.

The surrounding greenery filters into the covered garden, subtly merging the indoor and outdoor spaces. Welcoming cascades of water hint of the mesmerising 20 metre pool that spans the length of the site, featuring an organic edge which blends the water surface into the surrounding softscape. Next to the children's pool, a sculptural play structure is designed around an impressive feature tree. A well-equipped indoor gym fronts the idyllic garden path.

Two sky terraces present distinctive enclaves for different activities. Whether it is indulging in a book at the reading garden or working out at the outdoor gym, one is always surrounded by lush greenery.

Besides offering panoramic views of the surroundings, the roof-top garden deck provides

two generous function pavilions and event decks for private gatherings or for solitary enjoyment.

### Well-crafted apartment

Each unit is distinguished by functional and efficient space planning. Every unit is served by a private lift. The living and dining areas open out to the views beyond.

Movable sliding privacy screens at the balcony space seamlessly extend the living room space, creating an endless possibility of usage. Well-designed bathrooms with designer fittings and elegant cabinetry works complement the luxurious stone finishes. The carefully selected materials and finishes achieve a timeless and elegant interior environment.

For a full experience of what it would really feel like living at Cairnhill 16, drop by its show room at 1 Peck Hay Road, which is expected to be open to the public from end March 2020.



## SUITES HOTEL SEALED AND SECURED

**S**ecured! Suites Hotel Holding Limited, the joint venture between Seacare Hospitality (UK) Limited, CH Holding Limited and SPCS Consultancy Pte Ltd, successfully completed the acquisition of The Suites Hotel & Spa in Liverpool, on 23 December 2019.

Following the formal acquisition, a site visit was made by the Seacare Hospitality (UK) Limited management team, hosted by Compass Hospitality (UK) and Ms Lyndsay Tyer, General Manager of The Suites Hotel & Spa, on 8 January 2020.

**“We are excited over the prospect of The Suites Hotel & Spa being one of the key revenue driver based on its unique value proposition,”** said Ms Shena Foo, Chairperson of Suites Hotel Holding Limited.

During the tour around the grounds, visitors viewed the luxurious suites and facilities of The

Suites Hotel & Spa. Notably, the spa has made a great impression with its well-thought out layout and luxuriously fitted-out design. It is the first hotel spa on Merseyside to be continuously accorded with the "5 Bubble" rating by The Good Spa Guide, a leading independent spa reviewer in UK.

The management team were given a low down on the latest developments in the vicinity. One such project is the Shakespeare North Playhouse @ Prescot an iconic new theatre, education, outdoor performance garden and an exhibition space, scheduled to be completed in spring 2022. Another is the Liverpool Football Club's new 9,200 sqm training facility in Kirkby, due to complete by summer 2020.

With the hotel's unique offerings of excellent standards in facilities, outstanding quality of comfort and strategic location, Suites Hotel Holding Limited is thrilled over what's to come.

**“With the latest acquisition of The Suites Hotel & Spa in Liverpool into Seacare Hospitality (UK) portfolio of hotels, I look forward to and expect its positive contribution in the near future.”**

**Mr Lim Chye Teen, Director, Seacare Hospitality (UK) Limited**





## GOING BEHIND THE SCENES

The Seacare Hotel opened its doors to students from the Holy Innocents High School, for a discovery journey into hospitality co-operative. The Learning Journey was organised by the Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF) with the support of Seacare Co-operative.

Some 20 students, accompanied by their teachers and SNCF representatives made their way to The Seacare Hotel on 16 January 2020, where they were given an introduction on a co-operative business model, followed by an overview of Seacare Co-operative, how The Seacare Hotel started and where they are today.

Through the tour around the hotel front of house as well as the back, students got to learn about the workings behind the front desk ie viewing of bookings, room key assignments, tracking of check-in/check-out; housekeeping operations and functions of other facilities such as the hotel gym, sky lounge and food and beverage establishments. The hands-on activities encouraged students' participation and allowed them to discover their interests. Students had the opportunity to experience what it's like in the hospitality industry and gained an appreciation of the hotel operations behind the scenes. The tour ended with a nice meal prepared by the staff at Vista Restaurant and Grill.

The SNCF learning journey to The Seacare Hotel provided a mind-and-heart-engaging, multi-sensory learning experience which will impact the youth to live and work the Co-operative way.





## DOING GOOD AND DOING WELL AT JALAN KUKOH FOR 19 YEARS

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of SOS and Seacare to bless the community at Jalan Kukoh keeps getting bigger and better.

With over 600 guests, including 400 senior residents of Jalan Kukoh, Special Guest Mr Goh Yeow Tin, Chairman of Seacare Foundation Pte Ltd, Mediacorp artists Ms Lin Mei Jiao and Mr Richard Liu, directors/staff from SOS, Chip Eng Seng (CES) and Seacare, the SOS / CES/ Seacare Lunar New Year celebration at The Red Star was packed to the brim once again on 30 January 2020.

At her welcome note, Organising Chairperson, Ms Kathryn Ang highlighted that the lunch celebration was organised for the Jalan Kukoh community since 2002, and that they have reached their 19th year. **“I have been standing here giving out the welcome note since 2013, from the year of the snake, followed by the horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, pig and now the year of the rat. We have passed many chinese zodiac cycles and still doing this meaningful CSR lunch celebration for the Jalan Kukoh community.”**





This year, \$80 hong baos were handed out to 400 senior citizens from Jalan Kukoh, along with goodie bags containing premium abalones. The 'caishens' (prosperity gods) dropped in to add fortune to the occasion. The mood was festive and everyone was happy to be there. Besides the lohei and eight-course sumptuous meal, the live entertainment was of superb quality and 10 lucky draw hampers filled with birdsnest and hashimas, items of value and good health were presented.



What makes it truly meaningful for the senior citizens was the opportunity of getting close to celebrities, receiving the new year blessings from caishens, being entertained and receiving the royal treatment. It's the highlight of the year for the senior citizens of Jalan Kukoh.



“We should be doing our part to improve the wellbeing of our community around Jalan Kukoh. As an organisation, our responsibility is to look after our community. I am happy to say that SOS and Seacare have been able to do this for 19 years, and together with the partnership of Chip Eng Seng for four years. Let's keep doing this good deed and do it well.”

**Goh Yeow Tin, Chairman Seacare Foundation Pte Ltd**



# 'HUAT AH' TO SENIOR RESIDENTS OF JALAN KUKOH



## 'Huat' were the SOS / Seacare team up to at Jalan Kukoh?

No senior citizens from this community gets missed out! Residents from 30 households who had mobility issues and could not make it for the lunch were visited by a group of SOS/ Seacare officials led by SOS Executive Secretary Chen Chuanyi and Ms Sulena Supaat Director of Seacare Manpower Services Pte Ltd and Jalan Kukoh Residents' Committee (JKRC) volunteers. Accompanied by a roving caishen, the SOS / Seacare team, brought much Lunar New Year cheer to the beneficiaries. As they moved around, sounds of cheerful blessings could be heard around the neighbourhood. Each household received a goodie bag, a hongbao containing \$80, and many 'huat ah's to last for a year.





## FIRST SNCF SERVICE SECTOR CO-OP CSR

When likeminded co-operators come together to serve, they are empowered to do a greater good. The idea of serving the community together, saw the birth of the first SNCF service sector CSR event, supported by Seacare Co-operative.

On 18 December 2019, volunteers from 8 service sector co-operatives - Amalgamated Union of Public Employees, Employment for Persons with Intellectual Disability, GP+, Industrial & Services Society, Istorya, Methodist, Seacare, Silver Caregivers and Silver Horizon Travel; SNCF staff, scholars and Registry of Co-operative Societies, turned up in full force to cast the outreach nets wider amongst the community at Jalan Kukoh.

The 90 volunteers from the service sector co-operatives came to spread festive joy to 80 residents living in 9 rental flats in Jalan Kukoh, who had been identified by the Resident's Committee. Service sector co-operators first gathered at The Maritime Hall, Seacare Building.

To appreciate the good work that they would be embarking together, Ms Shena Foo Chairperson, SNCF Service Sector, welcomed all who came. Sharing by Ms Eunice Goh, Vice Chair of Jalan Kukoh Resident's Committee and presentation slides by Seacare Co-operative provided background to the community and various Together We Care programmes and initiatives.



Thanks to the generous sponsorship of gifts by Seacare Co-operative, Mr Yuan Min, Chairman of Seacare OKiKi P-Hub (S) Pte Ltd and Gardenia, each recipient were presented with a 12 inch fan, one pillow and a brown rice & oat soft grain loaf. The beneficiaries were happy to see that the fan and pillow, were among their wishlist fulfilled.

After doing their rounds at the blocks, SNCF service sector co-operators re-assembled at Club@52 for dinner and networking. Ms Dolly Goh, SNCF CEO rounded up the endeavour with a heartwarming affirmation – **“together, we can do a greater good.”**

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