

**PROPOSED SPEECH FOR MR ALEX YAM,
MAYOR OF NORTH WEST DISTRICT
AT THE CLUB-100 @ NORTH WEST DINNER 2022
ON THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022
PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

Minister Ong Ye Kung;
Organising Committee Members;
Distinguished Donors, Partners and Guests;
Good evening,

Introduction

- I'm honoured to welcome tonight's Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Health, Mr Ong Ye Kung and all our distinguished guests to the Club-100 @ North West Dinner.
- The pandemic has certainly posed some challenges and we were unable to gather for the last two years. I'm happy to see all of you here with us tonight, who have stayed the course in supporting the vulnerable in our community.

Club-100 @ North West

- **Joining us tonight is former Mayor, Dr Teo Ho Pin who pioneered the Club-100 @ North West in 2008. Since its inception, it has enabled the CDC to assist over 100,000 less-privileged residents with food aid, in the form of food rations and vouchers to defray their daily household expenses.**

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- **While it started as an idea, over the years** the consistent support from members has helped us raised much-needed funds to ensure that no residents go hungry.
- Thank you to every one of you here tonight, who have contributed to this meaningful cause.

Building a Giving Community

- The Club has ignited a community of do-gooders to provide support for the vulnerable, strengthening the spirit of giving in the North West.
- Tonight, we also recognise the contributions and commitment of 67 five-year awardees and 35 10-year awardees, who are individual or corporate donors.
- A hallmark of Club-100 is how the community has grown through referrals and word-of-mouth sharing, with a personal touch.
- **While some members have come and gone, our membership has held steady.**
- To-date, there has been over 1,000 successful referrals into the club.
- **And in the last two months alone, we have recruited over 100 new members to the Club-100.**
- **In fact, at the NWCDC Golf just last month, DPM Lawrence Wong quipped that we should grow to 7,000 members.**
- **Our Club-100 Chairman and founding member, Mr Chandra Mohan, is taking the challenge seriously!**
- **Chandra Mohan has seen through the Club from its inception to the steady growth over the years. An active champion and the highest referrer to date, he has been tapping on his networks to support and contribute to the cause. Mr Chandra is also our**

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District Councilor who have contributed his time in volunteering and participating in community outreach programmes.

- I would like to take this opportunity to commend him and our members of the Organising Committee for their contributions in planning tonight's event:
 - Vice Chairman, Ms Kea Bi Lin
 - Other members (to wave): Mr John Cheng, Ms Wang Shi Mei, Mr Jack Wong, Ms Shailaja, Ms Jennifer Ng, Ms Joany, Mr Eugene Tan, Mr Ryan Lim and Mr Brandon Tee.
- The contributions from Club-100 members like yourself, have helped many beneficiaries.
- One of them is Mr Hariz (Marsiling Division), whose family benefits from monthly food aid vouchers.
- As the primary caregiver for his young children and his wife who is ill, Mr Hariz is unable to work full-time, leaving him to take up part-time jobs to supplement the household income.
- With the food aid vouchers, he can purchase food and household necessities, and use the savings on other more immediate essential like milk powder for his children.

Moving Forward

- **Club-100 @ North West is here to stay.**
- Given the global inflation and rise in cost of living, North West CDC is reviewing how the Club could evolve to serve the needs of more beneficiaries.
- This makes your contributions more time-critical and important, so that vulnerable groups in our community can continue to receive the much-needed help and support.

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- I urge members to continue supporting Club-100, and to rally your networks to support the cause and be part of the philanthropy journey with us.
- Thank you, and I wish you an enjoyable evening.

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