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PROPOSED WELCOME ADDRESS FOR MR ALEX YAM,  
MAYOR OF NORTH WEST DISTRICT  
AT THE NORTH WEST VOLUNTEERS' AWARDS 2023  
ON SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023  
THE REPUBLIC CULTURAL CENTRE, REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC

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Good morning.

### **Introduction**

- It is with great pleasure to welcome all our awardees and distinguished guests, this Saturday morning to our North West Volunteers' Awards.
- Today, we recognise the selfless contributions of **131 awardees** receiving awards from four categories: i) Outstanding All Rounder Student Award; ii) Outstanding School Partner Award; iii) WeCare Volunteer Award; and iv) WeCare Partner Award.

### **Coming Together to Uplift Residents**

- I'm heartened to be able to recognise many of you whom have shown immense dedication to support the North West community.
- Whether it is lending a helping hand to needy residents, spurring the community to adopt a healthy lifestyle, or

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championing green causes, you are the backbone of the CDC's programmes and initiatives, enabling us to connect resources to the needs in the community.

[Photos of awardees will be shown on screen]

- One of the awardees for WeCare Volunteer Award is **Mr Lee Wei Yung**, a committed volunteer at Pro Bono SG. Despite his busy schedule as a Lawyer, he has been supporting needy residents in the North West district with legal advice, ensuring that they receive the help they deserve, and on occasions representing them.
- Previously a Senior Officer in the Singapore Police Force (SPF), the same sense of righteousness kept him motivated to serve the vulnerable community and ensure that they receive equal access to justice and legal aid, regardless of their background.
- On the healthy living front, **Mdm Ho Wai Hing**, at a golden age of 75, leads our Qigong practices and Brisk Walk sessions, rain or shine, for 6 days a week.
- A strong advocate for our fitness activities, Mdm Ho has helped build up the membership for both clubs, bringing together many like-minded seniors to bond through similar interests.

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- I would also like to thank 3 of our District Councillors, **Mr Allen Ang, Mr Sim Chuan San,** and **Mr Chandra Mohan.**
- They have contributed significantly to the success of our signature programmes, Youth Concert, Charity Golf, and Club-100 Appreciation Dinner, where they chaired the respective Organising Committees.
- Today, we also celebrate the achievements of our school partners. **12 schools** will be awarded the Platinum Award – double from 6 schools last year – marking their sustained commitment to partner North West CDC in serving the community.
- I would also like to thank and congratulate our corporate and community partners, which have stepped forward to lend their support, showing the emergence and support of our partners towards the community.

### **CDC's Role in the Community**

- One of the CDC's core values is to build a culture of giving and the spirit of care amongst the North West community.
- This can only be achieved with the support of our corporate and community partners and volunteers.

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Having emerged from the pandemic, I'm happy to see many volunteers continuing to serve the community through various initiatives.

- We look forward to continue working closely with all of you to engage and serve our residents.

**Conclusion**

- Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all 131 awardees, who will be receiving your awards this morning.
- Let us build a healthy and caring North West together.
- I wish you an enjoyable day ahead.

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