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A day of splashing fun for families of reformed offenders at the Adventure Cove Waterpark

Singapore, 29 June 2019 – This morning, over 500 people came for the ISCOS Family Day at Adventure Cove Waterpark, Resorts World Sentosa for a great time of quality bonding. The event was organised by ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF), a charity fund dedicated to the cause of supporting children and families of reformed offenders.

Sponsored by Lee Foundation, T-Touch and Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow (BMW), the annual Family Day is one major highlights for the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) to promote the importance of families spending quality time with one another. It marked a record turnout this year, launched by Mr Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, and Education.

In his speech, Mr Chee emphasised on the importance of family, **“Through life's ups and downs, family should stay together and continue to love and support one another. This gives us a sense of belonging and rootedness, regardless of the circumstances we might be in.”**

On the significance of the event, Mr Alex Yeo, Chairman of IRF Management Board commented, **“Our Family Day has always been highly anticipated where families can enjoy and create precious memories. We hope this would further emphasise the importance of family support.”**

The crowd kick-started the day with a mass workout for all at Bluwater Bay, followed by the official launch and various tele match games catered for the beneficiaries. Many thoroughly enjoyed themselves before heading to the Bay Restaurant for lunch and lucky draw.

The event was supported by volunteers from BMW and Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF). EVF also sponsored quality sunglasses to all participants to practically protect their eyes while staying outdoors.

Other than the Family Day, the FGP also supports the children and families through various initiatives aimed at preventing intergenerational offending. These include academic assistance through bursary awards, sponsored tuition, family workshops, home improvement projects and other pro-social engagements throughout the year.

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About ISCOS ReGen Fund

The ISCOS ReGen Fund is a charity fund with origins from ISCOS to offer support to 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.

The IRF Management Board comprises Mr Alex Yeo (Chairman), Mr Albert Kong (Vice Chairman), Mr Keith Tang (Honorary Treasurer), Dr N Varaprasad (Honorary Secretary) and Ms Caroline Lim (Member).

About Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP)

FGP is anchored on three major components: Student Development, Family Support and Home Environment. Under the Programme, ISCOS provides academic assistance through bursary awards, sponsored tuition and mentoring to the children of ex-offenders. We place emphasis on the importance of building strong family units through family bonding activities and parenting workshops.

Backed by the support from volunteers, we also help create conducive study corners for the children at 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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