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GET HANDS ON! - SKILLSFUTURE FESTIVAL @ SOUTH WEST EQUIPS RESIDENTS WITH HANDY SKILLS

- **South West CDC, SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG), Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and Workforce Singapore (WSG) bring SkillsFuture Festival @ South West closer to South West community**
- **More than 400 training and career opportunities will be showcased at the Festival to inspire residents to pick up handy life skills for personal fulfilment and future career**

This Sunday, the South West Community Development Council (CDC), SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG), Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and Workforce Singapore (WSG) will be joining hands to bring down the inaugural SkillsFuture Festival @ South West 2018 to Keat Hong Community Centre. Themed 'SkillsFuture Gets Hands On!', the heartland-based festival is in support of the nation-wide SkillsFuture Festival, and aims to ignite residents' interest in mastery of vocational and practical life skills. During the Festival, residents will be able to learn day-to-day handy repair skills such as drilling holes, changing water taps and repair faulty lightings. Residents can also try their hands at 3D make-up application, basic sports massage, infant care, flower arrangement, plumbing and culinary techniques.

2 Highlights of the Festival include live demonstrations and taster workshops, sharing on SkillsFuture initiatives and networking opportunity with potential employers. The Festival is held in conjunction with the South West SkillsFuture Advice & Career Roadshows to provide one-stop access to job and training opportunities closer to the residents.

3 “With the rise of disruptive technologies, comes massive changes to the employment landscape. It will change the way we learn, it will change the way we work, and it will change the way companies hire,” says Mr Gilbert Tan, CEO of e2i. “We must constantly adapt and upgrade ourselves in terms of knowledge and skills to stay relevant to a fast-evolving environment. Vocational skills learning would then become not a want, but a need.”

4 Chief Executive of SkillsFuture Singapore, Mr Ng Cher Pong, said, “The partnership with South West CDC helps us bridge the last mile and brings SkillsFuture into the community. We hope that collaborations of this nature will fuel the passion for continuous learning among Singaporeans and make learning a way of life.”

5 Mayor Low says, “This learning festival gives South West residents a chance to gain practical, hands-on skills. Whether it’s fixing a tap or creating a floral arrangement, there is plenty to learn for everyone. We hope to spark new curiosity in our residents to pursue learning at whatever stage of life they are at. This positive attitude will arm them with the vigor to pick up new ideas and know-how that will not only enrich their lives but also give them the resilience for the future. This event is the result of a community effort that brings together professional bodies, learning institutes, private training providers and civic organisations with the common aim of enlarging our learning world and work opportunities.”

6 Chief Executive, SHATEC, Ms Margaret Heng shares, “The tripartite collaboration between vocational institutes, the CDC and e2i empowers residents to upskill themselves continuously in an era of constant change, in order to stay

relevant, whether is it for career requirements or personal interests. At the Festival, residents may look forward to a wide selection of courses, enjoy first-hand previews and even hands-on with our professional trainers to make informed choices for their self-development.”

7 Details of the event are as follows:

Event : SkillsFuture Festival @ South West
Date : Sunday, 22 July 2018
Time : 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm (Media registration begins 1.15 pm)
Venue : Keat Hong Community Club
2 Chua Chu Kang Loop
Singapore 689687
Guest of Honour : Mr Zaqy Mohamad
Minister of State
Ministry of National Development and Manpower
Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROs (Keat Hong)
Host : Ms Low Yen Ling
Mayor of South West District

8 We would like to invite your reporter and photographer/TV crew to the **SkillsFuture Festival @ South West**. Interviews can be arranged upon request. Please contact our media liaison officer for queries. We look forward to receiving you and your crew/photographer.

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About the South West Community Development Council (CDC)

The South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001, with the mission to Assist the Needy, Bond the People and Connect the Community.

Through local help programmes, the South West CDC helps the less fortunate in our community. The South West CDC also organises projects and programmes to promote community bonding and social cohesion. The South West CDC adopts the "Many Helping Hands" approach to encourage community ownership among residents, community partners and corporations to realise its vision of "Owning Your Community" which came into effect on 1 March 2004.

Programme

| Time | Administrative Programme |
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| 1.25 pm | Arrival of Host |
| 1.30 pm | Arrival of Guest of Honour (GOH) |
| 1.35 pm | Welcome Address by GOH |
| 1.45 pm | Opening of the SkillsFuture Festival @ South West |
| 1.55 pm | Commencement of Festival Tour |
| 2.25 pm | Media Doorstop <i>*Media interview can be arranged, if any</i> |
| 2.30 pm | End of Tour of the Festival |