

## **CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENT**



### **TOUCH Community Services Appoints New Executive Director**

**SINGAPORE, 1 April 2016** – TOUCH Community Services has appointed Mr James Tan as Executive Director with effect from today. He takes over from Mr Eugene Seow, who is taking on a new responsibility as Executive Director of TOUCH International, to explore and develop new platforms for international volunteerism and community development. Eugene will also be a Special Advisor to the TOUCH Leadership Team.

Mr Lawrence Khong, Founding Chairman of TOUCH said, “I would like to thank Eugene for bringing TOUCH through a remarkable journey over the last 24 years as its founding Executive Director. Through his visionary leadership, TOUCH is today a credible contributor to the social service sector with 17 services reaching out to some 30,000 clients annually. Many of its programmes and services have become models of excellence for social services in Singapore and internationally. Eugene has built a strong foundation that will undoubtedly underpin the future growth of TOUCH.”

James has been intricately involved in TOUCH both as a volunteer since the late 1990s and its Deputy Executive Director since January 2014. In 2015, he led the TOUCH Leadership Team in crafting its new Vision 2030.

James spent 21 years in the real estate industry, with extensive experience in the area of real estate strategy, consulting, portfolio and asset management. From 2009 – 2013, he served as the Chairperson (Singapore Chapter) of a global real estate association. Under his leadership, the chapter grew to become the largest chapter in Asia.

A passion to make a difference in the lives of individuals and see positive community transformation led James to cross over from the corporate world into the social service sector.

#### **About TOUCH Community Services**

TOUCH Community Services is a not-for-profit charitable organisation, dedicated to meeting the needs of children from low-income or single-parent families, youths at-risk, needy families, people with special and healthcare needs, and the frail elderly. Through its integrated network of services, as well as an international arm, TOUCH is committed to serving people of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds.

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