



News Release for the Editor's Desk

"Walk with Me – SembCorp's 24 hr Marathon Walk To Support Children with Cancer.

SembCorp Utilities raises \$300,000 to-date to aid Children's Cancer Foundation

Singapore (29 August 2006) – On 2 Sept 2006, 8am, a group of staff and management ranging from technicians to the Executive Vice President in SembCorp Utilities Pte Ltd (SCU) will begin a 24 hour non-stop walk round Singapore to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) and increase public awareness on childhood cancer.

This unique initiative is the brain child of SCU as part of their corporate volunteering efforts. A total of 42 walkers comprising 32 men and 10 ladies, oldest 55 years old and youngest 23 years old, have since clocked 1614 training hours, walked 5000 km in training distance, drowned 660 litres of water, and almost all bought new shoes for this massive walk!

All walkers were given time off sessions by their management to concentrate on their training regime. To ensure no walker falls behind, a buddy system was kept in place to keep the group walking together, and the occasional friendly nudges to prevent drowsiness. The greatest test for these walkers is to pass the critical 30 km to overcome their psychological barrier of fear, which they successfully accomplished at the trial walk last Saturday, 26 Aug 2006.

Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, Patron of CCF, will flag all 42 walkers off on 2 Sept 2006, alongside with friends and families of the walkers. Members of the public can also make online donation pledges at www.sembutilities/wecare.com to support the walkers. Final donations raised will be revealed on 3 Sept 2006, which is also CCF's annual fundraising event "Tulip Hearts Day". In an overwhelming show of support, more than 200 organisations ranging from SCU's customers and associated companies within the SembCorp group to even other social organisations which SCU supports, have come forward to be part of this worthy fundraising effort. This has enabled SCU to raise more than \$300,000 to-date and within the span of less than a month through online pledges, the sale of collar pins and outright donations.

On 3 Sept 2006, 8 am, walkers will end their 24 hour walk at MacRitchie Reservoir where they will be greeted by supporters and Associate Professor Ho, who will also flag off the next group of participants for the 5 km charity walk-a-jog at 8am. Participants include business partners of SCU and players of the 11 S-league clubs. This is the first time all 11 S-league clubs are coming together for a good cause and the collaboration efforts of these groups represent their strong unity in supporting SCU's fundraising efforts in aid of CCF.

"SembCorp staff from diverse backgrounds and experiences are coming together to show children with cancer and their families that we care. We hope that our effort will create a ripple effect to encourage individuals and corporations to donate generously; and also contribute time and effort for those less fortunate than us. If everyone just put in a bit more effort, the world will be a better place for everyone." – Mr Francis J. Gomez, Executive Vice President of SCU.

Special guest emcee Ms Koh Chieng Mun, will also be present to lend encouragement and share her testimony about her battle with cancer, alongside with some CCF beneficiaries. Said Ms Koh, "This is a very symbolic gesture by the volunteers who are walking 24 hours. They are stretching their physical and mental fitness in supporting the brave children who are undergoing cancer treatment. The children with cancer should be proud of these 'uncles' and 'aunties' who step forward to show their love for them".

All press photography and interviews are welcomed.

SembCorp Utilities Pte Ltd "Walk with me" details

Date/Time: 2 – 3 September 2006 from 0800 hours to 0800 hours



24 hours 70 km Marathon Walk (Walkers' Route)

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| 1. MacRitchie Reservoir (Start) | 11. Choa Chu Kang Rd | 21. Hill St |
| 2. Thomson Road | 12. Bukit Batok Rd | 22. Victoria ST |
| 3. Upper Thomson Road | 13. Jurong Town Hall Rd | 23. Kallang Rd |
| 4. Sembawang Road | 14. Boon Lay Way | 24. Sims Ave |
| 5. Gambas Ave | 15. Commonwealth Ave West | 25. Aljunied Rd |
| 6. Woodlands Ave 7 | 16. Commonwealth Ave | 26. Upper Aljunied Rd |
| 7. Woodlands Ave 2 | 17. Alexandra Rd | 27. Upper Serangoon Rd |
| 8. Woodlands Ave 3 | 18. Ganges Ave | 28. Braddell Rd |
| 9. Woodlands Ave | 19. Havelock Rd | 29. Lornie Rd |
| 10. Woodlands Rd | 20. Eu Tong Sen St | 30. MacRitchie Reservoir (End) |

Time	Locations	Distance
<u>START POINT</u> 8.00am - 9.15am	MacRitchie Reservoir to Upper Thomson Road/ Yio Chu Kang Road Junction	5km
9.15am - 9.30am (break)	Upper Thomson Road/ Yio Chu Kang Road Junction	
9.30am - 10.45am	To Sembawang Road/ Yishun Ave 5 Junction near Blk 701B	10.5km
10.45am - 11.15am (break)	Sembawang Road/ Yishun Ave 5 Junction near Blk 701B	
11.15am - 12.30pm	To Woodlands Stadium (Woodlands Ave 3)	17 km
12.30pm - 2.30pm (lunch break)	Woodlands Stadium (Woodlands Ave 3)	
2.30pm - 3.30pm	To Kranji War Memorial (Woodlands Road)	21km
3.30pm - 3.45pm (break)	Kranji War Memorial (Woodlands Road)	
3.45pm - 4.45pm	To Ten Mile Junction (Junction of Choa Chu Kang Road and Bukit Panjang Road)	26km
4.45pm - 5.00pm (break)	Ten Mile Junction (Junction of Choa Chu Kang Road and Bukit Panjang Road)	
5.00pm - 5.45pm	To Bukit Batok West Ave 2/ Bukit Batok Rd Junction	30km
5.45pm - 5.50pm (break)	Bukit Batok West Ave 2/ Bukit Batok Rd Junction	
5.50pm - 6.30pm	To YuHua Community Centre (Boon Lay Way)	35km
6.30pm - 8.00pm (dinner break)	YuHua Community Centre (Boon Lay Way)	
8.00pm - 9.30pm	To Commonwealth Ave West (Near to Toh Tuck Ave)	40km
9.30pm - 9.45pm (break)	Commonwealth Ave West (Near to Toh Tuck Ave)	
9.45pm - 11.15pm	To Commonwealth MRT	47km
11.15pm - 11.30pm (break)	Commonwealth MRT (near New Town Primary School)	
11.30pm - 1.00am	To Zion Rd/Ganges Ave Junction	55km
1.00am - 1.15am (break)	Zion Rd/Ganges Ave Junction	
1.15am - 2.45am	To Jalan Besar Stadium	60km
2.45am - 5.00am (breakfast break)	Jalan Besar Swimming Complex	
5.00am - 6.30am	To Upper Aljunied Rd (Bus Stop Opposite to Gurkus Camp)	65km
6.30am - 6.45am (break)	Upper Aljunied Rd (Bus Stop Opposite to Gurkus Camp)	
<u>END POINT</u> 6.45am - 8.00am	To MacRitchie Reservoir	70km

** please note that most of the 15mins breaks will be at the bus stops or just near the bus stops area.*

Notes to Editor

Tulip Hearts Day is an annual event set aside each year to pay tribute to the courage of children battling cancer. Tulips signify hope and celebration and Hearts represent the love and generosity of all who care. CCF aims to communicate this hope and love to children with cancer and their families on an annual basis through Tulip Hearts Day. The colourful handmade silk-cocooned tulips are priced at \$2 each and will be sold island-wide on 3 September 2006. CCF hopes to raise at least \$250,000 and create public awareness of childhood cancer in Singapore through Tulip Hearts Day.

About Children's Cancer Foundation

Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) has helped more than 1,200 children and their families since its inception in 1992. CCF is an independent Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) that helps children with cancer below 17 years old. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of children with cancer and their families through enhancing their emotional, social and medical well-being.

Among the free services CCF provides are

- Counselling and Casework
- Therapeutic Play
- Parents Support Groups & Workshops
- Bereavement Programme
- Financial Assistance
- Childhood Cancer Marrow Transplant Programme
- Wishlink
- Supervised Play
- Back-to-School Programme
- Resource Libraries
- Tuition and befriending programme
- Social and Recreational Programmes
- Educational Talks and Workshops

CCF has two Family Support Centres (FSCs) where counselling and other related activities take place. The FSCs are located just outside the childhood cancer ward of both the KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH) and the National University Hospital (NUH) for easy accessibility by children and their families. CCF also has a playroom at the National Cancer Centre (Singapore General Hospital) next to the Radiation Oncology department.

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