

Do Good, Do More



The Spirit Of Giving... Ang Bee Ping (1st from left), Kelly Koh (2nd from right) and Jenny Siew (right) join other winners from e2i (from left) Quek Yee Kiang, Judy Tan, Susan Loo and Francis Lee to present the NTUC FairPrice vouchers to the U Care Fund

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The spirit of the May Day Model Partnership Awards was clearly alive again! All eight NTUC Staff donated their NTUC FairPrice vouchers to the U Care Fund after winning them as part of their award in the Individual category at the ceremony on 16 May 2009 at D'Marquee, Downtown East.

This move inspired Assistant General Treasurer of Food, Drinks and Allied Workers' Union Ng Kok Kiong, 49, who also won the award, to follow suit.

"There are people out there that need this voucher more than me. It is because of this very partnership that I could win this award, so why shouldn't I let the spirit of the May Day Model Partnership Awards live on and continue to help others," Mr Ng said.

Their joint efforts raised a total of \$3,150, which will be contributed to the U Care Fund.

"I believe the vouchers will be of greater significance to the union members, especially the low wage contract and casual workers. So through this simple act, I sincerely hope it would be able to help those in need to reduce the burden caused by the recent economic crisis."

Spencer Teng, Unit for Contract And Casual Workers Consultant

"It is very meaningful to me to do something for the less fortunate. Furthermore, as an employability coach, my role is to do well in our projects to help the workers, do good to train and find employment for them, so why not do more and work together to contribute our rewards back to society?"

Jenny Siew, e2i (Employment And Employability Institute) Senior Employability Coach

"NTUC is the voice of the working people. We're glad to donate the NTUC FairPrice vouchers, and together with other stakeholders, I will continue to do good to help our less fortunate and lower income workers do well, so as to better their lives in sustainable ways."

Ang Bee Ping, NTUC Women's Development Secretariat Senior Specialist

"Like the rest of my colleagues, I want to give my vouchers to the workers who are in need during this period of downturn. This not only helps them alone, but is also an avenue for us to help their family tide through this difficult period of time."

Kelly Koh, Singapore Industrial & Services Employees' Union Industrial Relations Officer

Woman To Woman About Women

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Singapore International Foundation hosted a visit under the Distinguished Visitors' Programme for Madam Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State for Ministry of Interior, The Kingdom of Cambodia, from 4 to 8 May 2009.

The SIF Distinguished Visitors' Programme has been the platform by which SIF has brought prominent leaders from the business, political and civil society sectors, as well as other public personalities from around the world to Singapore.

Women's Development Secretariat was pleased to host a session with Madam Chou. Given Madam Chou's interests in gender equality issues, NTUC Deputy Secretary-General Halimah Yacob provided a holistic view of the women's social and economic developments in Singapore, including the efforts and programmes initiated by the Secretariat.

Madam Chou praised the peace and stability in Singapore, as these are the core and fundamental building blocks of rapid social and economic development. Labour market wage patterns, statutory requirements on marriage and parenthood, pro-family work measures, working and schooling Cambodians in Singapore were among some of the salient issues discussed. She observed that women all over the



Madam Chou (left) and Madam Halimah in conversation.

world faced similar issues of balancing work and family and therefore the sharing of experiences was useful. She also touched on how ordinary Cambodians had to quickly move on and come to terms with the horrors of the past so that they could focus on rebuilding their economy and society.

Through these visits, it is hoped that Singapore's distinguished visitors would better understand the Singapore Story from this enriching exchange of culture and experiences.