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Chew Kwee San elected President of the YMCA of Singapore

Mr Chew Kwee San was elected President of the YMCA of Singapore following the Association's Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2015.

Mr Chew brings with him a wealth of experience from both the corporate and social service sectors. He is Executive Director of The Tecity Group of companies, and Honorary Secretary and Council Member of both the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation in Singapore and Tan Sri Tan Foundation in Malaysia.

Mr Chew has been a YMCA volunteer since 1999, serving in various YMCA committees. He has also been serving as an Office Bearer of YMCA, first as Honorary Treasurer from May 2009 to May 2013 and subsequently as Vice President from May 2013. He is also a Council Member of the National Council of YMCAs of Singapore.

Mr Chew is also an active contributor to the social service sector in Singapore. He has been serving on the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Board since 2012 and is currently one of three Vice Chairmen on the Community Chest Committee.

Commenting on his new appointment, Mr Chew said, "I look forward to working closely with the YMCA Board and management team in driving YMCA towards developing the "heartware" for Singapore through its programme and service infrastructure, building a resilient and caring society through sustainable community engagement programmes and nurturing socially responsible community champions. This includes engaging youth in programmes that provide opportunities for them to be attuned to the needs of the community, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to serve with excellence through structured training and development programmes, and providing them with the platforms to step-up and lead their peers and other like-minded youths in making a positive difference in the community."

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About YMCA of Singapore

YMCA of Singapore is a volunteer-based Christian organisation that seeks to serve and impact all members of the community, regardless of race, language or religion, through programmes, services and enterprises to develop the body, mind and spirit. YMCA organises 16 structured and sustained YMCA-Tan Chin Tuan Community Service Programmes to enrich the lives of the beneficiaries from 32 partnering voluntary welfare organisations and self-help groups. The beneficiaries include the intellectually and physically challenged, out-of-school youth and youth-at-risk, abused and underprivileged children, the visually and hearing impaired, the elderly and the poor. Some of the other key programmes include the YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme, YMCA Youth Development Programmes, overseas community service programmes, rebuilding programmes for disaster-hit communities and YMCA Financial Assistance & Capability for Employment Scheme. YMCA was conferred the 2008 Outstanding Non-Profit Organisation Award by the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre on 13 November 2008; and won the Charity Governance Award (CGA) in the Large Charities category on 25 October 2013. The organisation also runs social enterprises, such as the YMCA International House, YMCA Child Development Centres and Student Care Centres, YMCA School and YMCA Tertiary education programmes.