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GIRL GUIDES SINGAPORE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

On Centenary Day* at Camp Christine
71 Jalan Bahtera
10.30am to 12pm

SINGAPORE, 09 April 2010 - On the 10th April 2010, *100 days into the 100th Year of Guiding*:

***100 Households' Needs will be Met
by 100 Hampers Delivered
by 100 Girl Guides.
100 Seedlings will be Planted
by 100 Brownies.***

And it all started with a plea: "Please, please - something for the girls!" in 1909.

This was when a handful of girls gate-crashed the Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace in the United Kingdom and lobbied for a place for girls. They were the very first advocates of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) who challenged the norms and gender conventions of the time.

The Movement has more than 10,000,000 members around the world today.

Over the past 100 years, approximately 250 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been changing lives of those around them and building a better world through community actions, peer education and service to others. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world have often been at the forefront of helping people who are less privileged. This is a tradition we uphold throughout our history.

Today we celebrate the Centenary Theme of "**100 years of Changing Lives**" with the focus for 2010 being "Eradicating Poverty and Hunger". Each year there will be a different focus, with 2011 being "Empowering Women and Girls" and 2012 being "Sustaining the Environment". There will be sub-themes for each of the three years with the strategy of Plant (2010), Grow (2011) and Share (2012).

Eradicating Poverty and Hunger

Collectively GGS partners with Lions Club of Singapore Astrid, to donate food hampers to 100 families identified and hosted by GGS. 100 Guides will bring the hampers to the 100 homes and members of the families will be invited to Camp Christine on the 10th April to view varying aspects of Girl Guiding and learn the history of Girl Guiding.

Guests will be hosted by the President of Girl Guides Singapore, Mrs Joy Balakrishnan, and the event will be graced by the Guest of honour, Mr Masagos Zulkifli Bin Masagos Mohamad, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Education & Ministry of Home Affairs.

Perpetuating with Planting

At Camp Christine, 100 Brownies will be planting 100 seedlings as part of the Girl Guides Singapore's strategy to Plant, Grow and Share. The Guest of honour, Mr Masagos Zulkifli Bin Masagos Mohamad will plant the "Plant of Significance" with a Brownie.

Guests at Camp Christine will be invited to sample 100 types of food representing the countries from the five regions of the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts.

Day's Event Schedule

10.00 am	Arrival of Brownies, Guides and Adult members
10.30 am	Arrival of Guests
11.00 am	Arrival of Guest of Honour Welcome Address Address by Guest of Honour Presentation of Hampers Presentation of Souvenirs
11.20 am	Planting of seedling by Guest of Honour
11.30 am	Guests Walkabout
11.45 am	Light refreshments (Sample 100 types of food from the Five Regions of the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts)
12.00 pm	Guest of Honour leaves Reception Continues

Girl Guides Singapore

Started in 1917, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a non-profit Uniformed Group that is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Guide Scouts (WAGGGS). It has over 10,000 members in Singapore and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls. There are more than 10 million members in 145 countries today.

GGS teaches leadership, promotes resourcefulness and supports cultural diversity in today's world, for today's girls. We offer opportunities and challenges that shape each girl into a leader of courage, confidence and character. And as she takes her place and makes her mark in the world, the Girl Guides experience is something a girl will carry with her for life.

* Centenary Day falls on the 10 April from 2010-2012 (the 100th day in each year) and calls for members to celebrate the Movement's achievements and reflect on the lives that Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have positively touched.

***Lions Club of Singapore Astrid**

Lions Club of Singapore Astrid was chartered on 7th March 1995 with 20 lady members as an all ladies' Club by Charter President PK Choy.

The Club's motto **A.S.T.R.I.D.** stands for 'A Service To Render In Dedication'. We believe that as an individual, one can only do so much for the community. However collectively as a Club we can generate better results in community services as well as fund raising projects. Astrid is dedicated to the Service of the Community for the good of mankind and the environment.

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