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WORLD THINKING DAY 2016 MESSAGE

Girl Guides Singapore will celebrate World Thinking Day 2016 on Monday, 22 February 2016. All Brownies and Girl Guides in schools will wear their Brownie/Guide uniform to school on that day.

The message from Ms Chang Hwee Nee, President of the Girl Guides Singapore is attached. For schools with Brownie and Girl Guide units, the message is to be read out at school assemblies on Monday, 22 February 2016. This message is embargoed until after delivery on that day.

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GIRL GUIDES WORLD THINKING DAY 2016

22 FEBRUARY 2016

MESSAGE FROM MS CHANG HWEE NEE

PRESIDENT, GIRL GUIDES SINGAPORE

Dear Brownies, Guides, Young Adults and Guiders,

1 Every year on 22 February, more than 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across 146 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is part of a global movement that is deeply committed to develop girls and young women to their fullest potential and become responsible citizens of the world.

2 This year, our World Thinking Day theme, “Connect and Celebrate” encourages all of us to build lasting and meaningful relationships with the people around us. Relationships make our lives happier and more fulfilling. Connect with the people around you; work with people from different social, racial and religious backgrounds; understand their cultures; and embrace diversity.

3 I also encourage you to participate actively in our Guiding programmes which provide opportunities to collaborate with others and build relationships. In partnership with agencies such as Tan Tock Seng Hospital, GGS has rolled out a few community outreach programmes and launched the Care for the Elderly Badge in December last year. You will learn about the needs of the elderly and how to take care of them, especially when they are ill. Through hands-on learning experiences at the hospital, you will develop social awareness and empathy which can help you to maintain good relationships with others. GGS will roll out more programmes to enable you to build lifelong friendships and connections.

4 Finally, I would like to thank all school leaders, teachers, Guiders, parents and partners for their passion, dedication and tireless service in supporting the Guiding movement and its core programmes. I wish everyone a happy World Thinking Day 2016.