

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **LENDING A HELPING HAND**

## REDAS SOLIDARITY PROJECT TO SUPPORT MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

**Singapore, 30 April 2020** – The Real Estate Developers Association of Singapore (REDAS) is pleased to announce that we have set up a REDAS Solidarity Project Fund to raise funds from our members to help the most affected segment of the community especially those in the built environment amid the COVID-19 pandemic as well as to show appreciation and care for healthcare workers. REDAS Foundation which was set up in 2013 to support the underprivileged within our community will also contribute to The Fund.

- 2. As a start, REDAS will donate 200,000 care packs and these items will be distributed to as many workers in factory-converted dormitories. In addition, we will also provide 800 standing fans to dormitories to help improve the ventilation for the workers.
- 3. "Given the large number of migrant workers under quarantine in dormitories, there is great urgency for us to meet their essential needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic," said REDAS President Mr Chia Ngiang Hong. "We hope this collective effort to spread a little kindness to the migrant workers will provide the much needed emotional support to help them ride out this difficult period. Working with our partners MOM, URA, BCA, Migrant Workers' Centre and Community Foundation of Singapore, we are able to quickly implement this meaningful initiative as a collaborative and socially responsible community, fostering cohesion and solidarity. We have received overwhelming support, with more than 50 members contributing \$760,000/-. I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to donors for your collective giving and generosity to this project. Once again, thank you for making this meaningful initiative possible. Let us continue to help one another to overcome this unprecedented pandemic as one united and caring society."
- 4. "The migrant workers' community has contributed immensely to Singapore's built environment. We are heartened by the support for them that has been pouring in from all segments of society. I thank REDAS for stepping forward to lead the efforts by the building industry to help migrant workers tide through this difficult period. Strength in unity, combined with all contributions big or small, will go a long way in assisting those affected and in ensuring that Singapore emerges from this episode even more resilient."
- Lim Eng Hwee, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Redevelopment Authority.

5. "We compliment REDAS for its demonstration of solidarity and care for our migrant workers during these difficult times. We are confident that by working together, private and public developers can provide the support and leadership to the whole built environment value chain which will get us through this challenging period and emerge stronger!" - Hugh Lim, CEO, Building & Construction Authority

## Ready for delivery – 800 standing fans to dormitories for the migrant workers!





