

## YMCA - Tan Chin Tuan Foundation Partnership



30 June 2007 signified the beginning of a partnership between the Young Men's Christian Association of Singapore (YMCA) and the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation. The Foundation has pledged \$990,000 over the next three years towards the YMCA-Tan Chin Tuan Community Service Programmes to expand YMCA programmes for the intellectually, mentally and physically challenged. New programmes to reach out to the elderly and children are also already in the pipeline.

With the funding, YMCA would increase its regular programmes from 10 this year to 14 by 2009. The number of beneficiaries would also increase from 500 to 980. The funding would enable YMCA to expand their current pool of active and regular volunteers from 4,100 to 5,050, and motivate and sustain them through volunteers' appreciation events as well as provide skills training to equip them in their service.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth & Sports and Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts was the Guest-of-Honour at the signing of the partnership agreement and the unveiling of the programme's name held in conjunction with the Y Camp Challenge, a bi-annual outdoor adventure camp for YMCA's beneficiaries and volunteers.