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Dear Residents of Nee Soon South,

Time awaits no one and soon we shall say adieu to 2007 and ponder upon what is in store for Year 2008.

Looking back, I have enjoyed visiting many of you and listening to your precious & constructive feedback and the many support given in earnest. Equally important, many of your wishes were forged and integrated into our various improvement programs to help make Nee Soon South a better home for us. Together with my team of dedicated Grassroots Leaders, no issues big or small are overlooked and wherever possible is given attention and attempted for improvement and this team will continually do their utmost to serve you in the years to come.

As a start, it gives me great personal satisfaction to see many residents answering the call for a healthier lifestyle by forming brisk walk & exercise groups and participating in the various sports events like the Nee Soon South Bowling League, Basketball League and water sports at our newly opened paddle club. The median age of participants is also increasingly younger with many elderly remaining active.

Nee Soon South is also blessed with compassion for the needy as various programs were initiated in 2007 to extend help to those who need it most. At my Meet-the-people sessions, hampers of food and basic necessities are promptly given out to those in financial distress. Extending further, a joint program aptly named "Food from the Heart" also see deserving families receive food ration on a weekly basis. Healthcare wise, the Ren Ai Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Clinic at Yishun also extend free consultation, treatment and medicine to those who cannot afford medical bills or seeking alternative treatment. Generous donors and sponsors from Nee Soon South see to it that these programs sustain for the sake of the community. In one such event, Tango Novu're, it helped raised \$80,000 for the Community. A group of residents from Springleaf Neighbourhood Committee also raised \$30,000 for Ren Ai TCM Charitable Center @ Yishun and frequently provide hot meals to the needy & elderly in Nee Soon South.

To set Nee Soon South into increased inclusion, the Singapore Polytechnic, Yishun Junior College, Naval Base Secondary, Peiyin Primary, Orchid Park Secondary,

Anderson Primary, and Naval Base Primary have entered into cooperative agreements with Nee Soon South to jointly organize projects & programs with their adopted grassroots organizations enabling their students to proactively learn and experience beyond the classrooms. A Reading carnival was also held to promote the love for reading.

This year, I have also visited many residents living in condominiums and am pleased to learn from them up close. I am also glad that the various authorities have heard us and responded with actions such as covering up a section of the drain and provided a road divider at Thong Soon Gardens; installed a post box at Hong Heng Mansion; building a lighted footpath along Sungei Seletar that links to Lower Seletar Reservoir and many more.

If you are interested to have more details of our grassroots activities please visit our newly launched website www.neesoonsouth.org.sg or look out for our newly launched newsletter "Flavours of Nee Soon South". You may also be pleased to know that we have also started a mass e-alert system so that residents can be informed or contacted via sms during an emergency.

Finally, a complimentary calendar is enclosed for your use. Many of the images capture our major events of 2007 with residents in action and I hope you like it.

Here's wishing you a Very Happy & Prosperous 2008

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亲爱的义顺南居民，

光阴似箭，转眼之间，2007年已到了尾声。让我们在迎接2008年的当儿，一起回顾今年走过的路。

在今年的沿户访问中，更多的居民向我提供了宝贵及有建设性的意见。我们在整理，探讨及研究后，除了向有关当局反映民情外，也尽可能地把一些可行性的建议融入了各社区及基层活动中。我的基层领袖们，将竭尽全力，为大家服务。我希望居民们能继续为我们提供意见，一起打造一个更美好的家居环境。

义顺南的居民们响应号召，积极地参与健康生活运动，令我感到非常骄傲。居民们不但自动自发地成立了各种体育休闲组织，也积极地参与区内的大型保健活动，如保龄球联赛，篮球联赛及水上嘉年华会等项目，反应令人鼓舞。更可喜的是，除了原有的乐龄人士外，参与者有年轻化的迹象。

在2007年里，我们也推动了多项爱心计划。在我每星期四的"接见民众时间"里，我们为有经济困难的家庭准备了干粮及一些生活必需品。我们也在区内大力推广"爱心食品计划"，每星期向需要援助的家庭伸出援手。保健方面，我们设立了一所"仁爱中医诊所"，为有经济困难居民提供免费的医药咨询与治疗服务。此外，我们也积极筹集善款，除了在我们的"探戈慈善晚会"筹得了\$80,000外，春叶邻里委员会也雪中送炭，为"仁爱中医诊所"筹得了另外\$30,000

的善款。义顺南很幸运的拥有一批热心人士，他们慷慨解囊，使这些爱心计划能顺利的推行。

为提高社区凝聚力，义顺南的基层组织，也和新加坡理工学院，义顺初级学院，军港中学，兰景中学，培英小学，安德逊小学及军港小学等多家学府签署了合作协议。我们的基层组织，将和各校一起联办各种活动，让莘莘学子有机会参与校外计划，开阔视野。我们也成立了阅读会，带领义顺南朝书香社区迈进。

我在今年照访了更多的私人住宅居民，更进一步了解了他们的心声。令人欣慰的是，有关当局反应迅速，采取了适当的措施来改善环境。通顺花园的马路分界堤，洪兴大厦的新邮筒，连接实里达下段蓄水池和实里达河的照明走道，就是几个最好的例子。

如果你想进一步的了解我们的基层活动，或参加我们的基层组织，你可以登陆我们的网站www.neesoonsouth.org.sg，或翻阅义顺南的社区杂志"Flavours of Nee Soon South"。此外，义顺南"电子联络系统"也已启动，为任何突发及紧急情况做好准备。

2008年即将降临，我特地为义顺南的居民们准备了一个台历。里面收藏了许多居民们这一年参与活动的剪影。请笑纳。

最后，祝大家在新的一年里，百尺竿头，更进一步。

谢谢。

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