

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



(L to R): Metro Group CEO Mr Yip Hoong Mun, Recipient and New Town Secondary 4 Student Nur Musyafiqah Bte Mustaffa, Metro Chairman Lt-Gen (Retd) Winston Choo and Beyond Social Services Executive Director Mr Gerard Ee after the laptop-giving ceremony on 29 September 2020.

As Metro continues to diversify across geographies and asset classes to achieve resilient growth, the Group holds firm to the commitment to be a responsible corporate citizen through positive contributions to society. Specifically, we continue to focus on children, the future pillars of society, enabling them through education; and taking care of the silver generation.

### EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

#### Singapore

##### “Metro Is Singapore” COVID-19 Initiative

Despite COVID-19 headwinds, Metro raised S\$250,000 in a month for the “Metro Is Singapore” COVID-19 Initiative. Partnering Beyond Social Services (“BSS”), Metro will provide more than 200 laptops for low-income Singaporean students’ home-based learning. The charity drive ran from 1st to 31st August 2020, and Metro donated 2.5% of the department stores and online sales revenues. Board of Directors, management, staff and key shareholders also contributed.



#### Shanghai, China

##### Metro Scholarship

Metro holds firm to our belief that the future of every child should not be restricted by their socio-economic background. As an advocate of empowerment through education, Metro has provided many underprivileged students in the Shanghai Xuhui district with access to education.

Established by the late Mr Jopie Ong (former Managing Director of Metro) in 2005, our flagship Metro scholarship has been running for 17 years and has benefitted more than 3,000 deserving primary and secondary school students through a grant of RMB100,000 each year. In 2021, Shanghai Metro will donate another RMB100,000 to assist students in need of financial aid.

##### Supporting Minority Students

Shanghai Metro has upheld its pledge to support the minority students of the Shanghai Xuhui district for the past 12 years with an annual donation of RMB10,000 to nine universities, reaching out to 90 students of minority races each year. The contribution holds a meaningful purpose as it includes a set of inspirational books, which are intended to provide moral support and encouragement for these underprivileged students. In 2021, Shanghai Metro will donate a further RMB10,000 to support this activity.

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**Happy Summer in Metro**

Marking the 21st year that “Happy Summer in Metro” has been held, the event which has become a popular community activity central to Shanghai Metro, seeks to promote academic excellence among less-privileged students.

In July 2020, Shanghai Metro signed a new round of agreement with the Shanghai Xuhui District Education Development Fund to donate RMB150,000 to further education development as well as to reward outstanding teachers. Shanghai Metro plans to donate a further RMB150,000 in 2021.

Shanghai Metro also invited teachers from Tongjiang, Sichuan province to visit the world-class city of Shanghai and participate in the teacher training programme.

**Anhui, China****Shanghai Metro Hope School**

In May 2020, Shanghai Metro donated RMB15,000 medical and teaching supplies to aid the school in its fight against COVID-19 pandemic. In October 2020, the Shanghai Metro team once again visited the Shanghai Metro Hope School in Feng Yang County, Anhui Province, China and donated a further RMB5,000 in student financial aid.

**CARING FOR THE ELDERLY**

Since 2006, Shanghai Metro has contributed to Shanghai Xujiashui Street Home for the elderly annually. In 2021, Shanghai Metro continued to show its care and concern through a donation of beddings totalling RMB10,000 to the home.

**A RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CITIZEN**

Recognising that our success was built with the support of the greater community, Metro actively participates in activities and initiatives that benefit society. The Group remains fully committed to supporting our communities by providing education opportunities whilst caring for the elderly. Through our efforts, we seek to strengthen the future pillars of society, so as to create a ripple effect for future generations to come.

