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May Day Awards 2016

he annual May Day celebrations kicked off on 29 April 2016 with the May Day Awards Dinner 2016 held at the Grand Ballroom, Orchid Country Club. About 1,600 guests attended the Awards Dinner, comprising of government officials, management partners and union leaders. There were 12 award categories with 91 award recipients.



Medal of Commendation (Gold) – Sister Chua Sock Koong

UTES is proud to congratulate two exemplary individuals with outstanding contributions for receiving awards at the May Day Dinner 2016. Congratulations to Ms Chua Sock Koong, Group Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Telecommunications Limited, for receiving the Medal of Commendation (Gold) Award. Ms Sock Koong has been supportive of working with UTES to have union representation for a broader range of

employees. This includes a signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) UTES to allow all Singtel employees such as professionals, managers, executives to join the union for limited representation on an individual basis. Congratulations Ms Sock Koong once again!



Comrade of Labour – Brother Idris Jaffar

TES is also proud to congratulate Brother Idris for having received the award of Comrade of Labour during the NTUC May Day Awards 2016. Brother Idris, currently holding the appointment of First Assistant General Secretary of UTES, also concurrently holds the appointment of Chairman of the Quantium Solutions Branch. Being a unionist since 1984, he has made a numerous and significant contributions in union activities and



festive events. Despite his seemingly busy schedule, Brother Idris is also active at NTUC Level, sitting in the NTUC Care and Share Committee. As a firm believer of leading by example, he takes his responsibilities as a unionist seriously as he believed in serving as a role model for colleagues to look up to. Kudos to Brother Idris for the award of Comrade of Labour!

May Day Fiesta

his year's May Day Fiesta was held for the first time at Palawan Beach, Sentosa. The morning of 28 May 2016 started a little gloomy with the wet weather but



thankfully, the sun showed itself just in time for our members to enjoy themselves in the sun, sand & sea!

(Photo Credits: NTUC) Some 20,000 union member including their families and friends came as early as 10am, which is the first slot of the 3 for the Sentosa Funfest. Aside to the one-off exclusive admission ticket price of only \$2.50 per ticket, members also took advantage of the specially discounted ticket prices at \$5.50 per person, for attractions around Sentosa, which includes Sentosa Merlion, 4D Adventureland, Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom, Singapore Cable Car – Sentosa Line, Tiger Sky Tower and MOSH!.



(Photo Credits: UTES Member, Sharifah Fadzlin)

U Care Programmes: Back to School Vouchers & U Stretch Vouchers 2016

he joint application exercise for <u>U-Stretch Vouchers</u> and <u>Back to School Vouchers</u> for 2016 is now open for application. The U-Stretch (USV) and Back to School (BTS) Vouchers are core assistance programmes of the NTUC-U Care Fund, a registered charity and Institution of a Public Character (IPC).

The <u>U Stretch Voucher Programme</u> aims to assist low-income union members to defray the cost of daily necessities. The <u>U Care Back to School Voucher Programme</u> aims to assist low-income union members to defray the cost of their children's school expenses for the new school year.

Value of Vouchers awarded to successful applications

	U-Stretch Vouchers	Back to School Vouchers
Members <u>WITHOUT</u> Dependents staying in the same household in Singapore	\$50 worth of U Stretch Vouchers per successful application	Not applicable

Members <u>WITH</u>
Dependents staying in the same household in Singapore

\$100 worth of U Stretch Vouchers per successful application

\$125 worth of Back to School Vouchers for each eligible school-going child. (limit to one booklet per eligible child per family)

Criteria for application:

- 1. Member must have a minimum of 6 months continuous paid-up union membership at the point of application or as at programme closing date (whichever earlier) and must not be in arrears.
- 2. Application is open from 15 June 2016 to 15 July 2016
- 3. Income criteria is as stated in the table below.

	U-Stretch Vouchers	Back to School Vouchers
Members <u>WITHOUT</u> Dependents staying in the same household in Singapore	Monthly *Gross Personal Income* of \$1,450 and below.	Not applicable
Members <u>WITH</u> Dependents staying in the same household in Singapore	Total Monthly * Gross Household Income of \$3000 and below inclusive of overtime and allowances; OR Per Capita Income of \$750 and below if gross household income exceeds \$3000.	Total Monthly *Gross Household Income of \$3000 and below inclusive of overtime and allowances; OR Per Capita Income of \$750 and below if gross household income exceeds \$3000.
Supporting documents	 If Member is Employed: Photocopy of recent payslip (dated year 2016)	

CPF Statement (showing contribution history for the past 3 months). If no CPF account, a written letter from CPF board is required or Notice of Assessment from IRAS (Year of Assessment 2015). AND Photocopy of Spouse's payslip or CPF Statement (showing contribution history for the past 3 months) if Member is Married	
Not applicable	If applying for BTS Vouchers: Photocopy of Child/Children's Birth Certificate(s) For foreign birth certificate(s), please submit Certificate of Singapore Citizenship / Re-entry Permit AND Student Pass. Note: If the child's birth certificate has been previously submitted for Back to School Voucher Programme in 2012 or later, you need not submit the birth certificates again

Note: *Gross income is defined as <u>all income</u> derived from employment/business. Inclusive of overtime and allowances.

- 4. Applicant may be asked to submit other documents in addition to the above, if necessary, for audit purpose.
- 5. One set of income documents is sufficient for joint applications of U-stretch and BTS.
- 6. For Back to school Vouchers: Member's child/children must be studying in Singapore in Year 2017, either in Kindergarten 1 or 2; Government/Government-Aided/Independent Schools (Primary or Secondary) under MOE; Junior Colleges; Institute of Technical Education; Millennia Institute; Polytechnics or MOE-registered Special Education Schools.
- 7. For Back to school Vouchers: Graduating students (e.g. final year junior college students) who will not be attending schools in Year 2017 will not be eligible for the Back to School Vouchers.
- 8. Successful applicants will be notified of voucher collection from mid November 2016 onwards.

Submission: Members can either submit a hardcopy form to the union or apply online;

- 1. Online application: Union members are encouraged to submit their online application via the U Care System www.ntuc.org.sg/ucare/apply.
- 2. Hardcopy form application (Click here): All applications must reach UTES HQ before the closing date; 15 July 2016.
- a) Applications can be mailed to the below address:

ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DEPT, UCARE PROGRAM 2016 (USV/BTS) UNION OF TELECOMS EMPLOYEE OF SINGAPORE 15 HILL STREET, TELEPHONE HOUSE COMPLEX II 3RD STOREY, S(179352) b) Signed copies of the applications can be faxed to <u>63396040*</u>. Alternatively a signed and scanned copy of the application can be forwarded to us at <u>membership@utes.org.sg</u>

Disclaimer: For all Faxed copies of applications and/or supporting documents, applicants are advised to call UTES office at 63371122 <u>immediately</u> after faxing, to confirm receipt of applications.

Kindly take note that in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA), coming into effect from 2 July 2014, the applicant is required to give consent for the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Data under the "Declaration by Applicant" section of the form.

For further enquiries on the voucher programs, please contact the Membership Department at 63371122 or email to membership@utes.org.sg

UTES Benefits Summary

Type of Membership Benefit	1st Quarter 2016 (\$)	
Benevolent Grant	1,300.00	
Get Well Hamper	2,000.00	
Hospitalisation Reimbursement	9,690.00	
Medical Assistance Scheme	5,600.00	
NTUC Gift	13,500.00	
SLF Hardship Grant	2,000.00	
Total	34,090.00	

Upcoming / Ongoing Events Calendar 2016/2017

Lookout for our email broadcasts and UTES website for more details of these exciting events lined up just for you!

- **UTES Annual Bursary Awards 2016**: Sunday, 14 Aug 2016
- **Young UTES Event Durian Trip**: Sunday, 21 Aug 2016
- **UTES Annual Souvenir Distribution Exercise 2016**: Oct 2016 to March 2017

UTES PERKS AND PROMOTIONS

Bookings are now available for July and August 2016.

EXCLUSIVE: Special packages inclusive of BBQ pit bookings are available during Peak Periods and Weekends! Stand a chance for a Festive Lucky Dip with every booking! Call us now for enquiries!

Click for Application Form for Chalet Booking



> 5 to 7 July - 3D/2N (HARI RAYA PUASA). > 8 to 10 Aug - 3D/2N (NATIONAL DAY)

Peak Periods:





BBQ Pits during off-peak period (subject to D'Resort availability)



* New Improved room - Mangrove (LvI 2)

Package	Off-Peak	*Peak (with BBQ pits)
FRI - SUN (3D/2N)	\$400.00 (with BBQ Pit)	
SUN - FRI: 2D/1N	\$150.00	•
3D/2N	\$200.00	\$300.00
4D/3N	\$300.00	-
5D/4N	\$350.00	•
6D/5N	\$400.00	

For booking of BBQ Pits during off-peak period, kindly contact D'Resort club directly at 65891865 / 65823322

For chalet booking enquiries, please call UTES at 63371122 Fax 63396040 or email noora@utes.org.sg

NTUC EVENTS & PROMOTIONS

Pororo Park Singapore - 15% OFF Child Admission

Click on the image for more information!



Accompanying adult @ \$3.50 (UP: \$6)

Offer Date: Valid till 31 Dec 2017

Merchant Name: Pororo Park Singapore

Merchant Address: 6 Raffles Blvd Marina

Square #02-29

Merchant Contact: 62509700

Merchant Operating Hours: Sun - Thurs: 1030am - 8pm Fri & Sat: 1030am to 9pm

Merchant

Website: http://www.pororoparksg.com

Terms & Conditions:

- Present NTUC card to enjoy the promotion
- 2 adults per child are allowed for entry at partners' rate of \$3.50 per adult. Subsequent adults will have to pay the usual rate of \$6
- Offers are not valid in conjunction with each other and with other discounts, vouchers, promotions, privileges, membership/loyalty programmes unless otherwise stated.
- Merchants' terms and conditions apply.

NTUC EVENTS & PROMOTIONS

eXplorerkid @ Downtown East

The newly revamped eXplorerkid @ Downtown East is NOW OPEN! Get your child prepared to engage their senses, dream big in our world of imagination, build their independence and get ready for a challenge!





Venue: E!hub @ Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close, Singapore 519599

www.explorerkid.com

Wave House Sentosa



- 1-FOR-1 on the FlowRider*
- *For first time riders only
- Wave and Food Promo \$50 Nett per pax (1 Hour FlowRider experience + Choice 1 Pizza or Burger)
- Catch-a-Wave and Food Promo \$30 Nett per pax
 (1 try on FlowRider + Choice of 1 Pizza or Burger)

Offer Date: Valid till 31 Dec 2016

Merchant Address: 36 Siloso Beach Walk

Merchant Contact: 6377 3113

Terms and conditions:

- Valid till 31 Dec 2016
- Present NTUC Card to enjoy the privilege
- Not valid in conjunction with other promotions
- Other terms& conditions apply