



SPEECH BY MR GOH GEOK KHIM, CHAIRMAN, TEMASEK FOUNDATION AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING CENTRE AT LAMONGAN MUHAMMADIYAH GENERAL HOSPITAL ON 23 JULY 2015 IN LAMONGAN, SURABAYA, INDONESIA

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Dr Kenneth Heng,
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Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon!

Let me begin by wishing all our Muslim friends present here, *Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri*. On behalf of the team at Temasek Foundation, I wish you and your families many blessings of warmth and peace throughout the year.

2 It is indeed meaningful for all of us to gather here today to commemorate the official opening of the Life Support Training Centre, a programme jointly supported by Muhammadiyah, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, and Temasek Foundation, Singapore.

3 I have visited Lamongan many times and it is a place that is very familiar to me. Most of my previous visits to Lamongan were on business matters. However, today's visit has a special significance. I am honoured to witness a people-to-people cooperation to bring health care benefits to the Indonesian community, served under the Muhammadiyah network of hospitals.

4 Access to good health care support and services is crucial to the economic and social development of any community. Given that East Java is a region exposed to natural disasters, Muhammadiyah has identified emergency care and life support resuscitation as key areas of training need.

5 I am happy to know that since January this year, Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Muhammadiyah have worked closely to develop a dedicated life support training programme. Over a three-year period, some 150 health care professionals from more than 12 hospitals in East Java will be trained as master trainers in Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. These master trainers have an important role to multiply and share their knowledge with 450 more of their colleagues, so they can better serve the community in times of contingency and need.

6 The opening of the Life Support Training Centre complements the on-going training programme. Co-located at the Muhammadiyah Lamongan General Hospital - the largest hospital in East Java under the Muhammadiyah Organisation, the Training Centre is well-positioned as a platform for continuous training for many years ahead, beyond the current three-year training programme.

7 Thank you for giving Temasek Foundation the opportunity to be part of this cooperation. Our grant of 6.8 billion Indonesian Rupiah (S\$700,000) supports not just the training programme itself, but also the purchase of essential training equipment for the Training Centre. I look forward to a tour of the centre and its facilities after the ceremony,

8 Congratulations once again to Muhammadiyah on the official opening of the Life Support Training Centre. Thank you for the support of so many leaders both from Muhammadiyah and the Lamongan government office. Of course, we also need to acknowledge the many doctors and nurses from Tan Tock Seng Hospital who have selflessly stepped forward to be part of this initiative – thank you, Prof Heng and your entire team for your dedication and passion. We look forward to many more years of cooperation and friendship with all of you.

9 *Terima Kasih (Thank You)!*