

## With a Silver Lining



Sharing of the CSSP Project on the 'PCF (PAP Community Foundation) Little Ambassadors Programme'.

The pioneer batch of 60 Emergency Preparedness (EP) Silver Ambassadors were appointed on 12 August 2011 at the annual SCDF-C2E Forum held in the SCDF Auditorium. (C2E stands for the Community Emergency and Engagement Committee). This is a joint SCDF-People's Association (PA) initiative, in which these ambassadors will assist to raise the level of emergency preparedness among their elderly peers in their own constituencies. They will do so through giving regular fire safety talks and conducting EP skills training in first-aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic fire fighting. Comr Peter Lim and the Director of Emergency Preparedness Division in PA Mr Bobby Yap jointly appointed them, thus formally commissioning their community work.

The forum was also an important platform to recognise outstanding C2E projects which participated in the Community Safety and Security Programme (CSSP). The 'PCF Little Ambassadors Programme', 'Ubin Community on Patrol' (U-COP) project, 'Exercise Block Star 2011' and the 'MiCSSP' (My domestic workers involved in CSSP) programmes were four outstanding projects highlighted and shared during the event. To give forum participants an appreciation of the current security situation, Ms Jolene Anne R Jerard from the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, delivered a lecture on the current and emerging terrorism threats in Southeast Asia.

No forum is complete without a panel discussion session. Comr Peter Lim chaired the panel, which also comprised Mr Yap and SCDF Director of Public Affairs Department COL Yazid Abdullah. A lively session saw suggestions and feedback on relevant topics like the community engagement initiatives and public education programmes. The forum ended with the last question answered, and with it came a renewed commitment to enhance the community's emergency preparedness.

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EP Silver Ambassadors receiving their appointment badges from Comr Peter Lim and Mr Bobby Yap (in white).

