

COMFORTDELGRO TAXIS SPREADS THE CHRISTMAS CHEER

21 December 2015 – 'Tis the season to be jolly – and so it shall be for members of the Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA).

On 25 December 2015, ComfortDelGro Taxis will donate 50 cents for every completed booking job to HWA. A total of \$30,000 is expected to be raised for the charity with proceeds being channelled towards its transportation needs, including ferrying members to work, school and to the hospital for their medical checks.

Said Mr Yang Ban Seng, CEO of ComfortDelGro Taxis: “Christmas is the season of giving, and by organising this Christmas Charity Drive, our cabbies and commuters will join us in contributing to the less fortunate.”

ComfortDelGro Taxis has been working with HWA over the years to help improve the lives of its members. Through the Handicare Cab Scheme, ComfortDelGro Taxis reimburses HWA members the booking fees they incur when taking any of its 17,000 cabs. To-date, ComfortDelGro Taxis has donated close to \$340,000 towards this Scheme.

In May this year, the ComfortDelGro Group committed \$40,000 to HWA as part of its “ComfortDelGro Celebrates SG50” Charity Drive.

ComfortDelGro Taxis has also contributed 75 new wheelchairs to HWA’s Loan of Mobility Equipment Scheme.

Mr Subrata Banerjee, Executive Director of HWA, said: "This kind donation to HWA from ComfortDelGro and its group of companies, including ComfortDelGro Taxis, is indeed a thoughtful Christmas gift that HWA is happy to receive. I thank ComfortDelGro Taxis for the generous contributions it has made over the years towards the travelling needs of our members."

Ms Noraini Binte Sani, 46, a member of HWA who has relied on the Handicare Cab Scheme, said: "Commuting is not easy for me and I always book a taxi when I need to go to the hospital or run errands. The Handicare Cab Scheme has been a godsend and has helped me defray my transportation costs."

Background

About ComfortDelGro

ComfortDelGro is one of the world's largest land transport companies with a total fleet size of more than 46,500 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group also has operations in China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia. ComfortDelGro operates a total of 17,000 taxis in Singapore.

About the Handicaps Welfare Association

The Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA) is a registered Institution of Public Character (IPC) charity, and a voluntary welfare organisation of the disabled, run by the disabled and for the benefit of their disabled counterparts. HWA is committed to enhancing the quality of life of People with Disabilities (PWDs) and helping them integrate into mainstream society.

Relying heavily on kind donations, from the public, and fundraising to defray its operational costs, HWA aims to further the cause of our fellow community members with disabilities, by providing programmes and services to their benefit, ranging from rehabilitation therapy and home care to social support / integration to wheelchair-accessible transport.

Upholding the belief that PWDs should not be denied transportation opportunities, HWA introduced its dedicated transport services in 1980. HWA's special needs transportation schemes deploy a fleet of purpose-built, wheelchair-accessible vehicles, equipped with hydraulic lifts. These have helped to fill the gap in transportation for the physically challenged, allowing the latter access to an affordable and reliable transportation means.

For more information about HWA, visit its website (hwa.org.sg) and/or Facebook page (facebook.com/HWASingapore).