

MEDIA RELEASE

CHARITY COUNCIL LAUNCHES INAUGURAL NETWORKING SEMINAR & APPOINTS A SHARED SERVICES PROVIDER

The Charity Council, together with the Social Service Training Institute, have jointly organised the first Networking Seminar, themed “Leading Charities through the Recession”, for charities and professional associations. The objective of the seminar is to help charities in the current economic downturn network and collaborate with professionals who can offer their advice or services in the charity sector. At the same time, charities will also receive practical advice from experts on how to navigate the current downturn.

2. To help charities optimise their resources in the current downturn, the Charity Council has also appointed ST Electronics (e-Services) to develop shared services in finance and accounting. Through shared services, charities can outsource their administrative functions to ST Electronics (e-Services) and free up resources to focus on their programmes and services.

3. Mrs Fang Ai Lian, Chairman of the Charity Council, said “The Charity Council wants to use this seminar to bring together charities, professional associations, experts and fellow practitioners to learn from one another and forge friendships along the way. We have also engaged a company – ST Electronics (e-Services) – to help charities through shared services. It is our desired outcome that these efforts will help develop a vibrant and well-governed charity sector for the benefit of our community.”

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About the Charity Council

The Council was set up in October 2006 to promote a culture of good governance and self-regulation in the charity sector. It seeks to be a:

- i. **Promoter** - encourage adoption of good governance standards and best practices, enhance public confidence in the charity sector;
- ii. **Enabler** - help build the governance capabilities of charities to enable them to comply with regulatory requirements and enhance public accountability of charities; and
- iii. **Advisor** - advise the Commissioner of Charities (COC) on key regulatory issues where there may be broad-ranging impact on the charity sector.