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MEDIA INFORMATION

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**MIGRANT WORKERS EXTEND HELPING HANDS
TO DELIVER CNY FLOWERS FOR LOCAL CHARITY FAIR**



Retrieved from [Nagarajan Sathiyamoorthy Facebook post](#)

SINGAPORE, 24 JANUARY 2024: As a migrant worker who works alone in a foreign country, would you engage in charity activities during your off days?

In Singapore, there are approximately 1.43 million migrant workers, constituting 38% of the workforce. During their precious holidays, some choose to relax, while some, inspired and supported by their employers, opt to contribute to the local community at their own expense.

Mr. Gan Ah Huat (55), the owner of GM Engineering, a construction company, is one of them. Having previously invited his employees to participate in the Tzu Chi Festive Charity Fair in 2020 and 2023, he plans to extend the invitation again on January 27, 2024 (Saturday) to encourage his employees give back to the community.

Members of the media are cordially invited to feature the story. Appended below are the details for your kind attention:

Date: 27 Jan 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 3pm-6pm (Schedule for flower delivery)

Venue: MPC @ Khatib (Opposite Khatib MRT)

Event name: 2024 Tzu Chi Festive Charity Fair

Interview profiles: 1) Employer Gan Ah Huat

2) Migrant worker Arul

Photo/Video opportunity:

1. Employer Mr Gan coordinating CNY flower sale at event site
2. Two teams of migrant workers taking turns to transport CNY flowers purchased by customers in two vans
3. Following the migrant workers to deliver the CNY flowers to addresses specified by different customers (approximately one hour per trip)

What is Tzu Chi Festive Charity Fair?



[“Tzu Chi Festive Charity Fair”](#) is organised by the Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Organization (Singapore) Ltd. With over ten thousand participants each year, this two-day eco-friendly charity event has become an annual tradition for compassionate communities in Singapore to prepare eco-friendly CNY merchandise.

Hundreds of volunteers from diverse ethnicities, nationalities, and religious backgrounds participate in the charity fair annually, including Indians and Bangladeshis. Additionally, nearly a hundred business partners donate their products or encourage their employees to join the philanthropic cause. The funds raised at the charity fair are used for charitable and educational activities based on Buddhist principles.

The event venue features three zones: a vegetarian food dining area, a CNY goods area, and a fringe activities area. The CNY flowers, which are part of the CNY goods, are solely handled by volunteers from GM Engineering, who take on the responsibility at their own expense.

In the 2023 charity fair, migrant worker Nagarajan Sathiyamoorthy shared his experience of delivering CNY flowers on Facebook (see image below), receiving [nearly 200 likes from his social circle](#).



Profile 1: Gan Ah Huat (55 years old)

Gan Ah Huat became a Tzu Chi volunteer in 2018. Subsequently, he regularly covered his transportation expenses. He invited his employees who reside in dormitories in Kaki Bukit to engage in Tzu Chi Eco point activities at Woodlands. Since 2020, he also encouraged his employees to participate in the on-site activities of the Tzu Chi Festive Charity Fair, where they assume responsibility for the delivery of Chinese New Year flowers. In addition, he annually invites all employees to participate in the Tzu Chi interfaith prayer ceremony held in May.

Profile 2: Arul (40+ years old)

Arul has been in Singapore for ten years and currently works in Mr Gan's company. He has a good command of English. In the past, he used to join Mr Gan in Tzu Chi Eco point activities and helped to deliver CNY flowers for the Festive Charity Fair last year. Arul remains deeply engaged in local charity work in India when he returns to his hometown.

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ABOUT BUDDHIST TZU CHI MERIT ORGANIZATION (SINGAPORE) LTD.

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan. Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental protection has brought relief to over 100 countries.

Established in 2016, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Organization (Singapore) Ltd. carries out aid work and religious activities that benefit people and bring forth the spirit and essence of Buddhism. As a registered charitable organisation, it provides humanitarian aid to those in need overseas, regardless of their race and religion. Its relief efforts are funded by locally-raised funds and carried out in accordance with the Law and regulations. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded in its name: in Chinese, “tzu” means compassion and “chi,” relief.

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