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Media Release

Government will work with youths on implementation of Youth Panel ideas

Thursday, 17 April 2025 – The Government will work alongside and support youths to implement the recommendations from the inaugural run of the Youth Panels.

2 At an appreciation event organised by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and the National Youth Council (NYC), the consolidated response from the Government to the policy recommendations by the Youth Panels were shared with panellists. Youth Panel members reflected on their experience and shared their vision for youth civic action in Singapore.

Conclusion of inaugural run of Youth Panels

3 Supported by MCCY and NYC, the Youth Panels were introduced under the Forward SG exercise to involve youths in the policymaking process. The Youth Panels provided a platform for youths to work directly with the Government to address top-of-mind issues among youths, including financial resilience, careers and employment, digital well-being, and environment and sustainability. Since November 2023, the four panels – #GreenHacks, #JobHacks, #LifeHacks and #TechHacks – comprising about 120 youths aged 15 to 35, partnered government agencies to conduct research, deliberate on the issues to prioritise, and engage other stakeholders.

4 The Youth Panels shared their preliminary ideas at the Youth Policy Forum on 24 August 2024 with fellow youths. The Youth Panels took in the feedback to refine their recommendations after the Forum and submitted their papers in January 2025. Collectively, they reached out to more than 5,000 youths and stakeholders, and more than 20 government agencies and organisations.

5 The Government has considered all recommendations made by the Youth Panels. The Government agrees with the issues raised and the intent of the recommendations, and will work with and support youths to implement initiatives in line with these recommendations.

Youth Panellists themselves will also be continuing with their work on implementing the recommendations. For recommendations that need to be developed in further detail for implementation, the Government will continue to engage youths on these as part of the SG Youth Plan. Stakeholders such as corporates, social enterprises, and youths are invited to partner the Government to implement these recommendations as ground-up initiatives or continue the conversation.

6 The full list of 11 recommendations made by the Youth Panels and Government responses can be found at www.nyc.gov.sg/youthpanels.

Continued Government-Youth Partnership through SG Youth Plan

7 As part of SG60, MCCY and NYC are engaging youths on developing an SG Youth Plan, which is a five-year action plan that will support youths' aspirations to create the Singapore they want to see and to be the best version of themselves. Empowering youths to shape national issues will be part of the SG Youth Plan, and MCCY and NYC will conduct a review of the Youth Panels to strengthen opportunities for youths to work with the Government on issues that matter to them. More information on the SG Youth Plan can be found at www.youthplan.gov.sg.

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About the National Youth Council

At NYC we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard and have the ability to influence and make a difference in the world. Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience and an enterprising spirit.

About the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth

The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth seeks to inspire Singaporeans through the arts and sports, strengthen community bonds, and promote volunteerism and philanthropy. Since its inception in November 2012, MCCY has been actively engaging the arts, heritage, sports, community and youth sectors. The Ministry aims to bring into sharper focus the efforts to build a more cohesive and vibrant society, and to deepen a sense of identity and belonging to the

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nation. MCCY will work with its stakeholders to create an environment where Singaporeans can pursue their aspirations for a better quality of life and together, build a gracious and caring society that we are proud to call home.