



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Merger of Council for Third Age (C3A) into the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to better scale up senior learning and volunteerism activities across Singapore**

With effect from 1 April 2025, the Council for Third Age (C3A) will be merged into the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) as a single lead organisation for ageing-related services. The merger will combine C3A's expertise in senior learning and volunteerism with AIC's reach and scale in active ageing initiatives and will benefit more seniors.

2. Established in 2007, C3A champions active ageing by encouraging senior learning, intergenerational learning and volunteerism through partnerships, public education and outreach. C3A works with a network of partners, both in the community and with the education institutions, to offer a comprehensive suite of learning and volunteer programmes for seniors.

3. AIC is the designated agency to coordinate the delivery of aged care services, and to enhance service development across both the health and social domains. The agency also provides services and grants that enable our seniors to age well in the community. As part of the national Age Well SG initiative, AIC had been ramping up the number of Active Ageing Centres (AACs) across Singapore, and bringing active ageing programmes, including senior learning and volunteer programmes, closer to seniors to keep them physically, socially and mentally active. Most recently, AIC's outreach arm, the Silver Generation Office, launched the Silver Guardian programme to allow more to volunteer at the AACs.

4. Through the merger, AIC will be able to tap on C3A's expertise to drive and achieve greater reach for the active ageing programmes. It would also be able to seamlessly refer clients to senior learning and volunteerism programmes, and enhance the diversity of programmes at the AACs. Partners could also achieve economies of scale to develop, implement and proliferate programmes more systematically. Seniors can thus enjoy greater access and variety of programmes across Singapore.

5. Dr Gerard Ee, AIC's Chairman, said, "Senior learning and volunteerism are important active ageing activities which can help Singaporeans to continue leading a meaningful life as we age. C3A's strong capabilities in these areas will bolster AIC's ability to offer our clients more options to stay socially and mentally engaged, including at Active Ageing Centres across Singapore".

6. "The inclusion of C3A would synergise our efforts in offering a greater variety of active ageing programmes to our seniors in the community. Further, it would be more convenient for our partners and service providers to work with a single lead agency to expand

their outreach to benefit more seniors in Singapore. This would be a significant step in our Age Well SG initiative,” said Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash, Chief Executive Officer of AIC.

7. Mr Kwok Wui San, C3A’s Chairman, added, “Besides C3A’s strong expertise in senior learning and volunteerism, the merger will also expand learning options for seniors, such as learning on the digital platform. The Geragogy Guidelines, which embrace teaching methods for seniors will significantly improve the learning experience of seniors.”

8. Members of the public can continue to access resources, courses and services via C3A’s website.

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**About the Agency for Integrated Care**

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) aims to create a vibrant care community for people to live well and age gracefully. AIC coordinates and supports efforts in integrating care to achieve the best care outcomes for our clients. We reach out to caregivers and seniors with information on staying active and ageing well, and connect people to services they need. We support stakeholders in their efforts to raise the quality of care, and also work with health and social care partners to provide services for the ageing population. Our work in the community brings care services and information closer to those in need. For more about us, please visit <https://www.aic.sg>.

**About the Council for Third Age**

The Council for Third Age (C3A) is an agency which promotes active ageing in Singapore through public education, outreach and partnerships. C3A focuses on lifelong learning for seniors, senior volunteerism, and positive ageing. C3A works with and through partners to help third agers age well. C3A aims to create a vibrant pro-age Singapore where seniors can participate as integral members of society. C3A also drives and administers the two national initiatives: The National Silver Academy (NSA) and the Enhanced Silver Volunteer Fund. For more about us, please visit <https://www.c3a.org.sg>.