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**ISCOS ReGen Fund is officially recognised as a
registered charity with IPC status**

Singapore, 20 March 2019 – The ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF) is pleased to announce that it has been officially approved as an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) with effect from 15 March 2019. With the IPC status, all donations made to IRF will be eligible for 2.5 times tax deduction.

IRF was first established as a charity fund, with its origins from the Industrial & Services Co-operative Society Limited (ISCOS). ISCOS is a co-operative society founded in 1989 to support ex-offenders in their reintegration journeys.

Currently, IRF runs the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP), a dedicated initiative to empower the children and families of reformed offenders with the opportunity of a complete education and the skills required to be employable and financially independent in future, so that they can lead meaningful and productive lives. FGP was previously managed by ISCOS.

“On behalf of the new Management Board, we thank ISCOS for its foundational work on the FGP. We are truly excited about the next phase of growth with a more holistic programme and new initiatives in the pipeline.

Our goal is to rebuild the lives of the families of incarcerated, especially the children so that intergenerational offending can be prevented,” said Mr Alex Yeo, Chairman of IRF Management Board. **“Under IRF, the FGP will be opened up to all qualifying families and is no longer restricted to ISCOS cooperative members.”**

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About ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF)

The name ReGen is made up of 'Re' and 'Gen' – 'Re' embodies the notion of reintegration into society, renewed and reformed life while the term 'Gen' refers to the younger generation and families of reformed offenders.

The IRF Management Board comprises Mr Alex Yeo (Chairman), Mr Albert Kong (Vice Chairman), Mr Keith Tang (Honorary Treasurer), Dr N Varaprasad (Honorary Secretary) and Ms Caroline Lim (Member).

About Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP)

FGP is anchored on three major components: Student Development, Family Support and Home Environment. Under the Programme, we provide academic assistance through bursary awards, sponsored tuition and mentoring to the children of reformed offenders. We place emphasis on the importance of building strong family units through family bonding activities and parenting workshops.

Backed by the support from volunteers, we also help create conducive study corners for the children at their own homes through home reorganisation and/or painting projects.

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