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### **Hong Leong Visits “Dinosaur Age” With The Elderly**

*Its charity arm, Hong Leong Foundation donates more than \$550,000 to 5744 needy as part of its early lunar festivities*

**Singapore, 20 January 2016** – Lunar New Year festivities came early to 60 elderly beneficiaries when Hong Leong Foundation, the charity arm of Hong Leong Group, took them back in time to the Jurassic period when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

The event took place earlier today at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum at the National University of Singapore. It is part of the Foundation’s annual charity event which includes cash giveaways of S\$557,400 to 5744 recipients. This amount will be distributed to 3,860 individuals who are receiving financial assistance from the Ministry of Social and Family Development under the ComCare Long Term Assistance Scheme, and 1884 elderly who hold the Medical Fee Exemption cards.

Hong Leong Foundation’s donations in 2015 totalled nearly S\$2.4 million.

The Natural History Museum tour was an eye-opener and an educational experience for the elderly aged 63 to 98 from Kheng Chiu Loke Tin Kee Home and Bo Tien Home for the Aged. They were accompanied by 40 staff volunteers and management from Hong Leong Group’s member companies at the event.

During the guided tour, the visitors were transported back to early life on earth as they explored the natural history exhibition showcasing more than 2,000 historic exhibits of specimens and fossils of Southeast Asian plants and animals, including near-complete fossils of three giant dinosaurs, nicknamed “Prince”, “Apollonia” and “Twinkie”.

After the tour, the elderly were treated to lunch at Copthorne King’s Hotel and entertained with performances by staff volunteers and Hsinghai Arts Association, a beneficiary of Hong Leong Foundation.

Established in 1980, Hong Leong Foundation is a regular and committed supporter in many areas such as education, welfare, heritage and the Arts. Some organisations that have benefited include Nanyang Technological University, NUHS Fund Limited, ITE Students Needy Fund, AWWA, SingHealth Foundation, Shan You Counselling Centre, Malay Heritage Foundation, and Wildlife Reserves Singapore.

The Foundation is a recipient of the Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award and has been supporting arts organisations such as The Esplanade, Drama Box, Singapore Lyric Opera, Sing’Theatre Ltd, The Rice Company Limited, and Song Lovers Choral Society,

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