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2012 FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX Local Community Youth Groups Experience F1 Excitement

Singapore, 21 September 2012 – 93 children and youths from six local welfare organisations were invited for a special evening to take in the sights and sounds of Singapore's FORMULA ONE Race. Accompanied by Mr S Iswaran, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade & Industry, they dined at the Singapore Suite, located between Turns 1 and 2 of the street circuit, and experienced the thrill of watching the FORMULA ONE first practice session. The youth groups were also treated to in-suite entertainment acts by Johnny Depp impersonator *Captain Jack*, funny characters *French Spies* and illusionist *Nicholas Tweedy*.

This is the fourth year that the race organisers have reached out to welfare organisations as part of their community initiative to bring the race to a wider audience. "We are happy to host this annual charity event and bring F1 to our larger community. I am also heartened that various stakeholders including the race promoter have actively contributed time and resources to ensure a successful event. We will continue to work with various stakeholders to share the excitement of F1 with even more Singaporeans," said Mr Iswaran.

Prior to the first practice session, the children and youths from Care Corner Teck Ghee Youth Centre, Fei Yue Community Services – Project 180, PERTAPIS Children's Home, PERTAPIS Centre for Women & Children, Salvation Army Prisons Support Services – Kids in Play and YMCA (Bridge Project) went on board the Singapore Flyer for a panoramic view of the FORMULA ONE circuit park. They also toured the F1 Village to see site-specific installations like *Angus Flags*, multihued banners by British flag maker Angus Watt; the interactive *Colour Cubed* spectacle and 3D street murals by Dutch based pop-surrealist artist *Leon Keer*.

Both the entertainment acts and goody bags given out at the event were sponsored by race promoter, Singapore GP Pte Ltd. (SGP).

About the FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

Singapore has successfully hosted the only night race in Grand Prix history and Asia's only street race on the FORMULA ONE calendar on a street circuit of public roads in downtown Singapore for three years since the inaugural race in 2008.

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