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TLL IS AN INSTITUTION OF A PUBLIC CHARACTER

Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL) is pleased to announce that it has been granted an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status under the Charities Act by Singapore's Charity unit.

Philanthropy plays a major role in driving basic and innovative scientific research which provides the foundation for discoveries that lead to innovations critical to a country's long-term economic growth and societal well-being.

TLL, a home grown life science research institute and a beneficiary of the Temasek Trust, recognizes the rising importance of philanthropy donations as an avenue to support science and technology and to contribute to achieving TLL's mission of harnessing the power of the life sciences to improve life.

The key programs in TLL focus on basic research that looks at the cellular mechanisms which underlie the development of plants, fungi and animals, as well as innovation-driven research in areas such as plant and animal biotechnology, industrial microbiology, renewable resources and emerging infectious diseases which aim to address food, environment, biosafety and biomedical crises relevant to Singapore. TLL also implements training and internship programs such as the Research Attachment Program (REAP) to help nurture inquisitive young minds and develop aspiring scientists to become leaders in their own fields.

Research scientists at TLL contribute to establishing scientific credibility for the work done at TLL by publishing in high impact international journals and presentations at major international conferences.

Besides emphasizing on carrying out the most innovative research, TLL strives to increase international visibility of our programs in order to create new opportunities for the industry and communities to benefit from our program.

TLL's approach in advancing science is not just for science sake, but with the ultimate objective of using these scientific insights to benefit society and economy. With the new IPC status, TLL has greater accountability for science as the institution continues to build on its existing capabilities to address challenging scientific questions and to meet the needs and industry challenges in line with TLL's strategic focus. TLL will also focus on how it can continue to contribute back to society through training and life science research to help communities both internationally and locally in Singapore.

The IPC status solidifies our mission and gives us every reason to strive towards greater excellence. This is not just in terms of science, but also in giving back to communities.

About Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL)

TLL, established in 2002, is a beneficiary of the Temasek Trust and is affiliated to the National University of Singapore and the Nanyang Technological University. The research institute aims to build a preeminent organization of global talent to undertake bio-molecular science research and applications to benefit people in Asia and beyond. For more information, please visit <u>www.tll.org.sg</u>.

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