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NOT EVEN 3RD STAGE CANCER CAN STOP SHIRLEY FROM VOLUNTEERING

General Information

Shirley Au Yeung, 57, survived cancer and is a fighter. She is also a strong believer that each and every one of us can shoulder the responsibility of keeping Singapore safe simply by sharing crime prevention tips with one another and practising crime prevention measures.

2. Shirley hails from Hong Kong but despite not being a native here, she sees Singapore as her home and is determined to keep it safe.

3. Shirley, along with 137 others, received her appointment as NCPC's Crime Prevention Ambassador from Guest-of-Honour, Mr Hri Kumar Nair, Chairman of Government Parliament Committee for Home Affairs and Law, today.

Keeping Singapore Safe Despite Suffering from Cancer

4. Driven by a passion and determination to keep her neighbourhood free from crime, Shirley went through her duties even though she was stricken with cancer. Her singular motto was simple - Prevention is always better than cure. That motto motivates her to organise her own activities over and beyond those organised by NCPC.

Always Going the Extra Mile

5. In September 2013, Shirley was inspired to conduct a tour for a group of senior citizens as she wanted to educate them about crime prevention as well as giving them an opportunity to leave their house. On her own initiative, she contacted Retired & Senior Volunteer Programme, another NGO, and with their help, managed to gather over 30 senior citizens. She then organised a tour to the Singapore Police Heritage Centre and Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Gallery. During the tour, Shirley used the opportunity to share crime prevention tips with the senior citizens.

6. Shirley thought nothing of the additional effort she had put in as a CPA. She said: "My main aim was to spread crime prevention messages and for the senior citizens to see what the Police Heritage Centre and ICA Gallery were like. I'm just happy to see them enjoying themselves during the tour and it made them more receptive to my crime prevention advice."

7. Mr Tan Kian Hoon, Chairman of NCPC said: "Some of us may not have easy access to news and information from televisions, computers or even radios, thus we need dedicated volunteers to meet and talk to people face to face. I am happy that the 138 people appointed as CPAs today will be joining us in our efforts to prevent crime in Singapore."

ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION AMBASSADOR (CPA) SCHEME

Implemented in 2002, the National Crime Prevention Council's CPA scheme aims to recruit and train senior citizens as volunteers to spread crime prevention messages to the public. Senior citizens, from all walks of life, have been appointed till date. They are trained to perform duties such as the sharing of experiences with other senior citizens at crime prevention talks and exhibitions, or with children at school events.

CPAs are appointed for a period of 2 years. The CPA scheme is open to Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents. To volunteer, please email to spf_ncpc@spf.gov.sg or log on to www.hometeamvolunteers.gov.sg.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is a non-profit organisation committed to promoting public awareness of and concern about crime and to propagate the concept of self-help in crime prevention. The Council comprises representatives from the commercial and industrial sectors, as well as from the public sector and the Singapore Police Force (SPF).