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Local 3rd generation business Hesed & Emet announces social arm
Launch of The Hesed Table commemorated at reunion dinner for migrant workers

SINGAPORE, 22 February 2016 – Hesed & Emet (H&E), the parent company of homegrown caterers Elsie’s Kitchen and Continental Delight, introduced its social arm, The Hesed Table, this evening. The Hesed Table has been set up to make positive and sustainable social impact through food.

Initiatives will respond to food waste occurring up the supply chain due to surplus and cosmetic sorting, and the lack of nutritious and safe meals for migrant workers. With a fully functioning central kitchen, able to process thousands of meals safely and quickly, Hesed & Emet is keen to be part of the solution that bridges food surplus and the lack of nutrition in certain communities. For now, the company hopes to seek out like-minded partners to help with both the supply and distribution of food on a long-term basis. They are currently working with the NTUC Migrant Workers Centre to better understand needs and to establish the best way to support this cause at a national level.

As a start, a reunion dinner for migrant workers living away from their families was organised to help them feel a sense of community and celebration as we end the Lunar New Year.

“We have a long history in providing wholesome food to Singaporeans since the 1950s, so it’s natural for our social arm, The Hesed Table, to be centered around providing nutritious meals to those who don’t have it readily available,” said Hesed & Emet Managing Director, Mr Reuben Ang, “We wanted to kick things off close to home, by starting with our employees and their friends who work hard to support their families back home. We hope to give them a sense of belonging by opening our doors and extending our offer of friendship and a good meal around a reunion dinner prepared by our team.”

The 170 multi-racial guests at the dinner included H&E employees, their friends and employees from partnering business Gan Hup Lee, a neighbouring rice supplier. Those present were treated to Lo Hei, steamboat as well as an Indian-style buffet.

Also in attendance was Guest of Honour Mr. Yeo Guat Kwang, Chairman of the Migrant Workers Centre and Assistant Secretary-General of NTUC.

“I am happy to support this evening’s event. Hesed and Emet Holdings have consistently demonstrated that it is possible to treat workers fairly while continuing to

grow their business. As a local family business that's grown from strength to strength over almost half a century, they have been exemplary in showing how important it is for firms to invest in workers, regardless of nationality, and to treat them well. The initiative they launched this evening is a further example of how, when the organisation does well, the gains are shared back among their workers, as well as the larger community and the less fortunate in particular. I urge Hesed & Emet Holdings to continue on their path of people excellence, and I wish them every success in the effort to keep their workers at the heart of their business." Mr Yeo said.

Going forward, The Hesed Table will continue to leverage Hesed & Emet's capabilities in food manufacturing and its extensive network of partners to provide sustainable solutions to food related issues like nutrition and food waste.

Hesed & Emet

Hesed & Emet is a Singaporean holding company that owns Elsie's Kitchen and Continental Delight. This leading local business has been satisfying appetites since the 1950s and is currently managed by the third generation of a family with a passion for serving authentic, quality food.

NTUC's Migrant Workers' Centre

The NTUC's Migrant Workers' Centre (MWC) was set up in 2009 and has championed fair treatment of migrant workers and their social integration into our community since its inception. To date, the MWC has directly assisted more than 16,500 migrant workers in managing their grievance cases and conducted outreach on employment rights and social integration to more than 650,000 more.

Hesed & Emet Holdings' invitation to the MWC to join this company event and share useful information with migrant workers on their employment rights and protections sets a benchmark for how employers should treat their workers. We are greatly encouraged by the management's enlightened treatment, not only of their own staff, but also those from neighbouring organisations by calling the community together to share in the dinner and MWC's outreach. Hesed and Emet's demonstration that they value the well-being of their staff, regardless of nationality, is commendable and is a strong signal of the organisation's commitment to building a happy and productive workplace for all.