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PRESS RELEASE**

**SRC & BLOODBANK@HSA CONCLUDE BLOOD APPEAL BUT URGE
REGULAR BLOOD DONATION**

Three weeks after the blood appeal issued by the Singapore Red Cross [SRC] and the Bloodbank@HSA on 18 January 2006, the blood stock in the national blood bank is back to comfortable levels. As of this morning (Monday, 6 February), the blood stock has 1,783 units of blood, sufficient to meet nearly four days of blood supply to the hospitals.

The SRC and the Bloodbank@HSA would like to thank all blood donors who have responded so generously to the call to donate blood during the Chinese New Year celebrations. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the schools, organisations and associations that have organised blood drives to make it convenient for students and their members to make their blood donations. We also thank the media for their support in publicising our appeals so that we were able to reach out to a wider audience.

Moving forward, the SRC and the Bloodbank@HSA would like to encourage blood donors to continue donating blood on a regular basis so that the blood stock is constantly replenished to meet the daily needs of all patients in Singapore.

If you are a healthy individual between 16* and 60 years (*parental consent required for those who are 16 and 17 years old), and whose weight is above 45 kg, we encourage you to come forward to donate blood. Please bring your NRIC card if you are a Singaporean or your passport if you are a non-Singaporean.

You can donate blood at the Bloodbank@HSA located at the Health Sciences Authority Building, 11 Outram Road [opposite Outram Park MRT Station]. The opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday to Thursday	[9am - 6.30pm]
Friday	[9am - 8pm]
Saturday	[9am - 4.30pm]
Sunday	[9am - 2pm]
Monday and Public Holidays	[Closed]

Alternatively, you can donate blood at our community mobiles. Details of the community mobiles are available online at www.donorweb.org. For further enquiries, please call SRC at 6 2200 183.

▪ **About the Singapore Red Cross**

As the National Blood Donor Recruiter, the Singapore Red Cross is part of the world's largest humanitarian network, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which comprises 181 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The Movement's work is based on the seven fundamental principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality.

For more information on the National Blood Programme, log on to the Singapore Red Cross' website at www.redcross.org.sg.

▪ **About the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)**

At HSA, we apply medical, pharmaceutical and specialised scientific expertise to safeguard public health and safety in Singapore. As one multidisciplinary agency, we serve as the national regulator of all therapeutic products by providing a seamless yet rigorous regulatory process to the healthcare and biomedical sciences industries. We also operate the national blood bank, Bloodbank@HSA, protecting the integrity of the nation's blood supply. As the national reference agency, we exploit specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and analytical capabilities in order to serve the administration of justice and enhance safety in our community. For more details, visit www.hsa.gov.sg

▪ **About the Bloodbank@HSA**

The Bloodbank@HSA is managed by HSA's Centre for Transfusion Medicine (CTM). At CTM, we are responsible for collecting, processing, testing and distributing blood and blood products to all hospitals in Singapore, both public and private. As the national blood service, we provide specialised services in transfusion sciences such as immunohaematology and tissue typing. Our transfusion medicine specialists also provide professional advice and consultations to clinicians in Singapore and the region, so as to promote the best practices in clinical transfusion medicine and to ensure that every blood donation is optimally and safely used.

For more details, visit www.hsa.gov.sg, select the "CTM" button.