

First Interactive Skit Planned

A series of interactive skits will be launched as the first grassroots activity under the nationwide MoneySENSE programme. The interactive skits are organized by the Ministry of Community Development and Sports (MCDS), Central Provident Fund Board, Financial Planning Association of Singapore, Central Singapore Community Development Council (CDC) and the National Library Board. The programme will portray the importance of good money management habits through a fun and light-hearted interactive skit. Participants will learn simple money management tips such as how to develop a budget and how to better manage their debt. Held at the following neighbourhood venues, the programme is intended to reinforce the importance of developing good money management habits from a young age.

25 Oct 2003	Yio Chu Kang Community Centre
1 Nov 2003	Library @ Orchard
1 Nov 2003	Tampines Regional Library Auditorium
8 Nov 2003	Queenstown Community Library
9 Nov 2003	Ang Mo Kio Community Library
22 Nov 2003	Toa Payoh Central Community Centre
23 Nov 2003	Bukit Merah Community Centre
6 Dec 2003	Toa Payoh East Community Centre

More sessions will be organised at other constituencies and details will be posted on the “For the Consumer” portal at www.mas.gov.sg/consumer when available.

Note to Editors:

Synopsis of the Interactive Skit

The skit revolves around 2 families: The Lim Family and the Tan Family.

The Lim family is frivolous with their money and have many items in their house on hire purchase and on credit. Mr Tan is a good friend of Mr Lim and he is constantly warning Mr Lim about the dangers of not budgeting, overspending, and excessive use of his credit card. The drama peaks with Mr Lim losing his "cushy" job and panicking as he has many liabilities and commitments. There is a happy ending as Mr Tan offers Mr Lim a job in his company and good advice on money management. The play ends with Mr Tan doing a Budgeting Template with Mr Lim. The audience will each receive a budgeting template and have the chance to participate in this activity. At the end of the play, Mr Tan takes the stage to deliver “6 Gems” to the audience. The session will end with a Scenario Play where the Lims and Tans will act out a few scenarios to reinforce the “6 Gems”. The audience will again get a chance to participate with the actors during the scenario play.