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**SINGAPORE'S FIRST-EVER ANIMAL WELFARE AWARD PRESENTED AT
ACRES 8TH BIRTHDAY GALA DINNER**

SINGAPORE, 23 May 2009- The Animals' Angel Award, Singapore's first-ever award recognising the outstanding contributions youths have made to the animal welfare movement, will be presented to four individuals (aged five to eighteen years old) during the ACRES 8th Birthday Gala Dinner.

"We are delighted to present the Animals' Angel Award to Dean, India, Jnanee and Megan tonight. These are youths who exemplify the spirit of active citizenry and are shining examples of how one person can make a tremendous difference in Singapore." said Mr. Louis Ng, Founder and Executive Director, ACRES.

Themed "Jungle Heartbeats", the Gala Dinner will commemorate the progress ACRES has made in the animal welfare movement over the past eight years and look towards the future as upcoming plans to help the animals are unveiled.

Held at the Furama RiverFront Hotel, the Gala Dinner will be co-hosted by Utt, MTV VJ and MediaCorp artist, and over 250 guests will join in the celebrations. The Guest of Honour for the evening will be Dr. Lim Wee Kiak, MP for Sembawang GRC.

The main sponsors for the event are Aian's Auto Engineering Pte Ltd, M Cube Events Communication, The Singapore Medical Group and UMW Equipment & Engineering Pte Ltd.

The Singapore Medical Group is the first corporate member of the newly launched ACRES ASPIRE programme, a programme for corporates aspiring to make a difference for animals and the community through both financial contributions and volunteerism.

"Animals can be more sensitive than us in a number of ways, including having more acute senses of sight, smell, taste and hearing. There is little doubt that they can suffer like we do. We should therefore cultivate love and friendliness with those who share our planet Earth.

As a corporate member of the ASPIRE programme, the Singapore Medical Group fully supports ACRES in its role of rescuing animals in distress. We would like to congratulate the recipients of the Animals' Angel Award and commend them for protecting the voiceless creatures in our midst." said Mr. Felix Huang, Executive Chairman, Singapore Medical Group.

The funds raised from the Gala Dinner will be channeled towards ACRES Wildlife Protection Programmes.

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Notes to editors

- ACRES is a local charity and Institution of Public Character with a main aim of fostering respect and compassion for all animals. It currently has more than 17,000 individuals on its supporter database.
- Details of the Animals' Angel Award recipients are available on request.