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NUS receives S\$200,000 bursary gift from Food Empire to develop future F&B leaders

Singapore, 7 March 2025 — The National University of Singapore (NUS) has received a generous gift of S\$200,000 from global F&B leader Food Empire to nurture future innovators for the food and beverage sector through education. The gift will be used to establish the “Food Empire Food Science & Technology Bursary” to provide financial support for undergraduates at the NUS Faculty of Science pursuing Food Science and Technology as a major. By providing these students with the resources to pursue their passion and excel in their studies, the Bursary will empower these aspiring food scientists to unlock their full potential and emerge as the next generation of industry leaders.

"We are deeply grateful to Food Empire for their generous gift, which will create a transformative impact on the lives of our students. We are committed to preparing our students to become innovative leaders capable of tackling tomorrow's food challenges, and industry partnerships like this are invaluable in realising this vision. We look forward to strengthening our collaboration with Food Empire to expand opportunities for our students and drive groundbreaking advancements in food science research," said Professor Zhou Weibiao, Head of the NUS Department of Food Science and Technology (NUS FST).

Beyond providing financial support for students, Food Empire will also explore research collaborations with NUS FST, creating pathways for innovation that will benefit students, as well as the broader industry and consumers.

Mr Tan Wang Cheow, Executive Chairman of Food Empire, said: "The Bursary enables us to give back to the community by providing financial assistance to students who have shown great potential and a strong interest in pursuing a career in our field, and creating opportunities for skills development and innovation for them. We hope our support will inspire the next generation of industry leaders to achieve new breakthroughs in food sciences that will raise Singapore's profile in the global food and beverage industry."

This Bursary is just a slice of Food Empire's hearty commitment to social responsibility. The company actively contributes to the community through various initiatives, for example, staff from Food Empire had volunteered to clean, declutter, and repaint the home of a beneficiary of non-profit organisation Helping Joy. The Company had also supported Singapore's 59th National Day celebrations in the heartlands.

Through these community initiatives and the establishment of the Bursary, Food Empire exemplifies its commitment to driving meaningful social impact. By investing in education

today, the company is laying the foundation for a future driven by innovation and excellence in food science and technology, ensuring that Singapore remains at the forefront of the global F&B industry.

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Professor Zhou Weibiao (right), Head of the NUS Department of Food Science and Technology, presents a token of appreciation to Mr Tan Wang Cheow (left), Executive Chairman of Food Empire, in appreciation of the company's generous gift towards nurturing future food science talents.

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About National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. We have 16 colleges, faculties and schools across three

campuses in Singapore, with more than 40,000 students from 100 countries enriching our vibrant and diverse campus community. We have also established more than 20 NUS Overseas Colleges entrepreneurial hubs around the world.

Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, research centres of excellence, corporate labs and more than 30 university-level research institutes focus on themes that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit nus.edu.sg.

About Food Empire Holdings Limited (Bloomberg Code: FEH SP)

SGX Mainboard-listed Food Empire Holdings (“**Food Empire**” or together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is a multinational food and beverage manufacturing and distribution group headquartered in Singapore. With a portfolio spanning instant beverages, snack foods, and a growing presence in food ingredients, Food Empire's products are sold in over 60 countries across North Asia, Eastern Europe, South-East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, and North America. Supported by 9 manufacturing facilities in 6 countries and 23 offices worldwide, Food Empire offers an enticing range of branded beverages and snacks, including classic and flavoured coffee mixes and cappuccinos, chocolate drinks, flavoured fruity teas, bubble tea, instant cereal blends, and potato chips. Its food ingredients business features the finest freeze-dried and spray-dried instant coffee, as well as non-dairy creamer.

Food Empire owns a family of proprietary brands – including MacCoffee, CaféPHÓ, Petrovskaya Sloboda, Klassno, Hillway, and Kracks. MacCoffee – the Group’s flagship brand – has been consistently ranked as the leading 3-in-1 instant coffee brand in the Group’s core markets. The Group employs innovative brand-building activities, localised to match the flavour of the local markets in which its products are sold.

Since its public listing in 2000, Food Empire has won numerous accolades and awards including being recognised as one of the “Most Valuable Singapore Brands” by IE Singapore (now known as Enterprise Singapore), while MacCoffee has been ranked as one of “The Strongest Singapore Brands” and CaféPHÓ received “Top Brand” Award by Influential Brands. Forbes Magazine has thrice named Food Empire as one of the “Best Under A Billion” companies in Asia and the company has also been awarded as one of Asia’s “Top Brands” by Influential Brands.

In recognition of its commitment to sustainability, Food Empire received the Sustainability Award at the 20th Securities Investors Association (Singapore) Investors’ Choice Awards 2019. For business excellence, the Group was named Winner of The Enterprise Award at the Singapore Business Awards 2020/2021.

For more information, please refer to: www.foodempire.com