



A mascot greets Mr Teo Ser Luck at the launch of the fundraising event. With him is Tan Soo Nan, chief executive, Singapore Pools. PHOTO: MARK CHEONG

Goal is to raise \$650k

By **TERENCE ONG**

FOR the third year in a row, Mr Teo Ser Luck will be trading in his shirt and tie for a football kit, all for a good cause.

Come Sept 20, the Minister of State for Trade and Industry will once again lead a team of Members of Parliament out for Singapore Pools' Football With A Heart (FWAH) executive charity fundraiser at the new National Stadium.

While he will reprise his role as captain of the team, Mr Teo is also looking forward to helping the community through this event.

"Sport has always been one of the best ways to bring people together," said the 46-year-old on the sidelines of FWAH's launch at the Sports Hub yesterday.

"I've always believed that businesses can make a difference in the community... so what better way to bring them in than through (a sporting event like this)."

Organisers of the annual event - now into its third edition - hope to have 60 companies competing in the five-a-side contest.

They are aiming to raise \$650,000 this year for 10 beneficiaries.

They are the Bo Tien Welfare Services Society, Care Community Services Society, Care United, Children's Charities Association of Singapore, Peace-Connect, President's Challenge 2014, Singapore Cancer Society, Society for the Physically Disabled, SportCares Foundation and Sunshine Welfare Action Mission Home.

Already, 50 companies have committed to this year's event, 10 more than last year.

One of these new entrants is the Raffles Medical Group.

"We are excited at this opportunity that allows us to not only keep fit but also give back to society," said chief corporate officer Dr Prem Kumar Nair, 53.

"Being in a people business, we are always concerned about the welfare of the community around us and we want to help out whenever we can."

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