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Singapore's ONLY 'walk on wheels'- the Wheel, Walk or Jog event organised by Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA)

Singapore's only 'walk on wheels' will be held at the **Botanic Gardens (Jacob Ballas Children's Garden)** on **6th July (Sunday) from 8am to 12 pm.**

Organised by the Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA), the event is expected to draw a crowd of 2,000 participants from the public and various national and private organisations including representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Skin Centre, the National Parks Board, Infineon Technologies Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and Qimonda.

It is believed to be the first time that the National Parks Board has allowed a charity organisation to hold its walkathon inside the Botanic Gardens, which will serve as a nice backdrop to this meaningful event. The participants, including 200 HWA members on wheelchairs, will be flagged off by **Guest-of-Honour Mr George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs.**

Now into its 24th year, the WWJ is sponsored by Infineon Technologies which has been partnering HWA in this event for the past 15 years. Through Infineon Technologies' generous support, many of HWA's members' lives have been enhanced through the various services provided by HWA. These range from rehabilitation therapy and transportation for the physically disabled to vocational training, sports, music and arts. These programmes are aimed to empower members towards independent living.

The National Skin Centre will rally about 300 of its staff including doctors and nurses, to participate in the event. The National Skin Centre is celebrating its 20th Anniversary by

co-organizing the WWJ this year and has pledged \$ 80,000 to HWA, its adopted beneficiary for 2008.

Management and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Parks Board, both of which have adopted HWA as their beneficiary charity, are also expected to join in the walk.

One of the highlights of WWJ will be the presentation of the Infineon Inspiration (IFX) Award to a HWA member with a passion to fulfill a dream. The IFX award, valued at \$10,000, aims to recognise an individual who exemplifies the Infineon spirit of "Never Stop Thinking" and demonstrates a relentless determination to pursue and achieve dreams or goals in life despite their disabilities. Now into its 6th year, the winner of this year's award will be announced by Infineon at the WWJ event.

HWA hopes to raise at least \$300,000 from the WWJ event to finance its new Rehabilitation Centre that will be established in Jurong Point Shopping Centre by the end of this year. This is to meet the increasing demand for rehabilitation therapy by people with disabilities and the elderly living in the western region. It will also be the first centre outside the premises of HWA's headquarters at 16 Whampoa Drive.

A reporter and photographer are cordially invited to attend the event, details of which are as follows:

Event	: Wheel, Walk or Jog 2008 (WWJ 2008)
Organiser	: The Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA)
Co-organiser	: National Skin Centre
Main Sponsors	: Infineon Technologies and Qimonda
Venue	: Botanic Gardens (Jacob Ballas Children's Garden) Entrance from Bukit Timah Road
Date	: 6th July 2008 (Sunday)
Time	: 8am to 12 noon
Guest-of-Honour	: Mr George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs
