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CHILDREN OF COMFORTDELGRO TAXIS' CABBIES GET
OVER \$115,000 IN STUDY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**2 July 2015** – Like most things in Singapore, education can get really expensive.

And so it came as welcome relief when Cabby Ho Weng Wen joined ComfortDelGro Taxis two years ago as a hirer and found out about the Company's study achievement awards for cabbies' children.

With half of the household income spent on their four children's education every month, the \$600 worth of study achievement awards will certainly help to alleviate some of the expenditure this year.

"To some, \$600 is nothing but to my wife and I, every little bit helps. I was very glad that ComfortDelGro Taxis offers such benefits for its cabbies. I am also very happy and proud that all my children qualified for the study achievement awards. It is a lesson to them that hard work pays off. The funds will certainly help to defray the costs of schooling items such as textbooks and uniforms," said the 43-year-old.

In all, 675 students will be receiving over \$115,000 worth of study achievement awards from ComfortDelGro Taxis this year. The Company has been helping the children of its drivers for some 40 years. In the last decade alone, almost \$1.6 million has been given out to fund the school fees of students.

Mr Yang Ban Seng, ComfortDelGro CEO (Taxi Business) said: "The study achievement awards is a tradition that ComfortDelGro Taxis have carried on for decades. Many of our past and present cabbies' children have benefited from these awards."

One of the past recipients of this award, Mr Tan Tong Hai, Chief Executive of StarHub Ltd, will also be at the presentation ceremony to share his experience.



Mr Tan said: "I was a beneficiary of this award in my school days. It helped to ease my family financial strain so that I could focus on my studies. I am heartened that two decades later, ComfortDelGro remains steadfast in enabling and motivating the children of its employees. ComfortDelGro has shown that it is an organisation with a heart and I am confident that many of the recipients today, will reap the rewards of this award handsomely in future."

## **Background**

ComfortDelGro is one of the world's largest land transport company with a total fleet size of about 46,300 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group also has operations in China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia. ComfortDelGro operates 17,000 taxis in Singapore.