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Dr Varaprasad, Principal and CEO of Temasek Polytechnic

Commander Traffic Police

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

Between January and September this year, 453 motorists were convicted of drink driving. All of them were disqualified from driving. Twenty-six were sent to jail. Drunk motorists can cause accidents that not only maim or kill the victims, but also result in a lot of suffering to loved ones who have lost their father, mother, brother or sister because of someone else's stupid act. Being sorry later will not bring back the lost lives nor cure permanent

injuries. It is up to every driver and rider to take this matter seriously. The Traffic Police will keep reminding them.

2 I am glad to see Temasek Polytechnic helping in this effort. This Creative Advertising Competition with anti-drink driving as its subject was thought up and run by the School of Business with the support of the Traffic Police.

4 I also see this competition as a good way to spread the anti-drink drive message among students. Many of you who took part in the competition will go on to drive a car or ride a motorcycle. Some of you may already have a licence. When you took part in this competition, you must have thought of the dangers of drink driving. I am sure you will help prevent accidents and save lives by telling friends and loved ones not to drink and drive.

5 Temasek Polytechnic already has good ties with the Singapore Police Force (SPF). They are working together on the training of SPF officers. They also have put together a Diploma Programme in Management and Police Studies. This creative advertising competition is yet another example of the close ties.

6 I would like to end by announcing that Traffic Police will use the top entries from this competition in their anti-drink driving campaign later this year. I thank all participants and organisers for helping to spread the anti drink-driving message.