



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PREVENTION AGAINST THEFT OF BICYCLE IS JUST A CLICK AWAY**

#### **General Information**

A click is all it takes now for Singaporeans to register and update the ownership of their bicycles. The new online database system was launched on 23 November 2014 by the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) to complement the existing bicycle security labels. This is also the first database system to track bicycle ownership and screen if a bicycle that had been registered is marked as missing or stolen.

#### **Anti-Bicycle Theft Campaign**

2. Theft of bicycles has been one of the major crime concerns flagged out by the Police in the last few years. The concerted efforts by NCPC, Singapore Police Force (SPF) and the community have resulted in a decline of reported cases by 6.7% (or 42 cases) from January 2014 to June 2014 compared to the same period last year. However, a total of 588 cases reported in the first half of this year is still a cause for concern. With the campaign, the NCPC and Police are aiming to raise awareness and encourage the public to adopt the recommended preventive measures to help bring the number of bicycle thefts down further.

## **'Lock Lah' Bicycle Racks And Customized Signages For Bicycle Bays**

3. 'Lock Lah' was designed by three Indonesian students from Lasalle College of the Arts who participated in the Bicycle Bay Design Competition co-organised by the NCPC and SPF. The competition was organised to involve the community to design a bicycle bay that is user-friendly, space-saving and effectively secures bicycles to prevent thefts.

4. The students' bicycle bay emerged as the overall champion from over 150 submissions. Judges were impressed with their design's simplicity, secure locking mechanisms and relatively low maintenance cost.

5. A total of 120 'Lock Lah' racks were installed islandwide for pilot testing. Customized bicycle signages were also installed at the bicycle bays with 'Lock Lah' to educate the public on the correct way to berth and secure bicycles.

6. Mr Tan Kian Hoon, Chairman of NCPC, said "The new bicycle bays, online registration system and security labels are three innovations which were developed to prevent theft of bicycles. They were conceived with the convenience and peace of mind of all bicycle owners in Singapore. All three measures will complement one another to protect against theft of bicycles and I urge all cyclists to utilize these innovations and spread the word to prevent bicycle theft."

7. The online database, 'Lock Lah' bicycle racks and customized signages were unveiled at the launch of an anti-bicycle theft campaign in Chua Chu Kang Community Club this morning by Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC, Mr Gan Kim Yong.

8. Members of the public can start registering their bicycle security labels today via [www.togoparts.com/bike-label](http://www.togoparts.com/bike-label). Those without the labels may collect them from any Neighbourhood Police Centres.

## **ANNEX A**

### **ABOUT 'LOCK LAH' BICYCLE BAY DESIGN**

'Lock Lah' was the winning design from the Bicycle Bay Design Competition, co-organised by the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the Singapore Police Force (SPF) in 2013. The original design had since been further improved to incorporate additional security features.



*Image1: Original 'Lock Lah' Design*

For the purpose of pilot testing, the racks will be installed at the following locations:

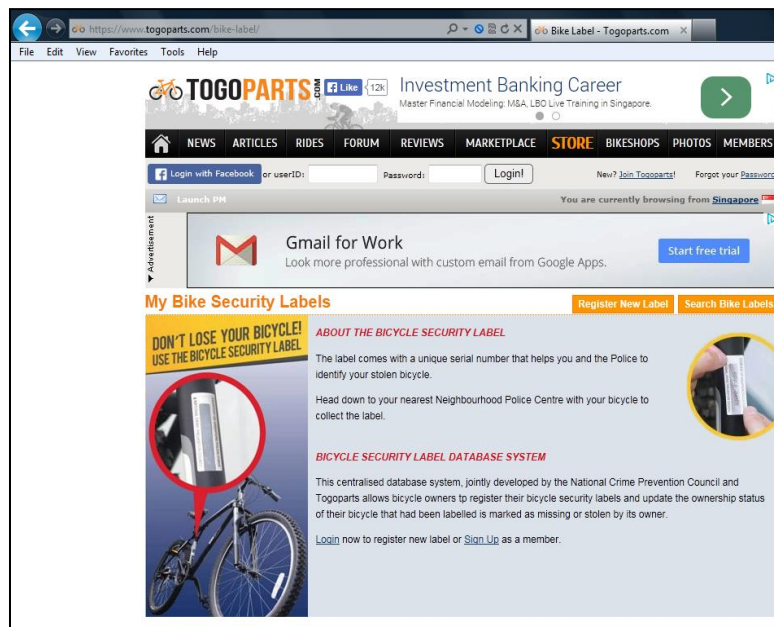
<b>S/n</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Blk 8 Beach Road
2	Velocity@Novena Square
3	Blk 152 Toa Payoh Lorong 1
4	Blk 969 Hougang St. 91
5	Blk 970 Hougang St. 91
6	Blk 612B Punggol Drive
7	Blk 612C Punggol Drive
8	Pasir Ris Sports & Recreation Centre
9	Blk 8 Teck Whye Lane
10	Blk 328 Tah Ching Road

## ABOUT ONLINE DATABASE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BICYCLE SECURITY LABELS

Since 2011, Police and NCPD have been distributing bicycle security labels which come with a unique serial numbers that help bicycle owners and Police to identify a bicycle. The security labels aim to inculcate a sense of responsibility in bicycle owners to prevent bicycle thefts and work in conjunction with other measures such as securing bicycles with good quality locks.

The online database for the registration of bicycle is the result of a collaboration between NCPD and Togoparts Pte Ltd to complement the bicycle security labels.

Members of the public wishing to register their bicycles must first sign up as Togoparts members. Membership is free and registration only requires a few simple steps. Thereafter, bicycle owners can update the status of their bicycles online. They can also check against the database to make sure they are not buying over stolen bicycles.



## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is a non-profit organization committed to promoting public awareness of and concern about crime and to propagate the concept of self-help in crime prevention. The Council comprises representatives from the commercial and industrial sectors, as well as from the public sector and the Singapore Police Force (SPF).

## **ABOUT TOGOPARTS PTE LTD**

Founded in October 2001 and based in Singapore, Togoparts is the top community marketplace for people to list, discover and trade new or used bicycles, both online and from a mobile phone. Togoparts.com is a platform for cyclists to share and grow their passion for cycling.