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1. Hon Weng is a first-term, elected Member of Parliament helming a Single Member Constituency. As MP, he spends much of his time getting to know his residents better, listening to their concerns and aspirations, and working out solutions together with residents, NGOs and government agencies to make Yio Chu Kang a better home for his residents.
2. Hon Weng started his working life in the Education Service. He then joined the Administrative Service in the Singapore Government, where he spent considerable time in policy and leadership roles across the Manpower, Defence, National Development and Health ministries, as well as in the Prime Minister's Office (PSD). While dealing with the intricacies of policy work, he also prides himself for being an "operations" guy. He takes the effort to walk the ground, find out how things are going where the paper hits the road, and personally liaises with multiple agencies to solve complicated problems. In 2014, the Prime Minister announced during his National Day Rally Speech, a new inter-agency national coordination body for community services and infrastructural delivery. It was no surprise that the task of establishing the Municipal Services Office landed on Hon Weng.
3. His most memorable assignment was leading the Silver Generation Office, with a team of 3,500 Ambassadors, to reach out to half a million seniors from both the Pioneer and Merdeka generations in Singapore. Through these experiences, he honed valuable skillsets in organising nation-wide outreaches. He also learnt the value of strengthening ground networks and amassing the energy and resources of the community to help fellow Singaporeans.
4. Later on, he was also the founding director and part of the team that established the Ageing Planning Office in the Health ministry, to spearhead national strategies and policies on ageing issues. This work opened his eyes to the difficulties the elderly face in today's society, and he has taken it upon himself to champion their needs and concerns in Parliament and on the ground.
5. Almost slightly geekish, and with a background and interest in finance and cutting-edge technologies, he is currently an investment director in Temasek, seeking out early stage deep tech investment opportunities that would lead to disruptive change.
6. Growing up, Hon Weng never imagined himself as a politician. However, over the course of his career, he was exposed increasingly to the needs of people from all segments of society, and grew to appreciate the work that parliamentarians do to effect change. He counts it a great privilege to serve in his capacity as MP, helping to enrich the daily lives of many, and at the same time, making a personal difference to someone.
7. Hon Weng is happily married with 5 young children. He enjoys very long runs.