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Born in Singapore in 1979 (36 years old).

Xueling started to volunteer in grassroots work in 2001 when she was still in NUS. She grew up in Ang Mo Kio but volunteered at Buona Vista as it was near the university. She had the opportunity to organize dialogues and networking sessions for youths and also tried to promote community bonding through sports and other social initiatives. She values the opportunity to sit down one to one with residents, hear their stories and understand the issues that they face. She hopes that she can contribute to making their lives better.

Xueling served as the Assistant Secretary of the Youth Sub-Committee of the Buona Vista CCC in 2004 and Assistant Secretary of the Buona Vista CCC in 2006. She appreciates the good work done on the ground by the grassroots and would like to contribute to it more if given the opportunity.

Xueling remained actively involved in grassroots activities even after she started her career in 2003 with the Economic Development Board. Subsequently she worked in the private sector (2004-2014) for DBS Bank Singapore as Assistant Vice President, Senior Vice President in Macquarie Capital Securities HK and Director, Deutsche Bank AG, HK. Xueling joined Temasek as a Director in 2014.

Xueling received her Master of Science with Merit from The London School of Economics and Political Science in 2003. She also holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Upper Hons) in Economics from NUS.

Xueling is married with one daughter. She enjoys reading, swimming and spending time with family and friends.

Summary of Statement

I was born in Singapore in 1979 and was mostly brought up by my grandmother as my parents were busy trying to make a living. My grandmother had a hard life as she was left a widow at 33 with 6 children to bring up on her own. She taught me that if you have love in your heart, many things will come naturally and you will be able to overcome difficulties as there will be purpose in your life.

I started volunteering in the grassroots in 2001 when I was still in university. My grandmother encouraged me to do it as she knew how important help was to the needy. I also realized that when you engage yourself in solving the problems of others, your own problems dim in significance and you become a happier person.

Personal Quote

I believe Singaporeans want to do a lot of good in our lives. We want to be a good child to our parents, a good parent to our children, a good friend, a good citizen of the community...but we face pressures from various aspects. I hope to work with you and explore ways to make our lives easier and happier, and give us the freedom to be the good people we want to be.