Mr Karunadidhi, 53, was the first to donate blood at the Dhoby Ghaut MRT station yesterday morning. A Truly Magical Christmas is an annual public blood donation drive spearheaded by the Singapore Management University (SMU) chapter of the Red Cross Humanitarian Network (RCHN). The student volunteers hope to get 600 donors in the three-day blood donation drive.

With Mr Karunadidhi are (from left) Ms Shirley Ng, manager of the Blood Donor Recruitment Programme, Singapore Red Cross Society; Ms Truong Thi Ngoc Anh, communications director of the SMU Chapter of RCHN; and Ms Ma Lum Naw, an assistant nurse at the Health Sciences Authority.