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GIVING SPIRIT

It may be hard times, but the heart still reaches out to a greater good, as evidenced by the \$17.2 million contribution by companies and individuals to the new Sim Kee Boon Institute at Singapore Management University (SMU) — all the more heartening given it took less than six months to raise this target sum for the endowment fund. Kicked off with a fund-raiser round at Tanah Merah Country Club — which the late Sim Kee Boon had been instrumental in pushing into reality — the drive ended with a thank-you dinner and cheque presentation to SMU hosted by president of the republic, His Excellency S R Nathan, held at The Istana.