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MEDIA ALERT

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital celebrates 99th Anniversary with free public health forum and free eye screening

Singapore, 13 October 2009 –Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) commemorates 99 years of providing quality and affordable healthcare to the sick and needy with celebration activities at its Hospital premises. There will be a free public health forum on “**Common Eye Problems**”, “**Qigong and Health**”, **eye screening** and a **carnival** on Saturday, 24 October 2009.

The Acting Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA), RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, will be the Guest of Honour for the celebration.

Free eye screening will be available, from 10.30am to 1pm, to the first 120 participants aged 40 and above, and who have no follow-up consultations with any eye care institution. The types of visual tests available will include **visual acuity** (how well a person can see), **auto-refract** (checks the power of each eye), **non-touch tonometer** (to detect early glaucoma), **slit-lamp machine** (examination for cataract and other eye problems that require further assessment or treatment).

Topics at the public health forum, which is conducted in Mandarin, are: “**Common Eye Problems**” by Dr Anna Tan Wee Tien Marie, Ophthalmology Registrar, National University Hospital, and “**Qigong and Health**” by Professor Chia Chay Puay, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioner and member of KWSH Medical Advisory Committee, TCM services. The forum commences 10.30am and is strictly by registration only. Seats will be limited to the first 250 participants and **goodie bags will be given out**.

There will also be a carnival, with food and games stalls. Admission is free, **with free coupons given out to first 250 participants**. All are invited to join the festivities in KWSH.

Mr Keith Lee, Chief Executive Officer of KWSH, says: “This is our way of giving back to the community who has been very supportive of the Hospital's mission to help the sick and poor. Hence, we would like to extend our warm invitation to all to join us in the activities lined up for our 99th Anniversary Celebration.”

The Celebration event is organised by KWSH in partnership with the People's Association (PA) Staff Club and with the support of the Singapore Women's Association (SWA).

To find out more about the public health forum or to register, please call 6297-6250 or 6299-3748.

About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital

KWSH is a 99 year-old charitable organisation committed to caring for the sick and needy. With a staff strength of about 300 employees, KWSH is a community hospital and a 350-bed nursing home, which occupies 14 blocks in a 6-acre compound. The hospital's facilities include In-patient Wards, a Physiotherapy Department, an Out-patient Department, a Day Rehabilitation Centre and a Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre. For more information, visit www.kwsh.org.sg

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