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## News Release

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### **Exchange Programme Between Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital and Khon Kaen University on Nursing Care and Health Care Services for the Elderly**

**9 May 2007-** A 40 strong delegation from Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand, led by Associate Professors, Ms Pongpan Aroonsang and Ms Wanapa Sritanyarat visited Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) on 8 May 2007.

Members of the delegation included lecturers and post-graduate students in the Masters Gerontology Course from the University and senior nursing managers of Srinagarind Hospital. The purpose of the delegation's visit was to learn about intermediate and long-term hospital care for the elderly in Singapore with the view of developing their own set-up in Khon Kaen.

KWSH's CEO, Ms Yim Sau Kit, gave a presentation of the healthcare system in Singapore and the hospital's continuum of elderly care services. This was followed by the team spending sometime in the various departments in the hospital to get a first-hand knowledge of how the services are provided at KWSH.

The team expressed great interest in the areas of community support for the elderly, the different types of facilities for step-down care in Singapore and the various financial schemes to help look after our elderly sick.

Ms Yim, herself a nurse, expressed that "I am glad to have this privilege to share experiences with our Thai friends, and we look forward to future contacts with the University and Srinagarind Hospital".



*Caption: KWSH's staff sharing his experience with delegates from Khon Kaen University*

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**Notes to editors:**

**About Khon Kaen University**

Khon Kaen University (KKU) is the largest education and learning center in the Northeast of Thailand, and is recognized as the leader of new innovations in teaching, learning and research in the region. It is one of the Asian region's leading universities and has a well-earned record as an outstanding research and multidisciplinary teaching institution. KKU has been working hard to formalize its activities, collaborations and exchange programmes through the signing of over 100 Memoranda of Understanding with other institutions in more than 21 countries.

*For more information:* [www.kku.ac.th](http://www.kku.ac.th)

**About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWS) is one of the oldest charitable healthcare institutions in Singapore, founded in 1910 by a group of Cantonese merchants, whose aim was to provide Cantonese immigrants from China with free in-patient and out-patient services.

Responding to modern healthcare needs yet preserving our heritage of compassion and care, KWS now also offers services in Geriatric Rehabilitation, Cancer Convalescent Care, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), Outpatient and Day Rehabilitation. All services are available to the public at nominal charges. Most of the patients' hospital charges are subsidized by KWS.

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) has a continuum of nursing care and services for the elderly. Its 350-bed nursing wards provide a comprehensive and holistic nursing care while the 50-bed convalescent hospital section provides step-down care for patients who need time to recuperate after a surgery or recovering from an acute medical condition. Each is supported by a team of dedicated doctors, nurses and paramedical professionals.

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