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KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL COMMUNITY CARE DAY 2019

The Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) Community Care Day returns on Saturday, 30 March 2019, when 800 people are expected to turn up at KWSH for this annual health carnival. The event will be graced by guest of honour, Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

2   The participants, most of them local elderly residents from the Kallang-Whampoa region, will enjoy complimentary health checks and health awareness programmes courtesy of KWSH's healthcare partners. This year, the line-up of partner providers includes Fresenius Medical Care, Healthway Medical, MyEar Singapore, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore Women's Association and Tan Tock Seng Hospital, alongside Kwong Wai Shiu's TCM physicians and rehab team. The day's festivity will be completed by goodies and delicacies from the event's sponsors, as well as games and performances put up by volunteers and community partners.

3   To mark the occasion, ESM Goh Chok Tong, who is visiting Kwong Wai Shiu for the second time, will be planting a tree at the Hospital's Pavilion Garden. Mr Goh had graced KWSH's 71st anniversary celebration as the Health Minister back in 1981. The historic garden is also home to a tree planted by founding Prime Minister, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, in 1963 and another planted by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in 2018.

4   The Community Care Day 2019 is the first public event held at the compound following the official opening of the redeveloped KWSH premises in October last year. Kwong Wai Shiu has continued to work on enhancing its healthcare services since the most major redevelopment in its history. The construction of a new chronic sick ward is progressing well and the facility is on track to open in the fourth quarter of 2020.

5   The 128-bed chronic sick ward will be housed in a new block, co-located with Kallang Polyclinic which will be operated by the National Healthcare Group. With the additional 128 beds, Kwong Wai Shiu's capacity will increase to 750 beds, spanning across nursing home services including the care of residents with dementia and chronic sick management services.

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Event Date: Saturday, 30 March 2019

Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
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About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 108-year-old charitable healthcare organisation and is registered as an Institution of Public Character, committed to looking after the sick and needy. In the last century, it has continued the strong tradition of community service, having cared for many generations of Singaporeans, beginning its legacy in 1910 even before Singapore's independence. It is now one of the most established providers in the ILTC (Intermediate and Long Term Care) sector.

At present, KWSH operates a nursing home, a rehabilitation centre, a traditional Chinese medicine centre, two community care centres and offers home care services. Many of its patients are from the lower-income group and their fees are heavily subsidised.

To better serve the rapidly ageing population, KWSH has undergone redevelopment to be transformed into an integrated community healthcare hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the completion of the redevelopment in 2018, KWSH is now the largest single-site nursing home with over 600 beds as well as expansion in its other services.

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