



KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL

廣惠肇留醫院

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **GETAI ARTISTES AND SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA COME TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL**

In celebration of Mother's Day, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) will be organising a charity concert this May. Titled *A Kiss from Mom*, the concert sees the collaboration between Singapore's only professional national Chinese orchestra, the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO), and renowned getai artistes Lee Pei Fen and Hao Hao, infusing the touch of a familiar local identity to the grandeur of Chinese orchestra. Funds raised through the concert will go to KWSH's charity funds and operating expenses.

2 At the helm of the concert is SCO's resident conductor, the award-winning Quek Ling Kiong, leading the audience through an enjoyable evening with popular heart-warming melodies and songs. A repertoire of Mandarin, English, Cantonese and Hokkien golden oldies will be played and sung during the concert, including a unique selection of classic pieces themed around the maternal love.

3 The concert will culminate in a mass singing by performers and audience to the familiar tune of 天下的妈妈都是一样的 as they gather to express their heartfelt gratitude to all mothers. Gracing the occasion in support of the event is guest of honour, Mr Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Health and Communications & Information.

4 KWSH is a charitable healthcare organisation established in 1910. Majority of the nursing home residents are from lower-income families and their hospital charges are heavily subsidised by KWSH's charity funds. In addition, the completion of the new nursing home building, which will expand KWSH's inpatient capacity to over 600 beds, will also bring the annual operating costs to \$28 million, up from the current \$22 million.

5 Going beyond its premises, KWSH is also starting two Kwong Wai Shiu Community Care Centres in the nearby McNair and St George's estates respectively, extending its care and services into the community. The operating costs for these two Community Care Centres are projected to be at \$2 million a year.

6 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the concert on **Friday, 12 May 2017, 6.40pm to 10.00pm** at the **Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Kindly RSVP with Damian Cheong and Tay Chian Yong by Thursday, 11 May 2017. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

## **Event Details**

Date: Friday, 12 May 2017  
Time: 6.40pm to 10.00pm  
Venue: Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre  
Auditorium  
1 Straits Boulevard, Singapore 018906

## **Programme**

6.40pm Arrival of guest of honour  
7.20pm Presentation of memento at Level 10 foyer  
7.40pm Programme in Auditorium commences  
Welcome address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Lee Kwok Kie Patrick  
8.00pm Start of concert  
10.00pm End of concert

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## **About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 107-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 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 is undergoing redevelopment to be transformed into an integrated nursing home and community hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the impending completion of the redevelopment in 2017, KWSH is set to become the largest single-site nursing home with over 600 beds as well as expansion in its other services. For more information, please visit <http://www.kwsh.org.sg>.

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