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REDEVELOPED KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL OFFICIALLY OPENS BECOMING THE LARGEST SINGLE-SITE NURSING HOME IN SINGAPORE

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) will finally open its doors officially after completing the most extensive redevelopment in its history – a \$96 million transformation undertaken jointly with the Ministry of Health. The Hospital marks its 108th anniversary today and the launch event will be graced by Singapore’s Prime Minister, Lee Hsien Loong, as he unveils a plaque to signify the completion of the redevelopment.

2 Established in 1910, KWSH has been providing affordable and quality healthcare services to the sick and needy in Singapore. It is one of the oldest charitable organisations committed to serve the community as set forth by its founders 108 years ago. Today, KWSH is the largest single-site nursing home in Singapore with over 600 beds.

3 The redeveloped compound now consists of a 12-storey nursing home building with thematic day activity spaces spanning across the various levels. The conserved buildings feature a refurbished TCM Centre, as well as a newly-opened Heritage Gallery and training facilities that surrounds the iconic Pavilion Garden. KWSH also offers inpatient and outpatient services, along with day rehabilitation, day care, centre-based nursing services and even a training centre named the Community Training Institute which was recently inaugurated.

4 The Hospital also has plans for upcoming developments which are underway. By 2020, the Hospital will have a 128-bed long-term care facility that will be operated by KWSH. The National Healthcare Group Polyclinics will concurrently open the new Kallang Polyclinic at that time, which will be sited in connection with the Hospital.

5 Moving forward, KWSH will have presence at six locations by 2021, including its main site, within the central region of Singapore covering Whampoa, Kallang, Jalan Besar, Potong Pasir and MacPherson areas. Seniors living in the neighbouring estates can look forward to a holistic and comprehensive suite of care services for the elderly as Kwong Wai Shiu strives to be an integrated healthcare and community hub.

6 KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee, expressed, “We wish to thank the community, our donors and volunteers for their utmost support throughout the redevelopment project. We will continue to offer more quality services while continuing to keep our fees affordable for all and work with our partners to meet essential healthcare needs of our elderly.”

7 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the event on **Saturday, 6 October 2018, 10:15am to 1:30pm** at **Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Kindly RSVP with Damian Cheong and Tay Chian Yong by Thursday, 4 October 2018. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Saturday, 6 October 2018
Time: 10:15am to 1:30pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 328127

Programme

10:15am: Arrival of Guests (To be seated by 10:30am)
10:35am: Performance by Kwong Wai Shiu Active Ageing Members
11:00am: Arrival of Guest of Honour, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
Welcome Address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
Speech by Guest of Honour, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
Official Opening and Tree Planting Ceremony
Presentation of Mementos to Top Donors
12:05pm: Light Refreshments at Food Court
12:15pm: Tour of KWSH Redevelopment
1:30pm: End of Event

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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, a community care 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 has undergone redevelopment to be transformed into an integrated community healthcare hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the completed redeveloped premises in 2018, KWSH is now the largest single-site nursing home with over 600 beds as well as expansion in its other services.

For more information, please visit www.kwsh.org.sg.

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