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KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL COLLABORATES WITH SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY

To celebrate Mother's Day, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is collaborating with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) to organise a charity concert this May. Helming the concert is SCO's award-winning resident conductor, Quek Ling Kiong, as he leads the audience through an evening of classical melodies and a repertoire of golden oldies themed around the love of a mother. Local artiste Ling Kai will perform heart-warming songs as she pays tribute to all mothers. Funds raised through this concert will go directly to KWSH's charity funds and operating expenses.

2 Gracing the occasion as our guest of honour is Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat. Joining our event as special guest is Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information & Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Sim Ann, who will be performing an item on stage. The concert will culminate in a mass singing of a Cantonese song '万水千山总是情' (*Love and Passion*) by the audience and performers.

3 During the concert, KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee, will also announce three new development sites which include another nursing home as well as two care centres that KWSH is set to embark on for the next three years. This expansion will allow KWSH to extend its reach in the surrounding neighbourhoods beyond the existing Kallang-Whampoa region to further enhance the healthcare needs of our community.

4 When the future developments are completed by 2021, KWSH will become one of the largest nursing home operators with a total bed capacity of over 1,180. In total, KWSH will have six sites in Singapore, i.e. two Nursing Homes and four Care Centres within the central region of Singapore covering Whampoa, Kallang, Jalan Besar, Potong Pasir and MacPherson areas.

5 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, with the recently completed redevelopment at KWSH's main site, the 624-bed nursing home building will bring the annual operating costs to \$33 million, up from the current \$28 million.

6 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the concert on **Friday, 11 May 2018, 6:30pm to 10:00pm** at the **Singapore Conference Hall**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Kindly RSVP with Damian Cheong and Tay Chian Yong by Thursday, 10 May 2018. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Friday, 11 May 2018
Time: 6:30pm to 10:00pm
Venue: Singapore Conference Hall
7 Shenton Way, Singapore 068810

Programme

6:30pm: Arrival of guest of honour, Minister Heng Swee Keat
7:15pm: Presentation of memento to sponsors
7:30pm: Welcome address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
7:40pm: Event commences
8:40pm: Intermission
8:55pm: Arrival of special guest, SMS Sim Ann
9:00pm: Concert resumes
9:45pm: Performance by special guest
9:50pm: Finale performance
10:00pm: End of concert

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KWSH Key Names and Terms

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital 广惠肇留医院

Mr Patrick Lee Kwok Kie 李国基先生

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, 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 nursing home and community hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the completion of the redeveloped premises in 2018, KWSH is 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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