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Redeveloped KWSH welcomes the Community

Close to 800 people attended the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) Community Care Day on Saturday, 24 March 2018 and many of them came from the nearby housing estates in the Kallang-Whampoa precinct.

The Guest of Honour, Senior Minister of State for Health and the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Amy Khor, joined in the event and toured the Hospital compound.

Residents were treated to a host of activities as well as food and game carnival stalls. Community health partners such as Health Promotion Board, MyEar Singapore, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery from Singapore General Hospital and Singapore Women's Association promoted health awareness and conducted health checks for the elderly in the community.

New and upcoming developments

KWSH has recently completed the construction of a new 12-storey nursing home building that can accommodate over 600 residents at its full capacity. The building also features a terrace garden and several thematic day spaces spanning across different levels. This concept is designed to stimulate the residents' senses and to also encourage constant engagement with one another in the wards.

At the heart of the Hospital compound are three single-storey conserved buildings that surrounds the Pavilion Garden. These buildings comprise the new Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Centre which was relocated in January 2018, the Academy of Chinese Medicine, Singapore and the KWSH Heritage Gallery.

KWSH and the community

The Community Care Day is also the first event that is open to the public since the completion of the Hospital's most major redevelopment to date. Subsequently, KWSH will open more communal spaces in phases, such as the Heritage Gallery and the Community Building which will house a food court and several retail shops. The public and the community will be able to enjoy these facilities when they are officially opened by fourth-quarter of 2018.

Beyond the main premises of the nursing home, KWSH will operate two Community Care Centres (CCCs) in the vicinity. This way, KWSH will be able to extend its reach into the community to complement the existing services it currently provides. Our first CCC, named Kwong Wai Shiu Community Care Centre @ McNair, has been operating since July 2017 and an upcoming centre will be located at St George's Lane, which is expected to be ready by end 2019.

Enhancing partnership

The signing of a memorandum of understanding between KWSH and Republic Polytechnic (RP) today is aimed at deepening our partnership. This signifies the Hospital's commitment in building a network of partnerships with the community to benefit the elderly. KWSH & RP will collaborate in the development of competencies-related Continuing Education and Training courses to upskill KWSH staff as well as other community care staff from other community care organisations.

KWSH & RP will identify suitable projects as platforms for staff exchange and student internship which are expected to attract about 10 to 15 students annually. The aim of this partnership will contribute to the overall healthcare landscape both in the classrooms and in the wider community.

KWSH CEO, Dr Ow Chee Chung, said, "We are delighted and honoured to have partnered academic institutions like Republic Polytechnic today to expand our healthcare networks to provide better services to our elderly community."

As KWSH aims to become a one-stop integrated nursing home and community hub, it remains focused in its mission to serve the needy elderly in the Kallang-Whampoa community and to continue providing quality, affordable and accessible healthcare to all.

Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the event on **Saturday, 24 March 2018, 8:30am to 12:30pm** at **Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Kindly RSVP with Mr Damian Cheong and Mr Tay Chian Yong by Thursday, 22 March 2018, 5:00pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 24 March 2018
Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 328127

Programme

8:30am: Arrival of guest of honour, Dr Amy Khor
8:35am: Welcome address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
Speech by GOH, Dr Amy Khor
8:50am: Signing of memorandum of understanding between Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital and Republic Polytechnic
Presentation of Token of Appreciation to GOH
9:00am: Tour of KWSH compound, Heritage Gallery and Nursing Home building
11:30am: GOH departs
12:30pm: End of programme

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Key Names and Terms

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Dr Ow Chee Chung 区志忠医生
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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, 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 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 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.

About Republic Polytechnic

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage the Problem-based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has seven schools and one academic centre offering forty-one diplomas in Applied Science, Engineering, Management and Communication, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports, Health & Leisure, and Technology for the Arts.

Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Its holistic and broad-based curriculum prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society as problem solvers, respected professionals and passionate citizens.

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