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FIRST ACTIVE AGEING HUB IN SINGAPORE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED AS KWONG WAI SHIU COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE @ MCNAIR OPENS

To commemorate Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) 107th Anniversary, the first Active Ageing Hub (AAH) officially opened its doors today. Named Kwong Wai Shiu Community Care Centre @ McNair (KWS CCC @ McNair), it is a one-stop day centre that provides rehabilitative care services and social programmes for the elderly.

- 2 This Active Ageing Hub is the first of ten such AAHs that are to be built by MOH, to provide integrated health and social care services to seniors in their community. The centre will operate to complement the existing services at KWSH as it extends its reach into the community.
- 3 Senior Minister of State for Health and the Environment and Water Resources, Dr Amy Khor, graced the occasion and officially opened the centre along with some 100 guests and KWS CCC @ McNair members in attendance.
- 4 The signing of the memorandum of understanding between KWSH and Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) today is aimed at increasing collaboration mainly through the enhancement of our residents' quality of life and to increase the productivity of care-givers. KWSH and NP will adopt 'Smart Community Care' to jointly identify and develop various blueprint technologies that can be innovatively applied to the Community Care Centres, Senior Care Centres and Nursing Home.
- 5 KWSH CEO, Dr Ow Chee Chung, said, "We are very happy to extend our services into the community and honoured to have Ngee Ann Polytechnic as our partner in designing the Smart Community Care technologies."
- 6 The KWS CCC @ McNair has over 500 members in the first three months of operations and can serve up to 57 day care and rehabilitation clients on a daily basis. This is the first of two active ageing hubs that will be operated by KWSH and the centre provides a multitude of services ranging from exercises and therapy sessions, health talks, rehabilitation, home care as well as home assistance that will eventually support seniors to age in place successfully. An upcoming centre located at St George's Lane is expected to be ready by 2019.
- 7 76-year-old member Mdm Sumoi Paramesvari said, "I visit the KWS CCC @ McNair almost on a daily basis and the facility has encouraged me to be more

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active and has helped to increase my engagement with other senior elderly.”

8 As KWSH celebrates its 107th Anniversary this year, this is indeed a significant milestone for the Hospital as it remains focused in its mission to serve the elderly in the Kallang-Whampoa community and to continue providing quality, affordable and accessible healthcare to one and all.

9 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the event on **Saturday, 11 November 2017, 9:00am to 10:30am** at **Kwong Wai Shiu Community Care Centre @ McNair**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Kindly RSVP with Ms Ng Mei Hua and Mr Tay Chian Yong by Friday, 10 November 2017. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 11 November 2017
Time: 9:00am to 10:30am
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Community Care Centre @ McNair
Block 113 McNair Road, #01-01, Singapore 321113

Programme

9:00am: Arrival of guest of honour, Dr Amy Khor
Official opening of Centre by GOH
-- Unveiling of commemorative plaque
9:30am: Welcome address by KWSH Chairman, Patrick Lee
Speech by GOH, Dr Amy Khor
9:40am: Signing of memorandum of understanding between Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital and Ngee Ann Polytechnic
9:50am: Tour of Centre and Ngee Ann Polytechnic projects exhibition
Tea reception
10:30am: End of programme

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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 redevelopment in 2017, 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 Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Inaugurated in 1963 as Ngee Ann College with only 116 students, Ngee Ann Polytechnic is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with about 15,000 full-time students, 2,000 part-time students and an alumni community of over 130,000.

The polytechnic offers 48 full-time courses through its nine academic schools - School of Business & Accountancy, School of Design & Environment, School of Engineering, School of Film & Media Studies, School of Health Sciences, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, School of InfoComm Technology, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, and School of Life Sciences & Chemical Technology. Ngee Ann supports Continuing Education and Training (CET) through its CET Academy which offers a wide range of part-time programmes. The Polytechnic has also established two Centres of Innovation - in Environmental & Water Technology and Marine & Offshore Technology - to work on collaborative research and technology projects.

Learning takes place amid a caring and conducive environment with top-notch facilities ranging from broadcast, multimedia and animation studios to research laboratories as well as simulation and technology centres. With its emphasis on a broad-based education, coupled with its Signature Pedagogies in the Profession and Service-Learning approach, Ngee Ann Polytechnic's vision is to prepare graduates with a passion for learning, values for life and competencies to thrive in a global workplace.

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