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KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL UNVEILS HERITAGE STORYBOARD AS MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION RETURNS TO ICONIC PAVILION GARDEN

With the completion of its major redevelopment earlier this year, the 2018 edition of Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital's (KWSH) annual Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on 15 September will be making a return to its elegant Pavilion Garden located at the heart of the Hospital.

2 As part of KWSH's major overhaul, the classic Chinese style pavilion had undergone restoration works along with the four conserved buildings surrounding it. The pavilion was donated to the Hospital in 1959 and has since become an iconic feature within the compound. In line with the theme of the celebration "Light A Lantern, Warm A Heart", Kwong Wai Shiu's donors have adopted hundreds of lanterns for the event through their donations. There are also 19 magnificent Kong Ming lanterns to be lit up and released at the Pavilion Garden, one of which is a 3-metre tall lantern, the largest lantern on display at the event.

3 To commemorate the conservation of the four historical buildings, a heritage storyboard will also be unveiled at the Mid-Autumn celebration by guest of honour, Senior Minister of State for Defence, Mr Heng Chee How, who is also the MP for Jalan Besar GRC (Whampoa Division). The storyboard, produced in partnership with the Urban Redevelopment Authority under the agency's scheme for conserved buildings, will tell the Kwong Wai Shiu story through the Hospital's key milestones as well as the origins and design concepts of the four buildings that have been awarded conservation status. Among these heritage blocks are three colonial single-storey hospital wards built in the 1850s by John Turnbull Thomson, who was Singapore's first Government Surveyor and whom the nearby Thomson area was named after.

4 The four conserved buildings and the Pavilion Garden, along with a new 12-storey nursing home building, make up the redeveloped KWSH premises. The redevelopment will be officially opened by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in October 2018. The Mid-Autumn celebration serves as a prelude to the official opening and will also offer a stunning night view of Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital.

5 Members of the media are invited to share the beautiful sights with KWSH and to cover the Mid-Autumn celebration on **Saturday, 15 September 2018, 6:00pm** 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, 13 September 2018, 5:00pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Saturday, 15 September 2018
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 328127

Programme

6:00pm: Arrival of guests
6:30pm: Unveiling of KWSH Heritage Storyboard by
Mr Heng Chee How, MP for Jalan Besar GRC (Whampoa Division),
and Mr Patrick Lee, Chairman, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
6:45pm: Mid-Autumn Festival light-up ceremony
7:00pm: Speech by Mr Patrick Lee, Chairman, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
7:15pm: Releasing of Kong Ming lanterns
7:30pm: Wishing ceremony at lotus pond
8:00pm: Stage entertainment
8:30pm: Lantern walk
9:00pm: End of event

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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 has undergone redevelopment to be transformed into an integrated community healthcare 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.

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