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Journey towards the Integrated Nursing Home and Community Hub

Since setting the goal of becoming a one-stop centre for integrated healthcare and community services for the elderly in 2017, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) has been gearing up for the redevelopment. In the midst of various challenges, including relocating of beds for some residents and ensuring minimal disruption to our existing care services, we had successfully completed the construction of a transitional facility.

2 Today, Mr Patrick Lee, Chairman of KWSH, declared the opening of the transition facility that will house the Day Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) as well as some administrative staff. Apart from the progress in the redevelopment, KWSH is also stepping up its services to cater to more elderly.

3 Mr Patrick Lee shared, “We not only need to meet the rising demand of nursing care in Singapore, but also hope to see more elderly age in place in the community. Hence, we will also do more in terms of community outreach to educate the elderly through more health-related programmes. The elderly who are here today will be able to benefit from our various healthscreening programmes conducted by qualified doctors, nurses, rehabilitation therapists and TCM physicians.”

4 Apart from running community outreach events, KWSH has also set up its Community Services department. Since May this year, it has been offering a suite of home care services and caregiver training. There were about 255 home visits made by the Home Care team to date. We have been making conscientious efforts in this

area as we strongly believe that more can be done to help the needy elderly in to age in place in the face of a bed crunch in nursing homes.

5 Generous donations had been made to KWSH in the months of October and November 2014 to aid its redevelopment plans. They include a donation of 330k from the estate of the late Mr and Mrs Lee Ah Kee, a tele-poll donation of about \$200k from a radio programme on FM958 generously sponsored by RedSun Pte Ltd, and also an amount of about \$532k raised from an on-going fundraising effort by a religious group (三皇五帝).

6 Three beautiful paintings had also been donated by three very talented and experienced artists to KWSH for auction to further raise funds for the redevelopment. We specially appreciate the generosity of these artistes, Mr Chew Piak San, Mr Leong Chye Chye and Mr Loy Chye Chuan.

7 Apart from the opening of the transitional facility, KWSH organized a fabulous carnival for the elderly from the central neighbourhoods. Many charitable individuals and corporate organisations, such as Hewlett Packard, RE & S Enterprises Pte Ltd, Rider Levett Bucknall and Comfort Delgro, had together put up a wide spread of fabulous snacks and delicacies for today's carnival. The other highlights of the carnival were the health checks/consultations by a few volunteer doctors (from Singhealth and Singapore Women's Association), and games and fitness activities.

8 It was a great sight to behold, seeing more than 1,100 happy elderly having a fun time at the KWSH premises. It was indeed meaningful to hold such carnival on KWSH's grounds that offer a historically rich environment that is filled with our forefathers' legacy of kindness and compassion. On behalf of the hospital, the KWSH Board expressed its heartfelt appreciation to all the donors and volunteers for their continuous support and hoped for more philanthropists to come forward to volunteer and serve the community.

About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH)

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 104 year-old charitable organisation and Institution of Public Character, committed to looking after the sick and needy. In the last century, it has evolved from a basic inpatient and outpatient establishment to a modern medical institution recognised in Singapore for its **nursing** and **geriatric care**.

The Hospital presently has a 350-bed nursing home, a Rehabilitation Centre, a Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre and community services (homecare and caregiver training). Many of its patients are from the lower-income group and their hospital charges are heavily subsidised.

KWSH relies on the support and generous donations of the public to cover its operating expenses and its expansion plan, which will increase the number of nursing beds from 350 to about 600, making KWSH the largest single-site nursing home operator in Singapore in 2017. For more information, please refer to <http://www.kwsh.org.sg>

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