

MEDIA RELEASE

KWSH CHARITY CONCERT 2015 爱心满院慈善音乐会

~ To fundraise for the needy elderly

Singapore, 15 April 2015 – Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) partners the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) to organise the KWSH Charity Concert 2015 at the Singapore Conference Hall on **17 April 2015**. This is part of KWSH's efforts to fundraise for the nursing home and its redevelopment project.

Gracing the event is **Dr Lam Pin Min** – Minister of State for Health.

Go Pop with Sebastian Tan and SCO

Well-known for its high performance standards and versatility, SCO will be putting up a remarkably magnificent concert with Singapore's famous Broadway Beng - Sebastian Tan (as the Vocal). The audience can indulge in popular hits in Hokkien, Cantonese, Mandarin and English. There will be evergreen tunes like 'Prodigal's Mood' 《浪子的心情》, 'Drunken Aspirations' 《酒后的心声》, 'No One Understands My Feelings' 《心事谁人知》, 'Words from Dad' 《阿爸的话》, etc. in addition to famous TV drama theme songs like 'The Householder' 《一家之主》 and 'The Price of Peace' 《和平的代价》. There will also be songs from those sensational musical hits like 'Sing to the Dawn' and 'Miss Saigon' 《西贡小姐》.

Music Director Tsung Yeh

Since joining the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) as Music Director in January 2002, Tsung Yeh has expanded its repertoire with many innovative works and brought its performances to greater heights. Moreover, he has outstanding works with international partners in the orchestra industry. An exceptionally talented musician, Tsung Yeh has not only won himself international accolades but also established a reputation as a renowned conducting teacher.

Sebastian Tan

Besides winning a Straits Times Life! Theatre Awards nomination for 'Best Director' for his directorial debut in 2014 with Wild Rice's critically-acclaimed pantomime *Monkey Goes West*, Sebastian Tan has notable credits in television dramas, musical and theatre. He is well-known for his quick wit and humour in hosting and live performances. Many Singaporeans also remember him in the entertaining video in Mandarin about the Pioneer Generation package.

Fundraising for the needy elderly

Funds raised from the concert will go towards helping the needy elderly at KWSH. We hope more people will embrace the spirit of giving and come forward to contribute towards this worthy cause.

Concert Details

Venue: Singapore Conference Hall (7 Shenton Way, S(068810))
Date/Time: **17 April 2015, 7.30 pm**
Enquiries Office: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
Fundraising Department
705 Serangoon Road
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For enquiries on donations / sponsorships, please call **6297 6250 /6422 1279**

About KWSH

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH), one of Singapore's oldest healthcare institutions, was founded in 1910 by a group of Cantonese Merchants to provide free medical services to poor immigrants from China. Initially, KWSH's in-patient services were only available to the Cantonese, although outpatient services were accessible to all. In 1974, the Constitution of KWSH was amended to include the admission of people of all races into its in-patient facilities. Since then, the hospital is committed to providing affordable and quality healthcare services to the sick and needy, regardless of race, language or religion.

In the last century, KWSH has evolved from a basic in-patient and outpatient establishment to a modern healthcare institution, recognized in Singapore for its nursing and geriatric care. At present, the hospital has a 350-bed nursing home, a Rehabilitation Centre, a Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre and Community Services (home care and caregiver training).

KWSH's clients and residents are mainly from lower-income families. Their hospital charges are subsidized by the Hospital's charity funds. As a charitable hospital, KWSH relies on the public's support and donations to meet the increasing healthcare expenses for the beneficiaries.

KWSH's redevelopment plan

In November 2013, KWSH confirmed its redevelopment plans at its current site at Serangoon Road to increase its ward capacity from 350 to 600 beds. It was committed to raise \$20 million (out of the total redevelopment cost of \$96 million) for the redevelopment. With the expansion, the hospital's operating cost will increase from \$17 million to 28 million each year. Hence, the hospital has to enhance both its financial and human resources, and for these it needs the unwavering support of donors and sponsors for its fundraising efforts.

By 2017, KWSH will be the largest single-site nursing home in Singapore to serve the needy elderly in the central district. Apart from inpatient services, the elderly can expect a one-stop centre which also includes the Senior Care Centre, Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre, homecare and hospice services, and a vibrant community hub with elderly-friendly social activities.

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Encl: More info on Tsung Yeh and Sebastian Tan