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## Press Release

### **Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital commemorates 99 years with plans to expand its facilities and services to meet Singapore's growing elderly healthcare needs**

**Singapore, 24 October 2009** – Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) celebrates 99 years of serving the Singapore community. Heavily dependent on public funds and committed volunteers, KWSH, an independent charity provider, has managed to keep healthcare costs affordable for the elderly and needy all these years.

Despite the economic downturn, KWSH was the only community hospital that did not raise its fees in the past year. In addition, KWSH's nursing home fees have remained unchanged for 15 years. For an ageing society like Singapore, it is especially important for KWSH to keep its services affordable and stay relevant to Singapore's needs of sustaining an integrated healthcare service for the elderly.

RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Acting Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, and the Guest-of-Honour at KWSH's 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, commended the Hospital for keeping its services affordable all these years, which and added, "Community hospitals like Kwong Wai Shiu play an important role in reducing the reliance on acute hospitals.' He added, 'to sustain its vital projects in enhancing its facilities and services, the Hospital will need the continued support of all partners and the community.'

In his anniversary address, Dr Leong Heng Keng, Trustee and Chairman, KWSH Board of Directors, added that 'Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital is keen to expand its facilities and services and enhancing its step-down care to meet the growing demands. We thank the public and our partners for their generous donations and help all these years and look forward to their continued support and collaboration to provide the necessary healthcare for Singapore's elderly into the next century.'

A generous donation of S\$100,000 was made to the Hospital by Dr Leong Heng Keng on behalf of Leung Kai Fook Medical Pte Ltd to mark the anniversary celebration.

#### **About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**

KWSH is a 99 year-old charitable organisation committed to caring for the sick and needy. With a staff strength of about 300 employees, KWSH is a community hospital and a 350-bed nursing home, which occupies 14 blocks in a 6-acre compound. The hospital's facilities include In-patient Wards, a Physiotherapy Department, an Out-patient Department, a Day Rehabilitation Centre and a Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre. For more information, visit [www.kwsh.org.sg](http://www.kwsh.org.sg)

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