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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION SETS KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL AGLOW Bedbound Residents, Cantonese Clan Associations, and Donors Join Festivities for the First Time Since the Pandemic

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) will be illuminated by hundreds of dazzling lanterns during its annual Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on 27 August. While the occasion will still take a scaled-down form, the Hospital will be greeting its senior clients – among them bedbound residents – as well as donors once again after a pandemic-stricken two years. Member of Parliament for Jalan Besar GRC Mr Heng Chee How will also grace the event as guest of honour and join the Hospital in upholding its festive traditions while celebrating with the elderly.

2 During the event, KWSH will continue its long-standing practice of bringing residents down from their wards to soak up the festivities at the main celebration area. The Hospital's bedbound residents, who last participated in 2019, will once again make up part of this group and will get to take in the beautiful sights and sounds as the night's programme unfolds before them. Close to 150 elderly clients, including its Senior Care Centre and Active Ageing Hub clients, in addition to the residents, will get together to celebrate this festival of reunion. To safeguard the wellbeing of its seniors, the event will welcome only fully vaccinated participants who, despite the outdoor nature of the celebration, will also remain masked up at all times.

3 Getting the ball rolling that night will be a customary light-up ceremony, which will jointly be officiated by GOH Mr Heng Chee How as well as the Hospital's Chairman Mr Patrick Lee, amongst other KWSH leaders. The KWSH tradition of lighting up its compound with the Cantonese clan associations and organisations which it shares deep-rooted ties with will also make a highly anticipated return for the first time in three years, further marking a long-awaited reunion with representatives from 19 organisations. Enveloped in the warm glow of the myriad of colourful lanterns dotting the premises, Mr Heng will join the elderly clients as they take delight in the line-up of celebratory activities.

4 A hallmark of KWSH's celebrations for the annual mooncake festival, gigantic Kong Ming lanterns will be released once again this year, glittering like stars in the night sky. Following two closed-door occasions, the Hospital will finally be able to invite its donors to return to its compound to personally release the Kong Ming lanterns that they have generously sponsored.

5 The celebration will be held on **Saturday, 27 Aug 2022, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**. Members of the media who are interested to cover the celebration may RSVP with the media contacts below by Friday, 26 Aug 2022, 12:00pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Saturday, 27 Aug 2022
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 328127

Programme

7.00pm: Arrival of GOH, MP Mr Heng Chee How
7:05pm: Welcome Address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
7.15pm: Light-Up Ceremony
7.30pm: Release of Kong Ming Lanterns
7.40pm: Wishing Ceremony at Lotus Pond
7:50pm: Stage Entertainment
8.30pm: Lantern Walk
9:00pm: End of Programme

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KWSH Key Names and Terms

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About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 111-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 two nursing homes, two rehabilitation centres, two traditional Chinese medicine centres, four community care centres, a community training institute 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 had undergone a major redevelopment to house the largest single-site nursing home in Singapore and also transform itself into an integrated community healthcare hub, providing healthcare services to its residents and the community. With the completion of its second nursing home in 2022, KWSH is now one of the largest nursing home operators with close to 1,200 beds as well as expansion in its other services.

Visit www.kwsh.org.sg for more information.

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