



MEDIA RELEASE

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KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL OPENS NEW POTONG PASIR NURSING HOME DURING 112TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

New Facility Houses Eldercare Centre and Features Partnerships with Community Partners

KWSH's second nursing home, Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Potong Pasir (KWSH@PTP), was officially opened during its 112th anniversary celebration on 1 October 2022. The grand launch was officiated by Guest of Honour, Minister for Health Ong Ye Kung, who delivered a speech at the event as well. Also showing his support was MP for Potong Pasir SMC, Mr Sitoh Yih Pin.

2 Located within the 438-bedder KWSH@PTP is an SCC, which has been appointed to be an Eldercare Centre with its scope of service expanding beyond the usual centre-based day care, rehabilitation and nursing services. This SCC will serve as an Active Ageing Care Hub, where it will be able to support up to 75 seniors daily through a comprehensive "ABC" suite of services that integrates their health and social support needs. Its active ageing programmes, befriending activities, and referrals to care services will allow seniors to easily access a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities. For example, seniors can sign up for digital courses on using mobile apps to manage health or join interest groups for activities like dancing and *tai chi*.

3 To amplify its efforts for clients, KWSH@PTP's SCC also actively collaborates with community partners. Joining hands with the schools located within the adjacent St Andrew's Village, the centre draws on the students' youthfulness to enhance its active ageing and befriending programmes. Enlisting students across different education levels, the collaboration sees the young and old participating together in a range of activities, like carnival games and going on outdoor strolls. The partnership further extends beyond SCC's clients, with the students similarly engaging its nursing home residents frequently as well. Besides enjoying intergenerational bonding, this collaboration also offers students meaningful learning experiences that support their development.

4 On the care front, KWSH@PTP has carved out a collaboration with Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) to tap on its expertise as an acute hospital to enhance care for its residents. Focusing on dementia care, trained TTSH nurses have been seconded to the Hospital since end August to assist in the stepping up of its dementia ward. During this five-month deployment, TTSH's experienced staff will offer guidance in caring for residents with mild to moderate dementia. Additionally, KWSH nurses will benefit from informative sharing sessions by their TTSH counterparts. The upskilled nurses can then in turn guide other colleagues, enhancing the Hospital's overall capabilities to deliver quality care. With the nursing home possessing greater capacity to manage seniors with dementia, TTSH will be better able to right-site its patients, freeing up resources to tend to its acute cases.

5 During the event, KWSH Chairman Mr Patrick Lee thanked the government as well as partners amongst others for playing a crucial role in bringing KWSH@PTP to fruition. The new facility, nestled in the greenery surrounding the Kallang River, brings the Hospital's total bed count to nearly 1,200. Besides its inpatient and SCC services, KWSH@PTP also houses a Traditional Chinese Medicine centre and offers community care services. The opening of this facility marks the completion of KWSH's network of care comprising two nursing homes as well as four satellite care centres.

6 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the event on **Saturday, 1 Oct 2022, 9.00am to 11.00am at Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Potong Pasir**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Please RSVP with the media contacts below by Friday, 30 Sep 2022, 12.00pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Saturday, 1 Oct 2022
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Potong Pasir
51 Potong Pasir Avenue 1 Singapore 358400

Programme

9.00am: Arrival of Guests and KWSH Board of Directors
9.30am: Arrival of GOH, Mr Ong Ye Kung
9.40am: Welcome Address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
9.45am: Speech by GOH, Mr Ong Ye Kung
9.55am: Opening Ceremony of Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Potong Pasir (KWSH@PTP)
10.00am: Presentation of Tokens to Donors
10.05am: Tour of KWSH@PTP
10.30am: Departure of GOH, Mr Ong Ye Kung
11.00am: End of Event

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About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 112-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.

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