



MEDIA RELEASE

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KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY CARE DAY RELAUNCHED WITH PROGRAMME IN TUNE WITH HEALTHIER SG

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital's (KWSH) Community Care Day carnival made a highly anticipated return in its full glory, marking the Hospital's first open-door event onsite in four years. The Hospital, which aligned its event's programmes with the national Healthier SG strategy, welcomed President Halimah Yacob to its premises for the first time as its esteemed Guest-Of-Honour. Enlisting community partners to offer a series of complimentary health screenings as well as food and entertainment options, the event benefitted close to 1,000 seniors, of which 800 were nearby community dwellers and 200 were its nursing home residents. Students from NorthLight School (NLS), who are currently enrolled in a new Institute of Technical Education (ITE) training programme supported by KWSH, were also in attendance.

2 Resonating strongly with the Healthier SG initiative and aim of promoting better health, the Hospital relaunched the annual health event with this year's programme synchronised with the national strategy. Tapping on the expertise of its partners, participants were offered complimentary health checks like the fall risk screenings conducted by Tan Tock Seng Hospital to help them better understand their state of health and care for themselves. The Kallang Polyclinic adjacent to its main site was also at the event to provide an informative talk on foot care. Presenting the event in a carnival format, KWSH aimed to do its part in reshaping the community's health-seeking behaviours by encouraging people to step forward willingly for health screenings. Through the screenings, seniors will further be educated on preventive health, and those who require referrals for more in-depth tests will also be advised accordingly. Healthway Medical, which provided blood pressure and blood glucose checks at its clinic conveniently located on the Hospital's premises, will also be an option for eligible seniors to enrol with as their chosen care provider under the initiative. Beyond organising the health carnival, KWSH will continue to provide its various activities and services, such as its Active Ageing services, to meet the needs of seniors and support the strategy as an intermediate and long term care provider.

3 Along the same vein of ensuring continued care for the aged population, NLS introduced the new two-year ITE Skills Certificate in Community Care Support programme in response to the demand in the healthcare sector, and KWSH lends a hand to upskilling the future generation of carers through its close partnership with the school. This latest collaboration sees KWSH's trainers supporting their NLS' counterparts via consultations for classes on topics such as infection control as well as personal care and mobility needs. Recently launched in January this year, the pioneer group of 24 Year 3 students has since been frequenting KWSH for job shadowing with various care teams, and will progress to performing real work tasks onsite during an industry experiential module in the following year. Other collaborations with NLS include internships as well as volunteering opportunities. NLS Vice Principal, Vocational Education, Jayvin Yeo, shared, "We are indeed honoured and thankful to KWSH for giving us the full support. With this collaborative effort, more students will be better equipped with the basic skillset to join the healthcare industry."

4 Beyond health check stations, numerous food stalls as well as entertaining performances put up by community groups and the Hospital's volunteers provided a boost of energy for participants. KWSH's own teams also availed enjoyable fringe activities like painting, and art and craft to engage the seniors throughout the morning.

5 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and to cover the event on **Saturday, 18 Mar 2023, 8.30am to 12.30pm at Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital**. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Please RSVP with the media contacts below by Friday, 17 Mar 2023, 12.00pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

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Event Details

Date: Saturday, 18 Mar 2023
Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital
705 Serangoon Road Singapore 328127

Programme

8.30am: Arrival of Guests and KWSH Board of Directors
9.30am: Arrival of GOH, President Halimah Yacob
9.40am: Welcome Performance by KWSH staff
9.50am: Welcome Address by KWSH Chairman, Mr Patrick Lee
9.55am: Presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Partners by Mdm President
10.15am: Tour of KWSH
Includes stops at Heritage Gallery, ward and health check stations
11.00am: Departure of Mdm President
12.30pm: End of Event

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Key Names and Terms

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About Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) is a 113-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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