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LANTERNS OF LOVE: A MID-AUTUMN NIGHT – KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL CELEBRATES MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WITH TWO DAY OF EXTRAVAGANZA

Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) successfully hosted its Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations on the 7th and 14th **September 2024**. The events brought together residents, staff, and community members for two evenings filled with joy, culture, and connection. This year's theme, "LANTERNS OF LOVE": A MID-AUTUMN NIGHT" beautifully captures the essence of this festival – a time of reunion, gratitude, and the spreading of love. The celebrations kicked off with the release of Kong Ming Sky Lantern, lighting up and transforming the grounds of KWSH into a stunning display adorned with lanterns. The serene Lotus Flower Wishing Ceremony followed where participants set afloat lotus flowers carrying their heartfelt wishes, creating a picturesque scene of hope and reflection.

Day One: Mid-Autumn Celebration at Serangoon [7th September 2024]

2 Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, our Guest-of-Honour, graced the event, and delighted the audience by performing the classic song "月亮代表我的心" (The Moon Represents My Heart) by 邓丽君 (Teresa Teng) with the hospital's CEO, Dr Mok Ying Jang, senior residents, and accompanied by T-Junction 红绿灯 a busking duo. T-Junction 红绿灯 is a multi-lingual duo made up of vocalist Jia Rui and keyboardist Alina, to bring music to people that can accompany them at every junction of their lives. This touching performance highlighted the strong bonds between the hospital's leadership and its residents.

3 One of our partners, 365 Cancer Prevention Society, has been instrumental in our efforts to enhance the well-being of our residents. This evening, they gave us a wonderful ukelele performance, again showing their dedication to their work. Their involvement underscored the collaborative spirit of the event and highlighted the importance of community partnerships in promoting health and happiness.

4 This evening featured an array of other captivating performances as well. Renowned musician 黄绍祖 (Huang Shaozu), celebrated for his vocal similarity to the legendary 費玉清 (Fei Yiching), delighting the audience with popular songs including the beloved "哪個不多情" (Who Doesn't Need Love). Adding to the evening's charm, a talented volunteer group comprising three accomplished ladies from KWSH presented a mesmerising dance performance, garnering enthusiastic applause from attendees.

Day Two: Mid-Autumn Celebration at Potong Pasir [14th September 2024]

5 Ms Tin Pei Ling, a Member of Parliament representing MacPherson SMC, honoured the event with her presence. She performed "城裡的月光" (Moonlight in the City) by 许美静 (Mavis Hee) alongside our seniors and Dr Mok, fostering a sense of community and joy.

6 The festival featured captivating performances by students from Saint Andrew's Junior College (SAJC) Chinese Orchestra, who showcased their musical talents through traditional pieces that resonated with the festive spirit. Additionally, KWSH volunteers took to the stage, sharing their performances that added warmth and joy to the celebrations, further enriching the community atmosphere.

7 The residents had the opportunity of lighting up the banks of Kallang River on the Lantern Walk, with handheld lanterns when they were wheeled along by volunteers, much to the delight of the nursing home residents and residents of the Potong Pasir precinct.

Announcement of New Initiatives

8 Three new initiatives were announced across both Mid-Autumn Festival events. Firstly, KWSH will launch new dental services that are a significant addition to our care offerings and provide our residents with convenient and comprehensive dental care, greatly enhancing their overall well-being. This is in partnership with Tzu Chi, which aims to improve general well-being by ensuring good oral health of our residents.

9 "Reminisfusion", also known as "广的呼声" in Chinese, will commence at our Senior Care Centre and dementia ward. This initiative aims to provide engaging and nostalgic content for our residents, enriching their daily lives and bringing moments of joy and reminiscence. The current audio file set is in Cantonese, intending to include more content like old songs in Cantonese, Mandarin, English, Malay and Tamil to let our clients and residents enjoy immersing themselves in their yesteryears.

10 Lastly, a community food fridge, an initiative close to our hearts will be introduced. This project will provide accessible and nutritious food options to those in need within our community, reinforcing our commitment to support and uplift those around us. KWSH aims to extend the benefits of the community fridge to all residents in the area. This expansion will help foster a stronger sense of community and reduce food wastage.

11 Both days featured performances by guest singers, adding to the festive atmosphere. The dual-day celebration allowed KWSH to accommodate more participants and offer a wider range of activities, enhancing the overall experience for residents, staff, and community members alike.

12 Members of the media are invited to share this meaningful moment with KWSH and cover the event on both **Saturdays, 7th and 14th September 2024** at KWSH @ Serangoon Road and @ Potong Pasir respectively. The event shall be open to full media coverage. Please RSVP with the media contacts below by 6th September 2024, 5:00 pm. A brief programme is appended for your perusal.

2 For more information about the event, the public may contact us at 6422 1293 or fund_raising@kwsh.org.sg.

Event Details

Day One

Date: Saturday, 7th September 2024
Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Serangoon Road
705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 328127

Day Two

Date: Saturday, 14th September 2024
Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Venue: Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital @ Potong Pasir
51 Potong Pasir Avenue 1, Singapore 358400

Programme

Day One, 7th September 2024

6:00 pm: Entertainment for Residents + Guest Arrival
6:30 pm: Arrival of Dr Mok Ying Jang, KWSH CEO
6:45 pm: Arrival of Mr Tang Kin Fei, KWSH Chairman
6:50 pm: Welcome Party to Standby for Arrival of Guest of Honour (GOH)
7:00 pm: Arrival of GOH
Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office
7:05 pm: Welcome Speech by Mr Tang Kin Fei, KWSH Chairman
7:15 pm: Opening Ceremony on stage
7:25 pm: Release of Kong Ming Sky Lanterns
7:40 pm: Lotus Flower Wishing Ceremony
7:45 pm: Stage Entertainment
8:20 pm: Presentation of GOH's Token of Appreciation
8:25 pm: Volunteer Group – Token of Appreciation
8:40 pm: Private Reception & GOH's Lantern Walk
8:45 pm: Residents' Lantern Walk
9:00 pm: End of Programme

Day Two, 14th September 2024

6:00 pm: Entertainment for Residents + Guest Arrival
6:30 pm: Arrival of Dr Mok Ying Jang, KWSH CEO
6:45 pm: Arrival of Mr William Leong, KWSH Vice-Chairman
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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 Intermediate and Long-Term Care (ILTC) sector.

At present, KWSH operates two nursing homes, six active ageing and care centres, two traditional Chinese medicine 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 official opening of its second nursing home in October 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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