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Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF REN CI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – A NEW CHAPTER IN INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

11 January 2010, Singapore — The 277-bedded Ren Ci Community Hospital located at Irrawaddy Road is officially opened today by Guest-of-Honour, Senior Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security, Professor S Jayakumar.

The opening of the 15-storey tall building marks Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre's 15th-year in rendering care to the community. It is also a significant milestone as it embarks on a new frontier in integrated healthcare. Ren Ci now provides rehabilitation and sub-acute care services in addition to its chronic sick and nursing home services.

Mr Chua Thian Poh, Chairman of Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre says, "The Ren Ci Community Hospital is a testament of our commitment towards the community. We will continue to work hand-in-hand with the Ministry, acute hospitals and other healthcare institutions to provide integrated healthcare for the community."

The vision to build a Community Hospital took over a decade to realise. Back in 1997, Ren Ci's initial plan to convert the now-defunct Toa Payoh Hospital into a Community Hospital took a first blow when the hospital was earmarked for economic development. In 2003, Ren Ci made a second attempt and renovated a building next to Tan Tock Seng Hospital. However, due to the SARS outbreak that same year, Ren Ci eventually gave up the building to Tan Tock Seng Hospital in an effort to fight against the epidemic.

While the third attempt in 2005 was finally successful, the following four years of construction faced various challenges such as the issue of the Indonesia's ban on sand

exports to Singapore, restrictions of piling works due to MRT tunnel below the site, rising construction costs, among others.

With its latest addition of the 277-bedded Community Hospital, Ren Ci now has 661 in-patient beds, a significant increase compared to the initial 174 beds when it was first established back in 1994.

Simple yet elegant in design, the Ren Ci Community Hospital features eight storeys of well-ventilated wards, a therapy garden, training facilities for caregivers, volunteers and staff, a TCM Clinic (operated by the Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution), as well as a well-equipped Rehabilitation Centre that provides both physiotherapy and occupational therapy for the patients. Located within the Rehabilitation Centre is an Activities Daily Living (ADL) corner, a mock-up of a one-room flat aimed to provide a realistic environment to prepare patients to adapt to their daily home activities.

With a higher level of clinical care in place, Ren Ci looks forward to more support from the public to extend a helping hand towards the needy sick and build a compassionate society, regardless of race, religion and background.

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About Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre

Established as a charity in 1994, Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre provides medical, nursing, allied health, psychosocial support and counselling to patients, regardless of race, religion or background.

ISO certified since 2002, Ren Ci is one of the few charities in Singapore that provides high quality and affordable intermediate & long-term care services for the community based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion. The spectrum of care encompasses the new Ren Ci Community Hospital, Ren Ci Long-Term Care (chronic sick), Ren Ci Nursing Home and 2 Day Rehabilitation Centres (Ren Ci Day Care for the Elderly and Ren Ci Wan Qing Lodge).

Our Vision

Ren Ci strives to become a major player in the voluntary welfare sector, delivering quality community services to people regardless of race, religion or background. We believe in the importance of nurturing healthy bodies and healthy minds by adopting a holistic approach; which includes healthcare, social work and education.

Our Mission

Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre seeks to provide quality nursing and medical care for the sick based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion regardless of race, religion and background.

Our Charity Status

Charity Regn No:	1060
Charity Regn Date:	23 December 1994
Constitution:	Society
Date of Establishment:	12 October 1994
Unique Entity Number (UEN):	S94550115E

Our IPC Status (General Operating Fund)

IPC No.:	HEF 0002/G
Date:	5 August 2009 - 4 August 2010
Sector Administrator:	Ministry of Health

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