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PRESS RELEASE

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Empowering Independent Living Through Collaboration

Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Agency for Integrated Care, SAGE Counselling Centre & Tsao Foundation, and a Collaboration Agreement with Singapore General Hospital

Friday, 19 August 2022 – Today, Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (**THKMC**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), SAGE Counselling Centre, and Tsao Foundation and a Collaboration Agreement (CA) with Singapore General Hospital (SGH), to foster closer collaborations in the Beo Crescent area and to empower seniors to age well and live independently in the community. Minister for Health, Mr Ong Ye Kung who was visiting **THK** Active Ageing Centre (AAC) @ Beo Crescent, witnessed the MOU and CA signing ceremony.

The MOU and CA are the first such collaboration for **THKMC AAC**. **THK AAC** @ Beo Crescent was selected mainly due to the large number of seniors in both rental and non-rental HDB flats in the vicinity. With the signing of the MOU and CA, residents and their families in the Beo Crescent area will benefit from more support through an even better integrated care system across health and social platforms.

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THK AAC @ Beo Crescent was appointed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and AIC as an AAC in 2021. AIC supported the centre to be future-ready for seniors by bringing together private sector partners IKEA, Google, and SymAsia-Yeo Family Foundation to collaborate on the transformation of the centre under its 'Re-imagining Active Ageing Centres' initiative. The private-public partnership has helped **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent to become more welcoming and senior friendly through space management and design, as well as technology adoption. A key highlight is the virtual playground where seniors can take part in the interactive games, which have physiotherapeutic effects and provide them opportunities for shared enjoyment. The virtual playground also exposes seniors to technology as a fun and interactive tool.

AIC will support **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent via the Communities of Care (CoC) initiative, which is funded by the Tote Board under its Tote Board Community Health Fund. Administered by AIC, the CoC initiative comprises 12 pilots across 13 sites – one of which is **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent. The CoC initiative provides **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent with the resources to build partnerships and networks with other organisations serving the community, so as to create a well-rounded care ecosystem across health and social domains at **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent. By enabling **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent to work with different organisations within their community, they can tap on each other's expertise, services and networks to provide even better care to their clients.

AIC will also refer seniors to **THK** AAC @ Beo Crescent for programmes and services. This includes active ageing activities, befriending services, case management, as well as linking the seniors with other community partners, when necessary.

The Singapore General Hospital, under the Empowered Communities of Care (ECoC) programme, will work with **THKMC** on the development of collaborative projects such as tele-consultation, medication management, counselling and reconciliation, medication delivery and community-based collection points. SGH will also assist clients' access to hospital or community support as they transit between care sites.

THKMC's collaboration with SAGE will provide gero-counselling for older persons, their family members and caregivers. There will also be therapeutic group work to assist clients to address personal, social and psychological challenges.

Tsao Foundation will support **THKMC** in providing micro job placement for seniors, participate in enterprise transformation, facilitate student sectoral attachment in various AACs and gig workers application.

This collaboration with our partners is another step towards improving the experience of the seniors we serve in our AACs. The seniors can look forward to ageing healthily and independently" said Mr Jason Lee, Chief Operating Officer of **THKMC**.

"The MOU between Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities and key partners, including AIC, signifies our common goals in empowering residents and seniors to live and age well in the community where their Active Aging Centre is," said AIC's Chief Executive Officer Mr Tan Kwang Cheak. "The strong trusted partnership between partners in the Beo Crescent area is key to strengthening the Communities of Care initiative and to support the drive towards Healthier SG." "The further collaborations with private sector partners like IKEA and Google help enable our partners to put in place the AACs of the future that can better cater to the needs of seniors," added Mr Tan.

"The collaboration agreement (CA) between THK and SGH will leverage each other's strengths to organise a network of resources around the seniors in Bukit Merah and Tiong Bahru served by both partners", said SGH's Director for Population Health and Integrated Care Office, A/Prof Low Lian Leng. "It will enable the development of a shared registry of residents enrolled in the ECoC programme, design of workflows to coordinate shared care, which is facilitated by IT solutions to allow secured data sharing, tele-consultation with SGH care team and specialists, and development of active ageing and collaborative care projects to improve health outcomes of seniors," added Prof Low.

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BACKGROUNDER

About Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THKMC)

Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THKMC) is the social service charity arm of Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society (THKMS).

Since October 2011, Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THKMC) was incorporated as a single charity with IPC status, merging 9 IPCs and 5 SACs to provide multiple social and welfare services to the community at large. THKMC provides assistance through more than 70 programmes and services for the elderly and the sick, families, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), and children.

Our commitment and endearing efforts galvanise our spirit and mission to the community and beneficiaries that come from different races. Our service motto, “To serve you better... Always” remind us to always stay true to our mission to serve all people regardless of their race, language colour, creed, and religion.

At THKMC, we strongly believe that each of us is given that special gift to contribute to society.

Together, we progress as one, abiding by our motto - To serve mankind.

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为来自不同种族的受益者及大众服务是我们对社会的承诺和使命。我们的座右铭：“永远，更好地为您服务”，提醒我们忠于使命，在不分种族、语言、信仰和宗教的情况下，为人民服务。

太和观慈善机构坚信每个人都被赋予了为社会做出贡献的责任与才能。我们欢迎那些有着共同愿望的人，希望他们在我们的社区中产生积极的影响。

众志成城，共同进步，恪守我们的座右铭——为人类服务。

About THK Active Ageing Centre @ Beo Crescent

THK Ageing Activity Centre @ Beo Crescent is a joint project of the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), Housing and Development Board (HDB), and Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities. It aims to improve the quality of life of elderly residents living in both rental and non-rental HDB flats.

Mission

To integrate low income elderly (aged 60 years and above) into mainstream community living, with the support and active participation of the wider community.

Objectives

- To improve the living conditions of the low income elderly
- To prevent social isolation of low income and vulnerable elderly residing in the identified HDB rental flats
- To provide support and services by facilitating and co-ordinating community-based resources
- To mobilise community resources, including volunteers to build a local support network for the needy residents

Programmes and Services

- Newspaper reading
- TV and Karaoke sessions
- Information and referral assistance to NGO, GRO and SWCDC
- Inter-generation and inter-racial activities
- Students / Elderly interaction sessions
- Exercise and gym equipment
- Internet Facilities
- Blood Pressure Taking
- Talks and courses
- Volunteering opportunities
- Outing and activities

MEDIA PROGRAMME

THKMC MOU signing with partners

Date: 19 August 2022, Friday

Location: **THK** Active Ageing Centre @ Beo Crescent

Blk 44 Beo Crescent #01 – 67 Singapore 160044

- 3.00pm** Registration for Media
- 3.15pm** Signing of MOU
- 3.20pm** Tour of THK AAC @ Beo Crescent
- 3.30pm** End of Event

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