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PIONEER POLYCLINIC OFFICIALLY OPENS

JURONG WEST RESIDENTS NOW HAVE MORE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE CLOSER TO THEIR HOMES



*Officially opening Pioneer Polyclinic with a ribbon cutting ceremony
(L-R Dr Lew Yii Jen, Mr Cedric Foo, Prof John EL Wong, Min Gan Kim Yong, Mr Richard Lim, Mr Patrick Tay, Mr Chua Song Khim, Dr David Tan)*

Singapore, 27 January 2018 – Residents in Jurong West now have easier access to quality and affordable healthcare services with the new Pioneer Polyclinic. Built over two years, Pioneer Polyclinic was officially opened by the Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong today.

Catering to the healthcare needs of the population in Jurong West, Pioneer Polyclinic is conveniently located five minutes away from Pioneer MRT Station. It provides a wide range of services, including physiotherapy services which had started since September last year.

Patients are cared for by specific multi-disciplinary care teams, which comprise family physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. The same care team will also care for them at their subsequent visits. Patients with chronic conditions can benefit from the continuity of care as the team can better monitor and manage their conditions, providing more seamless care. Services supporting each care team are also grouped together for more coordinated patient care.

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Said Mr Gan, “Pioneer Polyclinic is the first of six new polyclinics to be developed by 2020, under the Healthcare 2020 Masterplan. With this new polyclinic, residents of Jurong West can now have more convenient access to quality, integrated and seamless care closer to their homes. This is a key milestone in our journey to further strengthen our primary healthcare system to meet the care needs of Singaporeans.”

Dr Lew Yii Jen, Chief Executive Officer, National University Polyclinics (NUP) said, “The opening of Pioneer Polyclinic today marks another milestone for NUP. Together with Pioneer and our five other polyclinics, we will continue to strive to shape family health and deliver value care by shaping the way care is delivered to the family and community, and providing care that is cost effective and centred on the patient.”

The seven-storey polyclinic first opened its doors to residents in July last year, and has seen close to 700 patients on average daily¹, with over 90,000 patient visits in total till date.

New community art mural unveiled

At today’s opening, the new community art mural at Pioneer Polyclinic was also unveiled. Named “*Be One With Nature*”, the art mural is one of NUP’s community outreach initiatives and a joint effort between NUP and its various community partners – Boon Lay Grassroots Organisations, Frontier Primary School, Grace Orchard School, Jurong West Primary School and Pioneer Grassroots Organisations. The project involved more than 400 members of the public, staff and their family members.

Said Dr David Tan, Head, Pioneer Polyclinic, “When we started planning for Pioneer Polyclinic, we wanted to do it with the community’s input and support, as we wanted the Pioneer community to develop a sense of communal ownership over this public space. Thus, efforts were made to engage the surrounding schools and community right from the beginning. This community art mural is but a continuation of those engagement efforts.

“We know that nature has healing and soothing elements, so we intentionally tied the building design and colour scheme to nature, and the art mural continues this theme,” added Dr Tan.

Please see [**Annex A**](#) for a write-up on the new community art mural at Pioneer Polyclinic.

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¹ Refers to weekdays only.

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About the National University Polyclinics

The National University Polyclinics (NUP), a member of the National University Health System (NUHS), is committed to providing accessible, comprehensive and co-ordinated primary care in the Western region of Singapore. Being part of the NUHS Academic Health System, it partners the hospitals and specialty centres within the NUHS to redefine healthcare. Working together with GP partners, community, grassroots, health and social care partners, it strives to ensure the well-being of the community we serve.

NUP's network of polyclinics (Bukit Batok, Choa Chu Kang, Clementi, Jurong, Pioneer and Queenstown) is focused on providing quality care with positive outcomes to our patients.

For more information on NUP, visit www.nup.com.sg.

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Annex A

BE ONE WITH NATURE

A community art project by the National University Polyclinics



Our community mural draws inspiration from nature and our surrounding environment, and showcases a vibrant and seamless flow through different habitats and the intricate networks of flora and fauna found in Singapore through a unique tessellated style that creates a sense of movement and depth. The mural offers an oasis of calm and peace and brings transformative and healing qualities to our patients and their caregivers.

Spanning over a period of three weeks, NUP worked together with five community partners in Jurong West - Boon Lay Grassroots Organisations, Frontier Primary School, Grace Orchard School, Jurong West Primary School and Pioneer Grassroots Organisations - on this wall mural. The community groups came together to express themselves by handcrafting and moulding personalised clay pieces which were then fire blasted and pieced together, forming this 10-metre wall.

The sessions were attended by more than 400 residents, students, staff and family members coming together to build this art piece for the patients and caregivers. The work exemplifies the creative and positive vibes from the community as they came together to co-create this art installation and is an important reminder of the power of collaboration.