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News Release

APSN celebrates 40th Anniversary by launching a series of new Social Enterprise initiatives



Singapore, 28 June 2016 – Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) will be organising a Gala Dinner officially sponsored by Marina Bay Sands (MBS) on 29 July 2016 to raise funds for the Association but most importantly, to celebrate their 40th Anniversary of service to the Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) community. The event will be graced by Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth.

This year as they celebrate the 40th Anniversary of APSN’s founding, they can proudly look back at how far they have progressed and how much they have achieved. In 1978, the Association took over Tanjong Katong Malay Girls' School at Arthur Road and named it Katong Special School. It was the Association’s first school and the enrolment was only a mere 110 students. In those early days, APSN had to devise their own curriculum and recruit their own teachers and staff & had to raise funds to sustain the operational cost and expenses of running a non-profit school.

Today, 40 years on, they have 4 schools and a training centre for adults & under their care, 1,250 students and trainees supported by a staff of 380 specially trained educators, instructors, job coaches, psychologists, therapists, social workers and administrators. With support and funding from Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and National Council of Social Service (NCSS), they are able to serve the wider needs of the community.

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APSN strongly believes that parents must be involved in the education of the child, especially a special needs child. One thing that remains constant is their close engagement with parents and caregivers. The clear education pathways of APSN assures parents and this count as the main reason that parents have chosen APSN schools for their special needs child.



In conjunction with celebrating the Association’s 40th Anniversary, APSN is launching a series of new Social Enterprise initiatives which will be announced at the Gala Dinner. A series of efforts such as the Bakery (Mystical Cookies), Café, Horticulture (Vertical Farm, Container Garden, Potted Plants) and F&B (Catering, Hot-meal) projects are some of the programmes that will adopt the Social Enterprise model. APSN’s focus in transforming its service line into social enterprises so that the clients will be upskilled and in the future be highly employable in similar outfits or industry.

The APSN Gala Dinner is also the main platform where the association acknowledges those who have made a difference to the lives of their beneficiaries. 40 awards will be given out to Sponsors, Alumni Staff, Volunteers and Alumni Students to acknowledge them as trailblazers who have ignited heartening success stories when the right enablement and empowerment are given to individuals of special needs. THEY are the reason why APSN is where it stands today.

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About Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN)

Established in 1976, Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) is a social service organisation providing special education for persons with mild intellectual disability (IQ 50-70). Today, APSN operates four Special Education (SPED) Schools (APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School) for students aged 7 to 21, an APSN Student Care Centre for children aged 7 to 18 and an APSN Centre for Adults for persons aged 17 and older, benefiting over 1,200 beneficiaries each year.

The APSN Schools and Centre adopt a holistic approach in its curriculum, comprising academic, vocational and social skills which are important for open employment and lifelong learning. APSN seeks to enable persons with special needs to be active contributors of the society and is committed to inspire and build capabilities of its partners and community to lead and advocate an inclusive society.

To date, APSN's growing database has more than 5,000 alumni members. The Association is constantly expanding its network to reach out to and understand the needs of its members to better support them.

For more information on APSN, please visit www.apsn.org.sg.

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