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News Release

APSN CHAOYANG SCHOOL TAKES ITS FIRST STEP TO ITS NEW PREMISE

Singapore, 8 November 2017 – On 17 November 2017, APSN Chaoyang School will take its first walk to its new premise. This marks the symbolic move of the school to a new and improved campus at Ang Mo Kio Street 54. The new school will be the 4th campus in APSN Chaoyang's history.

The Walk will be graced by Guest-of-Honour, Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar, MP for Ang Mo Kio GRC. All students from Primary 4 to 6, family members, APSN staff and invited guests will partake in this Walk. The Walk will take an estimated time of half an hour to an hour to complete.

Relocating into a new neighbourhood means having new neighbours. APSN Chaoyang School plans to forge new partnerships with Educational Institutions within the vicinity to leverage on shared resources and provide meaningful learning experiences for our pupils.

APSN Chaoyang School will hit the ground running by jointly celebrating the 2018 Chinese New Year with their immediate neighbour, Da Qiao Primary School. Plans to collaborate on National Day celebrations, Value-in-Action programme, Buddy programmes and professional development are in the pipeline.

Within a short walk from the new school is the ITE Central. Among other projects, APSN Chaoyang School will be collaborating with ITE Central in the area of Science Education involving Eco-Culture. The well-equipped ITE campus which has a NTUC supermarket, Popular bookshop, food-courts and impressive sports facilities will be an invaluable life skill and talent development resource for our students.

APSN Chaoyang School will also continue to build upon the relationship with its current pool of community partners to create and establish projects that would greatly benefit the students.

At the new campus, one can expect customised and better classroom layout, a fully air - conditioned school hall, an orchard for learning beyond the classrooms and a spice garden for sensory learning. The school also intends to revise its curriculum to better align itself to the needs of its students.

One can expect new rooms such as the Art Room, the Math and Science Room and the Counselling Room. There will also be an upgrade in facilities such as the Computer Rooms, the i-Café, the Library and the Home Economics Room.

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The new campus will also host a before-and-after-school Special Student Care Centre known as SSCC@Chaoyang, which is open to all special needs students between the ages of 7 to 12. Located within the premise of APSN Chaoyang School, the Centre provides additional safety and convenience to both students and parents. The conducive and supportive environment facilitates growth, development and learning, giving working parents a piece of mind.

History of APSN Chaoyang School

Chao Yang Special School was founded in 1982. The 'Chao Yang' name was adopted as an expression of gratitude to Teo Yeonh Huai Kuan, for allowing the school to use the premises of a former school it operated. Located at Clemenceau Avenue, just behind Cuppage Road, the building became the very first campus of Choa Yang Special School.

In 1986, Chao Yang Special School merged with Clementi Special School (another school run by APSN) moved to Anthony Road, occupying the premises of the former Anthony Road Girls' School. The building still stands today, as the Ascott Centre for Excellence, a training centre for the hotel and accommodation services sector.

In 2004, the Ministry of Education approved the dropping the word "special" in the names of all five APSN schools and the school then became Chao Yang School.

In 2006, Chao Yang School and Jervois School merged. The 'Chaoyang' name was retained and the school relocated to its current location here in Ang Mo Kio, occupying this building, formerly Ang Mo Kio North Primary School. Being in the heartlands provided the students with many opportunities and amenities to extend their learning into the community.

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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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