

Media Release

APSN Chaoyang School 40th Anniversary - Celebrating with the Community Nurturing children with special needs

Singapore, 3 October 2022 – APSN Chaoyang School (CYS) will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on 6 October 2022. As Singapore (SG) celebrates SG Families this year, this event will be a great opportunity to fortify the foundations of families within the larger community. The carnival-like event will be graced by Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Social and Family Development, Ms Sun Xueling.

APSN CYC has been nurturing special needs children (aged 7-12 years old) with Mild Intellectual Disability (IQ 50 – 70), in holistic special education and personal development for the past 40 years. The school builds the foundation for the children in primary school level, so that they can become independent and lead fulfilling lives in the future.



Themed ‘Celebrating with the Community’, the anniversary celebration will bring APSN together with its beneficiaries and their families/caregivers. It also serves as a renewal of the steadfast commitment in empowering students with special needs; and to the children and their caregivers, it will be a revelry of the children’s abilities and growth under the loving guidance of the teachers and allied health professionals, over the years. APSN CYC has lined up many exciting and fun-filled activities such as; student performances, carnival games, art exhibition, musical experience, craft activities, balloon sculpting and sandwich making.

Mrs Angela Lee, Principal of APSN Chaoyang School said: “On this joyous and monumental day, we celebrate the inclusivity and empowerment of one inclusive community. Moving ahead, we will build on our current capabilities and strengthen our work, to surpass all our past achievements and rise to greater heights for the betterment of our students.”

The anniversary celebration is also APSN CYC’s last major celebration before they move to the new campus (also in Ang Mo Kio) together with APSN Tanglin School in the year 2026.

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About APSN

Established in 1976, APSN (fka Association for Persons with Special Needs) is a social service agency that provides special education, vocational training and employment support services for individuals with mild intellectual disability (IQ 50-70). Benefiting over 1,200 beneficiaries each year, APSN currently operates four Special Education (SPED) Schools (APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School) for students between the ages of 7 and 21, an APSN Student Care Centre for children from 7 to 18 years old and an APSN Centre for Adults for persons from 18 years and older.

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Currently, APSN's database has more than 6,000 beneficiaries, comprising students, trainees and alumni. APSN is constantly expanding its network to reach out to and understand the needs of its beneficiaries to better support them.

About APSN Chaoyang School

APSN Chaoyang School (CYS) was the second special needs education school opened by APSN, on 11 January 1982 at Clemenceau Avenue, to cater to the growing number of special needs students (aged 7-12 years old) with Mild Intellectual Disability (IQ 50 – 70). The 'Chao Yang' name was adopted as a display of gratitude to Teo Yeonh Huai Kuan, the clan association for people from Chaoyang County in Guangdong China, for allowing the school to use the premises of a former school it once operated. In January 2018, APSN CYC moved for the third time to its current location in Ang Mo Kio Street 54.

APSN CYC has been empowering the lives of our young beneficiaries, by nurturing them with holistic special education so that they can become active contributors of our society when they grow up. APSN CYC received multiple awards for harnessing of technology for varied learning opportunities in authentic environments. The school received special mention in the "Best Adoption" category for the Techblazer Awards 2020 for the use of the Mixed Reality Living Room to teach students Literacy, Numeracy and Life Skills. APSN CYC takes pride in its holistic approach in curriculum, excelling in academics, life skills and even arts like choir ensemble, Chinese calligraphy and ceramics.

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