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APSN Launches Its First Charity Fashion Party

Singapore, 11 January 2023 - Today, APSN held its first physical fundraising event after a three years hiatus with its inaugural APSN Charity Fashion Party with guest-of-honour, President Halimah Yacob.

Themed "A New Frontier of Inclusive Collection", beneficiaries with special needs from APSN Centre for Adults collaborated with fashion design students from TaF.tc and seamstresses from Alteraround to co-create an exclusive collection of outfits. The beneficiaries showed their creativity and confidence as they strutted down the runway in their unique designs.

President Halimah Yacob said, "I am heartened to see the trainees from APSN pursue their ambitions of being designers. It was fantastic to see them walk down the runway with confidence in their co-created outfits. With confidence, passion, and support from the community, persons with disabilities can achieve anything they set out to do."

One of the beneficiaries involved in the show, Mr Rainer Liguori Khoo Yow shared, "I always dreamt of being a fashion designer. I enjoy seeing how others dress up for different occasions." Diagnosed with mild intellectual disability, Rainer struggles with reading. Often, he has to practise writing the words multiple times before remembering how to articulate them. Coupled with his low self-confidence, Rainer is usually fearful of carrying out new tasks. Under the encouragement of his dedicated instructor at APSN Centre for Adults, Rainer plucked up his courage to realise his dream by participating in the APSN Charity Fashion Party to model and design his creative outfit.

APSN Charity Fashion Party aims to raise \$300,000. The funds will go towards providing special education, vocational training, and employment support services for trainees with special needs from APSN Centre for Adults. Besides the fashion show, there were exciting performances by students with special needs from APSN schools and Mrs Singapore, and a silent auction with sponsored staycations and private dining.

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Link to download event photos.

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About APSN

Established in 1976, APSN 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 2,200 beneficiaries each year, we currently operate 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.

We adopt a holistic approach in our 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 to the society, and is committed to inspire and develop the capabilities of our partners and community to build an inclusive society.

Currently, APSN cares for more than 6,000 beneficiaries, comprising students, trainees and alumni. We are constantly expanding our network to reach out to more beneficiaries and to understand their needs so that we are better able to support them.

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