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**APSN MARKS 50 YEARS OF IMPACT WITH CELEBRATORY LAUNCH AND MAJOR EXPANSION:
NEW ASD-ID PROGRAMME TO MEET RISING NATIONAL NEEDS**

SINGAPORE, 10 April 2026 – APSN today launched its Golden Jubilee celebrations, pivoting from a 50-year legacy of empowerment toward a bold new chapter of expanded services. Under the theme **“Touching Hearts, Shaping Futures,”** the organisation announced strategic developments designed to address the evolving landscape of special education in Singapore. Attended by Guest of Honour, Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law & Ministry of Social and Family Development, the launch brings together leading pioneers, stakeholders and the APSN community to honour its legacy and future.

Scaling for the Future: New Facilities & Programmes

While the Golden Jubilee honours five decades of progress, it also places a firm spotlight on APSN’s response to the growing demand for special needs support in Singapore:

- **New SPED School for students with autism spectrum disorder with intellectual disability (ASD-ID) as announced by MOE on 3 March 2026:** Operating on an interim site from June 2026 at the former site of APSN Chaoyang School.
- **Official Opening of APSN Chaoyang & Tanglin Schools’ Shared Campus in September 2026:** This new shared campus represents a major step forward, offering seamless learning from primary through secondary levels for students with mild intellectual disabilities, marking a pivotal chapter for both schools, their students, and the broader APSN family. While both schools commenced operations at the new site earlier this year, the official opening ceremony will be held in September 2026.

A Growing Need, A Stronger Response

From its beginnings in 1976 as a single school serving a small group of students, APSN has grown into a comprehensive ecosystem supporting over 6,900 beneficiaries across multiple schools, centres, and programmes today – demonstrating significant scale and capacity built over five decades.

Founded under the leadership of the late Dr Dixie Tan, a cardiologist by training and a passionate advocate for the welfare of persons with intellectual disabilities, APSN began with a mission to provide education and opportunities for children with special needs at a time when such services were limited. Over the years, APSN has evolved into a through-train pathway, supporting individuals across life stages – from education to employment and independent living.

Today, APSN operates four SPED schools, two centres and a Learning Hub to provide holistic education, vocational training and employment support.

The Faces of Success: A Full-Circle Impact

What began as a journey marked by uncertainty has blossomed into a story of confidence, purpose, and independence — made possible through APSN’s steadfast support. As APSN marks its Golden Jubilee, these stories reflect the tangible returns of inclusive education, brought to life through individuals whose growth and contributions continue to touch hearts and shape futures across the APSN community.

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- **Priyadashani D/O Mohamed Husain:** Once a student, then a national para-athlete (Asian Youth Para Games Bronze medallist), she has now returned to APSN as a Teacher Aide, mentoring the next generation.
- **Tan Wai Loon:** Transitioned from a trainee to an Instructor Assistant at the Centre for Adults, proving the efficacy of APSN's vocational training.
- **Philip Li:** A volunteer-turned-Principal Centre Lead who has spent two decades pioneering hospitality and bakery training initiatives that have become benchmarks for inclusive employment.

An emblem of Unity: APSN's Golden Jubilee Logo

The Golden Jubilee logo was selected through a staff and public engagement design competition, reflecting collective ownership and pride across APSN. The winning design symbolises growth, inclusivity, and the journey of transformation over 50 years. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Honouring Legacy and Community

More than a ceremonial launch, this celebration is a tribute to the Board members, staff, partners, families, and the wider APSN community, past and present – who have shaped APSN's journey. Former APSN Presidents and Chairmen who have steered the organisation over the decades are present at the launch, joining in a commemorative cake-cutting segment to honour APSN's legacy and leadership.

The Golden Jubilee is not merely ceremonial; it is a year-long call to action for the community. Upcoming highlights include:

- **APSN Charity Golf** (22 May 2026)
- **APSN Family Day** (July 2026) — A joyful community celebration for students, families, alumni, caregivers, staff, and partners – featuring interactive activities, performances, and shared moments that reflect the heart of APSN as one united family.
- **“Empowering Lives” Conference** (Early 2027) — A thought-leadership conference bringing together professionals, practitioners, caregivers, and advocates to explore critical conversations shaping the future of inclusion.
- **Sunny the Star:** The debut of the Jubilee mascot symbolising collective ownership; a bright, smiling star representing potential, guidance and inclusion, with a gradient reflecting warmth and acceptance, and a ribbon bearing the vision “One APSN, Empowered Lives”.

These initiatives celebrate APSN's journey, strengthen community bonds, and spotlight inclusive practices and partnerships.

“APSN's journey shows what's possible when we stop defining people by their disabilities and start recognising their potential,” said Mr Stanley Tang, CEO, APSN. “For 50 years, we've demonstrated that a disability does not dictate a destiny. As we look ahead, our focus is on scaling that impact – turning every classroom and workplace into a place where ‘special needs’ become ‘special contributions’ to Singapore.”

About APSN

APSN, a leading social service agency in Singapore, has been empowering individuals with mild intellectual disabilities (IQ 50-70) since 1976. Through a holistic approach to education, vocational training, and employment support, APSN has helped over 6,900 beneficiaries achieve their full potential. 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, APSN Student Care Centre for children from 7 to 18 years old, APSN Centre for Adults for persons from 18 years and

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older, and APSN Learning Hub aim to develop knowledge and capabilities of various stakeholders in the community. With this network of schools, centres, and support services, APSN provides comprehensive care for individuals at all stages of life. Under the patronage of Ms Jane Ittogi, APSN continues to expand its reach and impact, partnering with organisations to create a more inclusive environment for all. APSN has attained the Enabling Mark (Gold), a national-level accreditation framework by SG Enable that benchmarks and recognises organisations for their best practices and outcomes in disability-inclusive employment.

Event Details

Date: 10 April 2026

Venue: Marina Bay Sands, Melati Ballroom

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

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

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