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APSN AND ONERHT FORGE LANDMARK LEGAL-SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP TO CHAMPION INCLUSIVE JUSTICE FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Launched at APSN's Golden Jubilee Charity Golf & Party graced by Minister Edwin Tong SC, the first-of-its-kind alliance bridges ONERHT's multidisciplinary ecosystem and social services to empower special needs beneficiaries and their families.

SINGAPORE, 22 MAY 2026 – In conjunction with its milestone 50th anniversary celebrations, APSN held its Golden Jubilee Charity Golf & Party 2026 at the Keppel Club. Graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr. Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs, the event marked a historic turning point for Singapore's social service sector with the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between APSN and ONERHT Foundation, executed through its leading regional law firm, RHTLaw Asia.

As one of the first direct strategic partnerships between a private legal-professional platform and a social service agency in Singapore's intellectual disability sector, this landmark alliance establishes a long-term framework to provide pro bono legal assistance, future-planning advisory and inclusive employment advocacy directly to APSN beneficiaries and their caregivers.

The partnership comes on the heels of intensified national conversations surrounding accessibility within Singapore's legal ecosystem, following the launch of the Inclusive Justice Taskforce co-chaired by Mr. Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development, and Ms Peggy Yee, Founding Director of PYLegal LLC (see <https://www.mlaw.gov.sg/new-taskforce-launched-to-better-support-persons-with-disabilities-and-mental-health-conditions-in-criminal-justice-system/>) in January. As early adopters translating this national vision into concrete action, APSN and ONERHT's collaboration sets a new benchmark for cross-sector synergy.

Under the MOU, RHTLaw Asia will deliver highly specialised, accessible legal support tailored to the unique vulnerabilities of the special needs community. Key initiatives include:

- **Pro Bono Legal Clinics:** Providing direct, face-to-face legal guidance for beneficiaries and their families.
- **Future Care Planning & Protection:** Demystifying and facilitating complex processes such as Will Writing, Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and Deputyship applications to secure the long-term welfare and financial protection of persons with special needs.
- **Inclusive Workplace Advisory:** Leveraging ONERHT's corporate and workplace expertise to advise on legal frameworks, workplace advisory and sustainable hiring practices to foster equitable environments for special needs employees.

Addressing the Urgent Legal Needs of Caregivers

According to insights from APSN's social work teams, caregivers and beneficiaries frequently encounter immense stress and friction when navigating complex legal processes. Limited awareness of legal rights, combined with the administrative complexities of future-care planning, often leaves families vulnerable and uncertain about the long-term security of their loved ones.

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By integrating RHTLaw Asia’s legal expertise directly into APSN’s robust social service network, the partnership effectively bridges this gap, providing families with a clear, supportive roadmap for lifelong protection and peace of mind.

Mr James Ng, Chairman of APSN Ltd., said: “As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, this MOU with RHTLaw Asia marks a vital step toward holistic support for our beneficiaries. Beyond vocational skills, our community needs the security of legal clarity—from Deputyship to advice on inclusive employment practices. Together, we are building a more resilient support network that empowers our trainees and their families for the long term.”

Mr Tan Chong Huat, Chairman of RHTLaw Asia, shared: " Our partnership with APSN is rooted in the belief that legal expertise must serve as a bridge to inclusion. This collaboration goes beyond traditional pro bono work; it is about building sustainable inclusive frameworks. By offering our legal expertise in both personal protection and corporate advisory, we hope to empower APSN beneficiaries to navigate their professional and personal lives with confidence and dignity."

A Milestone Celebration Fueled by Philanthropy and Talent

The historic MOU was signed in the presence of over 160 corporate leaders, partners, and avid golfers who gathered to support APSN’s 50th-anniversary philanthropic initiatives. Underscoring a deep, ecosystem-wide commitment to the cause, ONERHT Foundation stepped forward as the Platinum Sponsor of the event, anchored by its dedication to corporate social responsibility and community empowerment.

The Charity Golf tournament culminated in an evening party filled with vibrant energy and generosity. Guests were treated to an inspiring showcase of talent, featuring heartwarming live performances by both APSN students and alumni, beautifully demonstrating the capabilities and confidence nurtured through the agency's lifelong support frameworks.

To maximise fundraising efforts for APSN's specialised programmes, the evening also featured a charity auction and an exciting raffle draw. Corporate partners and individuals bid generously on exclusive items, demonstrating a shared commitment to building a more equitable, inclusive, and supportive Singapore for generations to come.

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 older, and APSN Learning Hub for working professionals and other stakeholders. 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.

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About ONERHT Foundation

Established in 2015, ONERHT Foundation is a Singapore-registered charity and grant-making organisation that serves as the corporate social responsibility arm of the ONERHT Group, which includes RHTLaw Asia LLP and the RHT Group of Companies.

Over the past 10 years, the foundation has raised more than \$6 million through fundraising initiatives such as charity art exhibitions, charity concerts, annual gala dinners and golf events, supporting non-profit organisations across Singapore.

The foundation's work is guided by four causes – education, environmental sustainability, support for disadvantaged groups, and the arts and sports.

Event Details

Date: 22 May 2026

Venue: Keppel Club

Time: 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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