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EXPANDING HORIZONS, SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS: APSN OPENS NEW CO-LOCATED CAMPUS TO EXPAND SPECIAL EDUCATION CAPACITY

The purpose-built, seven-storey campus marks a major milestone in APSN's Golden Jubilee, providing a continuous educational pathway for students with mild intellectual disability. The new co-located campus increases capacity up to 750 primary and secondary school places combined, supporting a smoother transition from primary to secondary education.

Singapore, 25 September 2026 – APSN officially opened its new co-located campus for APSN Chaoyang School and APSN Tanglin School today, adding a total of 170 school places combined (up to 400 students at APSN Chaoyang School and 350 students at APSN Tanglin School)—an increase of nearly 30%—to support a smoother, more seamless transition from primary to secondary education.

President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Guest of Honour, and Ms Jane Ittogi, Patron of APSN, officiated the opening ceremony. The event drew more than 600 guests from representatives from the Ministry of Education and government agencies, social service agency leaders, community partners, corporate partners, parents and students.

One Campus Supporting a Continuous Education Pathway

Nearly 95% of Chaoyang School Primary 6 students progress to Tanglin School. Having both schools at one location provides students with a familiar environment and greater continuity of support. This shared journey is beautifully reflected in their mascots: the Chaoyang School sunflower, which symbolises our belief that every child possesses unique potential and can flourish with the right support, and the Tanglin School hummingbird, representing resilience, adaptability, and purpose. Through authentic, hands-on learning experiences, students develop practical skills, confidence, and independence that prepare them for growth, resilience, and life beyond school.

Ethan Oh is now a Secondary 1 student at Tanglin School. During his time at Chaoyang School, Ethan developed key leadership skills, actively contributed to community projects, and grew in self-confidence. He is now building upon those strong foundations at Tanglin School as he prepares for adulthood and future employment, embodying the holistic impact of APSN's continuous learning model.

Purpose-Built for Holistic Development

Spanning 22,000 square metres across seven storeys, the new campus features state-of-the-art learning and recreational facilities tailored for students with mild intellectual disability, including those with autism spectrum disorder. Notably, upgraded vocational training facilities will equip students with practical, industry-standard skills in food and beverage, retail, horticulture, and hospitality, better preparing them for the working world.

Dr Anthony Fok, Chairman of APSN Education Services Ltd remarked in his welcome address: *"Today is more than the opening of a new building. It is the realisation of a shared vision to provide every student with an environment where they can learn, grow and thrive. With thoughtfully designed learning spaces, shared facilities and vocational training areas, the campus creates new opportunities for our students to develop their capabilities, build friendships and participate in a vibrant school community."*

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Green and Connected Learning Environment

Designed to seamlessly blend academic learning with vocational training, the campus incorporates abundant green spaces to enrich student well-being. Eco-ponds and open learning decks offer tranquil spaces to pause, recharge, and learn outdoors. Meanwhile, shared facilities such as the library and multipurpose halls encourage students from both schools to interact, collaborate, and build vital social skills.

New Beginnings. Shared Future.

The opening theme, "New Beginnings. Shared Future," formed a centerpiece of APSN's year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations.

President Tharman and Ms Jane Ittogi officially inaugurated the campus by activating a holographic display, joining students in interactive art and technology activities, and touring the facilities. The celebration also featured "The Union", a poignant musical performance symbolising the schools' shared journey, and a commemorative cake-cutting ceremony to mark APSN's 50th anniversary.

About APSN

Established in 1976, APSN is a social service agency that supports individuals with mild intellectual disability through special education, vocational training and employment support. To date, APSN has supported over 6,900 beneficiaries to realise their potential.

APSN operates four Special Education schools — APSN Chaoyang School, APSN Katong School, APSN Tanglin School and APSN Delta Senior School—for students aged 7 to 21. In June 2026, APSN introduced the APSN Chaozheng Programme to further support students with autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability.

Complementing its schools are the APSN Student Care Centre, APSN Centre for Adults, and APSN Learning Hub, providing comprehensive training and support from youth to adulthood. Under the patronage of Ms Jane Ittogi, APSN partners closely with the community to foster an inclusive society and holds the Enabling Mark (Gold) accreditation from SG Enable.

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Annex A: School Capacity

School level	Previous capacity	New capacity
APSN Chaoyang School primary level	320 places	400 places
APSN Tanglin School secondary level	260 places	350 places
Combined	580 places	750 places

Annex B: Programme Outline

Time	Event
8.30am	Arrival & Registration of Guests <i>(Breakfast will be provided)</i>
9.00am	School Tour
10.00am	Arrival of the Guest of Honour <i>(H.E. President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, and Ms Jane Ittogi, Patron of APSN)</i>
10.40am	Speech by Dr Anthony Fok <i>(Chairman of APSN Education Services Ltd.)</i>
10.45am	Launch of Official Opening of APSN Chaoyang and Tanglin Schools
11.00am	Musical Performances by APSN Students <i>(APSN Golden Jubilee Celebration)</i>
11.30am	Lunch
12.30pm	End of Event

Annex C: Campus Tour Highlights

Selected tour stops include:

- APSN Tanglin School Café**
 Students will serve a mocktail to the GOH and invite the GOH to add a final ingredient. The addition will trigger a colour-changing effect, creating an interactive finishing touch to the mocktail presentation.
- APSN Chaoyang School Art Gallery**
 GOH will participate in a hands-on art activity by applying a layer of glaze to a small ceramic sunflower tile. The GOH will then sign a commemorative card, which will be mounted on the display wall as part of the event.
- APSN Tanglin School InnoHub**
 GOH will participate in a hands-on activity with a student to assemble a 3D-printed night light. Upon completion, the GOH will sign the finished night light as a commemorative keepsake.
- APSN Chaoyang School Library**
 Staff will provide the GOH with a brief introduction and tour of the room. The GOH will have the opportunity to view selected features and highlights, including the wall display.

Annex D: Suggested Media Photographs

- Group photograph with the Guest of Honour on stage
- Guest of Honour visiting the school booths

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- Guest of Honour interacting with students and partners
- Guest of Honour adding the finishing touch to the student art pieces
- Golden Jubilee commemorative cake-cutting

Please scan the QR Code to access photos of the event.



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