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G. K. GOH HOLDINGS LIMITED CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL GROUNDBREAKING FOR VENUS DRIVE NURSING HOME

“A NEW HOME FOR A NEW AGE, A NEW HOME FOR A NEW LIFE”

Singapore, 10 July 2017 – Allium Healthcare, a wholly-owned member of the GK Goh Holdings Group (“GK Goh”), today celebrated the groundbreaking for a new 4-storey nursing home at Venus Drive. Mr Chong Kee Hiong, Member of Parliament for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by members of the medical, aged care, finance and local communities. When ready in the first quarter of 2019, Allium’s 129-bed residential facility will be the first nursing home in Singapore which will consist entirely of single and double ensuite rooms.

Mr Goh Geok Khim, Executive Chairman of GK Goh, said at the groundbreaking ceremony:

“Singapore is ageing rapidly. Today, one in seven Singaporeans is aged 65 and above. By 2030, this will become one in four. Beyond the increase in numbers, there will also be an increase in care needs as Singaporeans live longer lives, as well as higher expectations from a wealthier and better educated generation of seniors. GK Goh, through Allium Healthcare, is making a long-term commitment to play a constructive and progressive role in the evolution of Singapore’s aged-care ecosystem. Together with our investment in Opal, one of Australia’s leading residential aged care companies operating over 6,200 beds across 72 homes, aged care is now the largest operating business cluster within the GK Goh Group.”

Mr Goh Yew Lin, Managing Director of GK Goh, said:

“We established Allium Healthcare to provide Singapore with a wider range of care options. We have drawn on the best ideas from around the world, adapted to the Singapore context. At its heart, we seek to provide care that is centered on the holistic needs of the resident, and that includes both the desire for community as well as our fundamental need for personal dignity and privacy. We will pioneer the best possible care standards for residents with dementia. Over time, and depending on the availability of financially-viable sites, we intend to extend the Allium model of care to other districts in Singapore. This is in keeping with our belief that aged care facilities should be situated as close as practically possible to the home neighbourhoods of its residents”.

Mr Bernie Poh, CEO of Allium Healthcare, said:

“The architecture of the Allium nursing home will enable communal interaction while providing residents with personal space and privacy. Every bed will have a window. Through various means, we hope to foster small intentional communities of care staff, residents and family members.”

“Allium Healthcare plans to partner closely with other service providers, such as primary care clinics, hospitals, dental clinics, as well as regional community care organisations, to optimise holistic and restorative care for its residents. We also work with the communities and agencies around our nursing homes to facilitate active aging and ageing-in-place, and to enhance social inclusion and engagement. We intend to invest in additional nursing homes, but we will also be considering investments in adjacent services and assets within the aged care ecosystem.”

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(L-R Mr Bernie Poh, CEO of Allium Healthcare, Mr GK Goh, Executive Chairman of GK Goh Holdings Ltd, Mr Chong Kee Hiong, Member of Parliament for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC, Dr Jennifer Lee, Chairman of Agency for Integrated Care, Mr Chris De Souza, Chairman of Windsor Park Residents' Association)



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