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### **ONE-STOP PAEDIATRICS CENTRE AT NUH RECEIVES MULTI GLOBAL AWARDS, CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF GENEROUS GIFT FROM ESTATE OF KHOO TECK PUAT**

*Khoo Teck Puat – National University Children’s Medical Institute won two prestigious accolades for 2020 Healthcare Design Award for Ambulatory – Paediatric and Best International Health Project Under 40,000sqm*

Singapore — Khoo Teck Puat – National University Children’s Medical Institute (KTP-NUCMI), the one-stop paediatric ambulatory centre at the National University Hospital (NUH), has been conferred the 2020 Healthcare Design Award under the Ambulatory – Paediatric category awarded by the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) in the USA on 28 October 2020, and the Best International Health Project 2020 Under 40,000 Square Metres awarded by the International Academy for Design and Health in Australia on 23 September 2020.

The 2020 IIDA Healthcare Design Awards recognises excellence and originality in healthcare design from concept to furnishings and interior spaces, which create healthcare environments that can better serve and support patients and their families. This year’s award focused on end-user well-being and creative solutions to common healthcare needs in addition to calming, elegant aesthetics.

The Design & Health International Academy Awards recognises significant influence on the design and development of environments that support health, wellbeing and quality of life in 11 key areas of international health delivery<sup>1</sup>.

KTP-NUCMI brings together the hospital’s outpatient paediatric services<sup>2</sup> under one roof, with a design that incorporates nature and science. The 3,650-sqm centre nestles on an elevated and compact side of the hospital, next to the paediatric wards, and focuses on creating a therapeutic environment that is both child-centric and family-friendly. The building houses medical, nursing and clinical support services, including art therapy, dietetics and rehabilitation. It was funded by the generous donation from the Estate of Khoo Teck Puat in 2010, and took two years to build, from 2016 to 2018. The S\$50 million gift, which celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, supports the advancement of paediatric education, research and patient care at the National University Health System (NUHS).

Ms Elizabeth Khoo, a trustee of the Estate said, “We are heartened that the Khoo Teck Puat – National University Children’s Medical Institute is being recognised for its dedication in bringing the best to paediatrics medicine in Singapore. Our family believes in supporting

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<sup>1</sup> [www.designandhealth.org/international-academy-awards-2020](http://www.designandhealth.org/international-academy-awards-2020)

<sup>2</sup> Certain subspecialty services that require special equipment and procedural facilities, e.g. ophthalmology, dental and otolaryngology, remain in the Eye, ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) and Dental clinics respectively.

advances and innovations in healthcare, medical research and education. By supporting the KTP-NUCMI, we hope to further strengthen its efforts and commitment to improving child health, to bring a healthier tomorrow for the future generations in Singapore and around the world.”

Professor Lee Yung Seng, Head of KTP-NUCMI and Group Director of Paediatrics at NUHS, said, “KTP-NUCMI’s overall ‘playscape’ design was carefully orchestrated so that the environment and interiors serve to provide children and parents a holistic care experience. We are humbled by this international recognition, and it reinforces our commitment to provide holistic care and make visits to the hospital for our young patients and their families a positive experience.”

Studies have shown that through good play, a child’s body, mind and soul are stimulated and this encourages interaction and creative development. KTP-NUCMI’s ‘playscape’ design begins with its spacious 14-metre high and naturally-ventilated atrium that incorporates a colourful cityscape, and extends to a nature-themed reception and waiting areas that lead to outdoor playgrounds and shaded sky gardens. This access to daylight and the outdoors create a therapeutic environment integral for a healing experience.

The environment at KTP-NUCMI is also enhanced and well-supported by its community partners. Interactive educational exhibits curated by the Science Centre Singapore are placed across the waiting areas to engage children. Subtle scents created by fragrance house Givaudan complement the rainforest, savannah and arctic themes of the three floors where the consultation rooms are located. KTP-NUCMI is also working with Wildlife Reserves Singapore on information boards for the wall murals across three consultation floors, which features various animals to encourage learning and inspire care for wildlife.

During special occasions such as Children’s Day and Christmas, KTP-NUCMI also arranges fun activities such as balloon sculpting and magic shows for its patients and their families. Activity booklets are provided to keep young patients engaged as they wait for their appointments. Since it opened its doors on 14 January 2019, KTP-NUCMI has seen about 150,000 patients to date.

The accolades by the International Interior Design Association and the International Academy for Design and Health come on the heels of other international recognition for KTP-NUCMI. In March 2020, KTP-NUCMI received an honourable mention in the 2019 Architectural Design category of the Outstanding Property Award London, which honours international property projects that aim to improve lives through practical and creative design.

### Chinese Glossary

Khoo Teck Puat – National University Children’s Medical Institute (KTP-NUCMI)	邱德拔—国立大学儿童医学院
National University Hospital	新加坡国立大学医院 国大医院

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Estate of Khoo Teck Puat	邱德拔家族
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International Interior Design Association	国际室内设计师协会
International Academy for Design and Health	设计与健康国际学院
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### **About the National University Hospital**

The National University Hospital is a tertiary hospital and major referral centre with over 50 medical, surgical and dental specialties, offering a comprehensive suite of specialist care for adults, women and children. It is the only public hospital in Singapore to offer a paediatric kidney and liver transplant programme, in addition to kidney, liver and pancreas transplantation for adults.

The hospital was opened on 24 June 1985 as Singapore's first restructured hospital. Each year, the Hospital attends to more than one million patients.

As an academic health institution, patient safety and good clinical outcomes are the focus of the Hospital. It plays a key role in the training of doctors, nurses, allied health and other healthcare professionals. Translational research is pivotal in the Hospital's three-pronged focus, and paves the way for new cures and treatment.

A member of the National University Health System, it is the principal teaching hospital of the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the NUS Faculty of Dentistry.

## **ANNEX – Photos of KTP-NUCMI**

*\*High-resolution versions and more varieties of photos are available on request*

KTP-NUCMI building façade



Arctic and savannah themed waiting areas



Outdoor playground at level 7

