



PRESS RELEASE

Health District @ Queenstown honoured by S\$5 million gift from the Widjaja family

Gift will fund first-of-its-kind collaboration focusing on residents' holistic well-being

Singapore, 8 August 2022 — The National University of Singapore (NUS) has received a generous gift of S\$5 million from Mr Frankle Widjaja, his wife Mrs Jehnny Widjaja and their daughter Ms Deborah Widjaja. The gift, which will be made over five years, will support initiatives under Health District @ Queenstown, a first-of-its-kind multi-stakeholder collaboration to increase healthy longevity, enable purposeful longevity, promote intergenerational bonding, and support a community for all ages.

The Housing & Development Board (HDB), the National University Health System (NUHS) and the NUS, with an expanding list of partners (please refer to the [Annex](#)) from the public, private and social sectors, are working together to address these goals. As highlighted by the US National Academy of Medicine's Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity, multiple systems within society will need to be activated, transformed and coordinated to address all aspects of life.

The gift was presented by the Widjajas to NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye and NUS Senior Vice President (Health Innovation & Translation) and NUHS Senior Advisor Professor John Eu-Li Wong.

Prof Wong said, "This philanthropic gift, in support of the Health District @ Queenstown, will go towards scalable and sustainable initiatives that address the multiple determinants of health to improve physical, mental and social well-being, strengthen intergenerational cohesion, and develop a community for all ages. We are deeply grateful to Mr Frankle Widjaja, Mrs Jehnny Widjaja and Ms Deborah Widjaja for their generosity and unwavering support, and for sharing our commitment to benefit the community around us. We are truly inspired by the support from not only the Widjaja family but the whole of Singapore, and this gift is yet another demonstration of how individuals can uplift the community."

Mr Widjaja, who is Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Bund Center Investment Limited, and Chairman of Shanghai Golden Bund Real Estate Co. Limited, said, "It has always been a key priority for my family and I to support whole-of-society initiatives – such as the Health District @ Queenstown - that could bring about transformative changes in the community and society. I am confident that the positive impact of this initiative will benefit communities beyond Singapore, and we are excited to lend our support to this meaningful endeavour."

Noting that the recent global events have shown that things cannot be taken for granted, Ms Widjaja emphasised the need to be future-ready. She said, “Being future-ready means being proactive and creating a better future. The Health District @ Queenstown is testament to this as it encourages one to look outward and forward. We are the change that we seek. The strength of individuals across all ages, working together – now that makes a change.”

“Today’s decision makers are investing in young people because they are convinced that it will provide the longest and most effective dividend towards meeting future goals. I hope our young people continue to be civic-minded and play an active role in shaping our future,” added Mrs Widjaja.

Co-creating a healthy town for all

Health District @ Queenstown aims to increase healthy longevity, enable purposeful longevity, promote intergenerational bonding and support a community for all ages. It will focus on four key areas to achieve its objectives:

1. **Preventive Health and Care Delivery:** Encourage uptake of preventive health recommendations and shift care delivery from hospital to or near residents’ homes.
2. **Purposeful Longevity:** Enable purposeful longevity by providing opportunities for residents to work, volunteer and participate in lifelong learning.
3. **Planning and Design:** Implement planning and design solutions to support ageing in place, social and mental well-being, and for an active lifestyle.
4. **Technology:** Co-design affordable technological solutions with the community to improve residents’ lives.

Please refer to [link](#) for more information on Health District @ Queenstown.

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Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, 30 university-level research institutes, research centres of excellence and corporate labs focus on themes

that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit www.nus.edu.sg.

Annex: List of Stakeholders Involved in the Health District @ Queenstown

In addition to HDB, NUHS and NUS, the partners in this collaboration include:

Ministries:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of National Development
- Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
- Ministry of Social and Family Development
- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Education

Local Partners:

- Agency for Integrated Care
- Agency for Science, Technology and Research
- Building and Construction Authority
- CapitaLand Hope Foundation
- Centre for Liveable Cities
- Centre for Seniors
- Council for Third Age
- DesignSingapore Council
- Edible Garden City
- Enterprise Singapore
- FaithActs
- Fei Yue
- Government Technology Agency
- Health Promotion Board
- Institute for Human Resource Professionals
- Land Transport Authority
- Lions Befrienders
- Mentoring Alliance
- MOH Office for Healthcare Transformation
- National Parks Board
- National Research Foundation
- National Trades Union Congress
- Pacific Activity Centre
- People's Association
- Presbyterian Community Services
- Public Service Division
- RSVP Singapore
- Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise
- Singapore Food Agency
- Singapore Human Resources Institute
- Singapore Institute of Directors
- Singapore Polytechnic
- Singapore University of Social Sciences
- Sport Singapore
- Tsao Foundation
- Urban Redevelopment Authority
- Workforce Singapore

This list of collaborators is non-exhaustive and will expand as more initiatives are developed over time.