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**KTPH CELEBRATES EARTH DAY**

**Singapore** . More than 100 students from pre-schools and schools in Yishun will gather at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH) in a mass litter-picking exercise organised by Alexandra Health at Yishun Pond to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

2            Guest-of-Honour Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of North West District and Member of Parliament for Bukit Panjang, Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Health and Mr Ong Ah Heng, Member of Parliament for Nee Soon Central as well as staff from Alexandra Hospital and Khoo Teck Puat Hospital will join the students to pick litter around the pond as a symbolic gesture in support of environmental awareness and action. Also in attendance will be members of the senior management from National Environment Agency, Public Utilities Board (PUB), National Parks Board and Housing and Development Board.

3            Dr Teo, Mr Hawazi and Mr Ong will plant trees to signify their commitment to environmental conservation during the event. They will also tour KTPH's eco-friendly facilities and features.

4            Alexandra Health aims to communicate the message that the current generation of Singaporeans must pass down environmental awareness to the next generation through leading by example, as well as promote greening as a means of urban farming, natural décor and habitat

conservation. Concepts such as self-cleaning at the toilets and cafeteria as well as the 4Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle, renew), have long been practiced at Alexandra Hospital, and are now being used at KTPH.

5           “Every day is Earth Day at KTPH. We have done many things to make the hospital’s operations environmentally friendly and inculcated eco-friendly habits among our staff, but these measures alone are not enough. We also need to educate Singaporeans . especially the younger generation . that we need to take care of our environment. We have to make green thinking real and relevant to them so that it becomes a way of life,+ said Mr Liak Teng Lit, Chief Executive Officer, Alexandra Health.

6           KTPH’s eco-friendly design has earned it the Building and Construction Authority’s Green Mark Platinum Award. Some of the hospital’s green and energy efficient features include the use of solar panels and energy-efficient lighting, a high performance façade which enhances natural ventilation and maximises daylight to reduce the use of artificial lighting, vast areas of green belts and gardens and the use of hydroponics.

7           Alexandra Health also adopted Yishun Pond, a storm-water collection pond adjoining KTPH, under the PUB’s Our Waters programme on 23 November 2007. It is working with corporate partners to transform the pond and its surrounding environment into an urban oasis and a health-promoting community space to benefit Yishun residents as well as hospital patients. In 2008, Alexandra Health was bestowed the President’s Award for the Environment for its environmental conservation efforts.

### **About Earth Day**

8           Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22 by more than 185 countries worldwide to increase environmental awareness and highlight important environmental issues. 2010 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.

### **About Khoo Teck Puat Hospital**

9            Managed by Alexandra Health, the new Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH) marks the beginning of an integrated healthcare hub in the north of Singapore. The 550-bed hospital opened its Specialist Outpatient Clinics on 28 March and is expected to be fully operational with A&E and inpatient services from July 2010.

## Annex 1

**KTPH Celebrates Earth Day**  
22 April 2010  
Khoo Teck Puat Hospital and Yishun Pond

Media Programme

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Activity</b>   |
|------------------|---|
| 0800 .<br>0820am | Arrival of media<br><i>Please proceed to the reception counter to register your attendance.</i> |
| 0825 am          | Arrival of Guest of Honour<br><i>Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor, North-West District</i>                  |
| 0830am           | Welcome address<br><i>By Mr Liak Teng Lit, Chief Executive Officer, Alexandra Health</i>        |
| 0835am           | Address by Guest-of-Honour<br><i>By Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor, North-West District</i>               |
| 0840am           | Unveiling of Yishun %asures+  |
| 0850 am          | Start of %asure+hunt (clean up)<br>Tour of KTPH and its facilities                              |
| 0945am           | Reception at KTPH Café<br><i>Media can choose to interview guests during this time.</i>         |
| 1000am           | End of programme  |