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HCA X SCO: Bringing Music to Day Hospice Patients and Caregivers

HCA Hospice (HCA) has collaborated with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) to bring an afternoon of music and fun to its Day Hospice patients and their loved ones. The event, which was held earlier today at Oasis@Outram, is part of SCO's Caring Series, an initiative that aims to bring the healing touch of Chinese Orchestral music to both patients and healthcare personnel.

About 90 staff, patients from HCA's Kang Le Day Hospice and Oasis@Outram, as well as their loved ones, enjoyed a medley of well-loved tunes by the SCO. A touch tour was also organised after the show, to provide patients and their caregivers with an opportunity to tinker with and learn more about various musical instruments. SCO also curated a series of past concert videos, which was played at the Blockbuster – the in-house theatre at Oasis@Outram – for those who preferred to sit back and enjoy music on the big screen.

“We are grateful for SCO's generous initiative to bring the joy of music to our beneficiaries,” says Ms Karen Lee, CEO of HCA Hospice. “The event also enabled patients and their loved ones to spend quality time together and bond over music.”

To make the initiative more meaningful for the musicians who kindly volunteered their time, HCA also conducted a talk on palliative care a couple of days before the event, providing more information on its work and tips on interacting with patients.

“The SCO Caring Series provides us a platform to share the joy and beauty of Chinese music with the patients and caregivers,” says Mr Terence Ho, SCO Executive Director. “We hope our music will touch the hearts and heal the minds of everyone. We look forward to the comradeship with HCA.”



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ABOUT HCA HOSPICE

HCA Hospice (HCA) is Singapore's largest home hospice provider and we are a registered charity since 1989. The organisation provides comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses regardless of age, religion, ethnicity, nationality and financial status.

All of HCA's services are provided at no charge, serving about 3,600 patients annually. HCA's core service – home hospice care – provides medical care for patients, as well as psychosocial support for patients and caregivers. A 24/7 hotline ensures help is available round-the-clock.

HCA is also an NCSS Centre of Specialisation for palliative care, and conducts palliative care training for its patients' caregivers. Its other services and programmes include day hospice care, paediatric palliative care (Star PALS), bereavement support and outreach programmes such as the Young Caregivers Programme (yCG).

Find out more at www.hca.org.sg.

ABOUT SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA

Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) is Singapore's only professional Chinese orchestra. Inaugurated in 1997, the orchestra made up of more than 80 musicians took on the twin role of preserving traditional arts and culture and establishing new frontiers through the incorporation of music elements in its repertoire. SCO has impressed a broadening audience with its blockbuster presentations and is fast establishing itself among its counterparts around the world. Known for its high-performance standards and versatility, the SCO is recognized through invitations to perform at numerous prestigious events locally and internationally. In line with its vision to be a world-renowned people's orchestra, SCO continues to inspire, educate and communicate through its music.



新加坡华乐团简介

拥有超过 80 名音乐家的新加坡华乐团是本地的旗舰艺术团体，更是唯一的专业国家级华乐团。自 1997 年首演以来，在肩负起传统文化的传承之际，也以发展和创新为重任；更通过汲取周边国家独特的东南亚文化，发展成具多元文化特色的乐团。新加坡华乐团曾到多国参加巡演，包括中国、台湾、匈牙利、伦敦和盖茨黑德等。新加坡华乐团也以“人民乐团”为宗旨，通过社区音乐会、学校艺术教育计划、户外音乐会等活动来推广华乐。