280-bed Integrated Building to Open by December

Singapore, 2 July 2014 - Changi General Hospital (CGH) and St. Andrew’s Community Hospital (SACH) will begin operating our first wards as well as outpatient facilities in The Integrated Building in December this year. Minster for Health Gan Kim Yong graced the topping out ceremony today, marking a significant milestone in the transformation of the Simei Campus.

The 280-bed building will house 9 wards, a full range of rehabilitation features, facilities and services and provide a conducive environment that will help optimise patients’ recovery and independence to prepare them optimally for the transition back to home.

Dr Lee Chien Earn, Chief Executive Officer, CGH said: “We are making good progress and we look forward to receiving our first patients at The Integrated Building in December 2014. Our aim to move beyond asking “what is the matter” to addressing “what matters to the patient and their caregiver” and making everyday that they stay count towards their recovery”.

During the development of The Integrated Building, we set up a mock-up facility to test new concepts and process flows as well as sought feedback from staff, patients and vendors. We are also systemically training more than 1000 staff from both institutions to empower patients to be as independent as possible.

With The Integrated Building, CGH and SACH will collaborate closely complementing current joint initiatives in clinical care. For example, the Medical Social Workers offices of both institutions would be co-located in The Integrated Building for more effective case management of our patients. SACH’s Home Care Services and CGH Transitional Care team will also be housed next to each other in The Integrated Building, working hand-in-glove to ensure that vulnerable discharged patients are provided with coordinated health care.

“The Integrated Building is an important milestone in the strong partnership between SACH and CGH. We are both committed to making use of the facility to provide better care to our shared patients, improving our coordination and optimising rehabilitation,” said Dr Loh Yik Hin, Chief Executive Officer, SACH.

Please refer to the Annex for a list of the facilities and services at The Integrated Building.

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Annex: Facilities and services at The Integrated Building

Active Recovery and Therapy Centre aims to empower patients to adopt an active approach in their recovery journey. Staff will facilitate recovery through the use of evidence-based programmes and guide patients towards their rehabilitation goals using a wide range of facilities and equipment such as the Therapy Gardens and robotics technology.

The Therapy Garden will have slopes, ramps, curbs and steps, created to mimic what patients might encounter in their surroundings. Patients will be guided and empowered to manoeuvre these ‘everyday obstacles’ in a safe environment.

Centre for Independent Living will enable patients to explore therapies and assistive methods to optimise their independence in the work and home environment. The Centre incorporates a mock three-room housing flat to allow patients to practise and gain confidence in skills required to resume daily activities.

Geriatric Day Hospital is a one-stop centre that provides comprehensive medical, nursing and rehabilitation care for older adults with complex needs.

Rehabilitative Services @ The IB is an expansion of the main rehabilitative services at CGH. The service will support the growing number of patients and programmes as they continue to work towards an optimised functional status.

SACH Day Rehabilitation Centre will provide active rehabilitation services for patients and the community after discharge, under a shared care model with CGH rehabilitation physicians.

Other features
- Specialist outpatient clinics for Rehabilitation Medicine, Neurology, Geriatric Medicine, Psychological Medicine
- Diagnostic Centre
- Integrated Care Hub
- Medical Social Services
- Retail Pharmacy