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New 'ILTCareers' Portal Launched

First dedicated online platform to connect jobseekers to a diverse range of careers in the fast-growing Community Care sector

Jobseekers including fresh graduates, mid-career switchers, back-to-work parents and retirees can now use the newly launched career portal, *ILTCareers*, to embark on a fulfilling career in Intermediate and Long-Term Care (ILTC). This first dedicated platform on ILTC careers was launched by Senior Minister of State for Health and Manpower Dr Amy Khor at the ILTC Manpower Development Awards Ceremony 2013 today.

2. The Government plans to build more than 100 aged care facilities across the island over the next five years to provide more community-based services to meet the social and health care needs of seniors. Between now and 2020, the expanding aged care sector is expected to require 11,000 more workers especially nurses, therapists, social workers and care support workers across all levels, to augment the current 4,000-strong workforce.

3. Developed by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) in partnership with the ILTC Manpower Council¹ and other ILTC stakeholders, the *ILTCareers* portal provides

¹ The ILTC Manpower Council was formed in April 2010. It is industry-led and its members work collectively with the Government to plan, develop, and address manpower issues pertinent to the ILTC sector.

comprehensive information on careers and training scholarships for the Community Care sector. This “one-stop marketplace for ILTC jobs” brings together prospective employers and jobseekers. The public can gain a better understanding of the various ILTC professions, types of ILTC organisations they can join, and more attractively, find out about the most current job openings available and to link up with the relevant ILTC employer to apply. Already, some 49 ILTC organisations are featured, and there are more than 100 jobs listed on the portal. The listing covers clinical, allied health, care support, and administrative/ancillary services.

4. One of the award recipients at the ceremony, Ms Goh Pei Qi, aged 21, said, “The number of seniors in Singapore is growing. The sector needs more people with a heart for the elderly to join and care for them. I am very glad for this launch of a dedicated career portal, one which carries information on the available ILTC job postings. The portal will serve as a good starting point for other fresh graduates or keen individuals to gain an insight into what a career in this sector entails to better prepare them on what to expect. I hope those who share a similar passion will visit the portal, find out more about the sector and careers, and take that step to join.”

5. The portal is a move to better support the ILTC service providers in their manpower recruitment. Miss Loh Shu Ching, Chief Executive Officer, Ren Ci Hospital said, “Ren Ci Hospital is looking forward to the launch of the ILTCareers. As the Community Care sector expands to cater to the needs of Singapore’s ageing population, the demand and competition for manpower will grow. Through the portal, we will be able to extend our reach beyond our individual organization websites. People interested or curious about the sector can also find out more about the opportunities within our sector.”

6. At the same ceremony, a total of 65 awards were presented. These include the Social & Health Manpower Development Programme-ILTC (SHMDP-ILTC) and the ILTC-Upgrading Programme or ILTC-UP. Following the expansion of their eligibility criteria to include social care, about 24 social care service providers are now able to benefit from the training programmes. Two other awards, Temasek Cares-Study Award

(TC-SA) and Mid-Term Scholarship for Medical Social Work (MTS MSW) award were also presented at the ceremony for the first time. (Please refer to the relevant factsheets attached).

7. Chief Executive Officer of AIC, Dr Jason Cheah, said, “The *ILTCareers* portal complements our various efforts to attract more people to join the sector. The SHMDP-ILTC, ILTC-UP, TC-SA and MTS MSW will collectively support the development of our ILTC employees to provide quality care. My heartiest congratulations to all the awards recipients who will soon embark on their learning journey. We look forward to them applying what they have learnt and to be the difference in the journey of care of our elderly.”

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