



Catch it every Sat 7.30pm  
Repeat telecast Sun 8.00am, 1.00pm  
[www.channelnewsasia.com/japanhour](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/japanhour)

Japan Hour is brought to you by:



Those who know, know **BEST**







- HOME
- ASIA PACIFIC
- SINGAPORE**
- WORLD
- BUSINESS
- SPORT
- TECHNOLOGY
- ENTERTAINMENT
- HEALTH
- SPECIAL REPORTS

**BLOGS**

**YOURnews**

7 Day News Archive  
M | T | W | T | F | S | S

Search


-  iPhone App
-  BlackBerry App
-  Android App
-  Mobile News
-  RSS
-  eNewsletter

**TWITTER**

 Follow us on Twitter

**FACEBOOK**


 Find us on Facebook

-   Video
- Finance
- Lifestyle
- Travel
- Weather
- Discussion
- TV Shows
-  LIVE
-  938 LIVE
- About Us

Home > **SINGAPORE NEWS** A- A+

**NTUC Eldercare, Rotary to provide quality care for seniors**

By S Ramesh | Posted: 26 January 2011 12:13 hrs

 June Jonet, Ricky Ng and 7 others recommend this.

SINGAPORE : Singapore's Minister-in-Charge of Ageing Issues, Lim Boon Heng has outlined some of his plans for this year.

It includes rolling out wellness programmes to all constituencies and working with the Ministry of Health (MOH) more closely on more clinical and medical aspects care for the aged.

He was speaking on Wednesday at an NTUC Eldercare centre in Marsiling, which joined hands with the Foundation of Rotary Clubs to provide quality and affordable community-based eldercare services to more seniors in the Woodlands community.

The day care centre at Woodlands received a donation of \$120,000 from the Foundation of Rotary Clubs. It has also been re-named NTUC Rotary Silver Circle (Marsiling).

"Through our network of Rotarians, we can do a schedule - (for instance) every month we come here - and also, some activities which we can organise to make a difference to the lives of these elderly people. Loneliness is one issue and we can help in that area," said David Tong How Heng, chairman of the Foundation of Rotary Clubs.

NTUC Eldercare has the experience in managing ageing matters. As for Foundation of Rotary Clubs, it will share the professional services that it has, including geriatric services at the Marsiling Centre in Woodlands.

Mr Lim said: "In this way, they don't have to re-invent the wheel; they don't have to learn the lessons that NTUC Eldercare has done over the last 12 years. They can see how it operates and contribute to it with their ideas and volunteers and the professional expertise.

"We would like to see the day care services expand to the various needs of seniors... It's good that the Rotary Foundation has got a geriatrician as a volunteer and this will benefit the seniors at the centre."

Mr Lim said he wants NTUC Eldercare's seven centres to look at keeping costs down.

He said: "If you look at this centre in Marsiling, it has a capacity of 45 to 50 clients. It is sub-optimal, actually a little bit too small; we learnt it the hard way. So for the future centres, we are looking at being able to cater to 70 seniors.

"This will bring the costs down as you have to employ a centre supervisor and you have to get all your supporting help... because you also need the therapists and the nursing help. So you need a number of centres and then sensibly deploy these professional staff on a sharing basis across several centres."


It will be a busy year ahead for the minister in charge of ageing issues.


"We should as far as possible enable people to age in place, and the kinds of services we need for individuals to live where they are and support their family members who are caregivers. It is important we build up the capabilities as quickly as we can," said Mr Lim.


In 20 years' time, Singapore will see a three-fold increase of those aged 65 and above to about 900,000.


- CNA /ls





Photos 1 of 1   
Elderly at the NTUC Rotary Silver Circle (Marsiling)


 Facebook



 Twitter


 Messenger


 Google

 del.icio.us

 Digg

 SHARE 

 Email

 Print

- OTHER SINGAPORE NEWS**
- [GE: MM Lee says Singapore is not Disney World](#)
  - [GE: SDA not contesting in two SMCs, unveils manifesto](#)
  - [GE: Workers' Party's final batch of candidates](#)
  - [NAFA launches music degree with London's RCM](#)
  - [GE: SDA pulls out of Tanjong Pagar contest](#)
  - [Resale flat prices increase, but COV premiums drop 9% in Q1](#)
  - [Private home prices rose 2.2% in Q1](#)
  - [GE: SDP says it is not pursuing gay agenda](#)
  - [GE: PAP questions Wijesingha's political agenda in light of video](#)
  - [GE: RP chief Jeyaretnam backs Wijesingha amid video buzz](#)
  - [GE: New groups could produce new batch of candidates, says SPP](#)
  - [GE: Lim Boon Heng warns about consequences of freak election result](#)

- GE: Reform Party former vice-chairman Alec Tok joins SDP
- GE: SDP's Tan Jee Say "trapped in time warp": Lim Boon Heng
- GE: SPP's Alex Tan likely to be in RP team to contest Ang Mo Kio GRC
- Singapore's March CPI up 5% on-year, 0.1% on-month
- GE: Potential candidates collect their certified forms from Elections Department
- Hard to imagine economy without manufacturing sector: Lee Yi Shyan
- PAP Town councils appoint acting Chairmen following Parliament dissolution
- GE: Elections Department reminds candidates of Nomination Day procedures
- GE: Public advised to arrive at Nomination Centres after 10am on Nomination Day
- GE: Candidates collect political donation certificates
- More shortcomings than benefits in minimum wage system, says Lim Swee Say
- S'pore devotees mourn Sai Baba's death
- Police seeking help to identify body
- Two arrested for involvement in loanshark activities
- GE: Live updates on MediaCorp's new mobile site
- MFA advises S'poreans to defer non-essential travel to Syria
- Motor Racing: Coulthard predicts tight season in Formula One

**Affiliate Sites:**



[About Us](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Advertise with Us](#) | [Terms & Conditions](#)

Copyright © 2011 MediaCorp Pte Ltd. All Rights Reserved.  
 Use of this Site is subject to our terms and conditions of use. Your continued use of this Site shall be construed as your agreement to abide by our terms and conditions of use.