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BREAKING BARRIERS FOR OUR SENIORS





Singapore, 30 July 2016 – “Project Breaking Barriers” is the Building and Construction Authority’s (BCA) corporate social responsibility project together with firms in the built environment sector for the Singapore Universal Design Week (SUDW) to improve the accessibility of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. This refurbishment project improves the safety and convenience to the Home’s residents and caregivers, enhancing their well-being and promoting greater independence in their daily living. In total, 24 sponsors from the industry were involved in the project, with a contribution of over S\$350,000 of cash donations and in-kind sponsorship. Senior Minister of State for National Development, and Home Affairs, Mr. Desmond Lee graced BCA’s Project Breaking Barriers event as the Guest-of-Honour.

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Annex – Factsheet: Project Breaking Barriers

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About Building and Construction Authority

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore champions the development of an excellent built environment for Singapore. BCA's mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, as these are four key elements where BCA has a significant influence. In doing so, it aims to differentiate Singapore's built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Hence, its vision is to have "a future-ready built environment for Singapore". Together with its education arm, the BCA Academy, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that help shape a future-ready built environment for Singapore. For more information, visit www.bca.gov.sg.

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About Project Breaking Barriers

Project Breaking Barriers, organised by the Building and Construction Authority in conjunction with the Singapore Universal Design Week 2016, aims to improve the overall accessibility of Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. The refurbishment project is intended to bring about greater convenience by making everyday tasks easier for both residents and their caregivers, thereby enhancing their well-being and promoting independence daily living.

The refurbishment project also involved 10 student volunteers from the BCA Academy, Institute of Technical Education (ITE), National University of Singapore and Singapore Polytechnic.

Over S\$350,000 of cash donations and in-kind sponsorship was secured for Project Breaking Barriers.

Platinum (More than S\$50,000)

TOTO Asia Oceania Pte Ltd

Gold (S\$30,001 to S\$50,000)

DP Architects Pte Ltd

Silver (S\$10,001 to S\$30,000)

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About Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home

Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home was established in the mid-1960s by the late Madam Lee Ah Mooi who opened the doors of her residence to retired Samsui women and former Amahs who wanted a trained nurse to help care for them during their twilight years. The nursing home currently provides healthcare services to 110 aged residents.

For more information, please visit www.leeahmooioldagehome.sg.

Refurbishments at Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home (Layout below)

1: Samsui Pavilion

The Samsui Pavilion is an outdoor unsheltered area frequented by residents, families and visitors. A motorised retractable awning and fans have been installed so that the Pavilion can be used regardless of rain or shine. A layer of spray coating has also been done to repair and rejuvenate the previously worn-off concrete finishes. This helps to add slip resistance to the surface without requiring heavy maintenance.

2: Front Office

Simple refurbishments were carried out at the Front Office, including anti-slip stickers on the ramp, information on Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home and a plaque to acknowledge the sponsors of Project Breaking Barriers.

3: Drop-off point

The drop-off point was originally unsheltered. When residents arrive at the Home and are transferred to the wards, they are unprotected against the weather elements. An additional canopy has been added to shield residents from the sun and the rain. A ramp and handrails have also been installed to enable residents with limited mobility to move from the vehicle to the walkway with ease.

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4: Amah Pavilion

Amah Pavilion is an outdoor exercise area for residents. A motorised retractable awning has also been installed there so that residents can make use of the space and exercise equipment at all times of the day. A layer of spray coating has also been done to repair and rejuvenate the previously worn-off concrete finishes. This helps to add slip resistance to the surface without requiring heavy maintenance.

5: Dining Area

The short wall that used to barricade the dining area has been removed. The new dining area, with its homely décor and new furnishings will encourage greater social activity and interaction among residents and their caregivers.

6: Toilets

The original toilets were old and did not have accessibility features. With the refurbishments, the toilets are now more spacious to accommodate wheelchair users. Accessibility features such as grab bars and emergency call buttons have also been installed.

