1. The Buangkok Green Medical Park (BGMP) managed by the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) will soon welcome a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) tenant on its grounds. Beijing Tong Ren Tang Science Arts (Singapore) Co. Pte Ltd will start operating its outlet in the medical park starting March 2007. The 150 square metres outlet is situated prominently in one of the front blocks in BGMP. It will offer a Chinese Physician Specialist Clinic, Acupuncture Clinic, traditional massage “Tui-Na” and TCM orthopaedics “Tie-Da”, and will retail TCM products to all visitors to the medical park.

2. This TCM outlet in BGMP is Beijing Tong Ren Tang Science Arts (Singapore) Co. Pte Ltd’s second outlet to be located on the same grounds as a hospital. The first such outlet located at Alexandra Hospital was officially opened on 6 June 2006. The company also has another outlet located at 211 & 214 South Bridge Road.

3. “The development of BGMP provides the opportunity for our company to establish another outlet on the same grounds as a hospital, in this case IMH. This new outlet would allow us to serve people in the north-eastern part of Singapore, offering great convenience to some of our customers whom we know are staying in this area. We hope to share with more people the benefits of TCM which for years now, has shown to be an effective complementary treatment to Western medicine,” said Mr Tan Lee Huak, Vice President of Beijing Tong Ren Tang Science Arts (Singapore) Co. Pte Ltd.

4. “The entry of Beijing Tong Ren Tang to provide a TCM centre will complement the various medical services already available in the medical park. The community around us will have another choice to choose from when they seek TCM services, “ said Mr Leong Yew Meng, Chief Executive Officer of IMH.

5. “Our plan to transform this sprawling 25-hectare campus into a bustling medical park, offering a variety of medical services complemented by retail, F&B and recreational facilities for the community is indeed taking shape. We are currently working on bringing in a
convenience store and F&B establishment. Visitors to BGMP can certainly look forward to more exciting additions coming their way,” added Mr Leong.

Background on BGMP
6. The five-year plan to develop Buangkok Green Medical Park was rolled out in April 2006 in an effort to better make use of the infrastructure and large land area on which IMH sits. Phase I of the plan, which is on-going, seeks to attract tenants to share existing infrastructure and resources on the premises. Today, IMH already has several existing tenants – Econ Nursing Home, Hougang Care Centre, Ren Ci Hospital and Medicare Centre, NHG Diagnostics, NHG Pharmacy, Tai Pei Social Service (TPSS), Silver Ribbon (Singapore), Dignity Links Ltd, and the Salvation Army, which runs the thrift shop in the hospital. Also located on the campus are Sunlove Home and SILRA Home.

7. Included in Phase I of the plans is the development of community friendly recreational facilities that will capitalise on the lush greenery in BGMP. These facilities include a 1.6-km BGMP Jogway, a fitness corner, covered walkway and a community park.

8. Subsequent phases in the development of BGMP will include zoning of selected parts of the campus for specialised use. For example, the front main blocks will be designated as ‘prime area’ most suitable for use as clinics or for wellness services. Once sufficient tenants have moved in and there is more human traffic, the aim is to bring in retailers and F&B operators and create the equivalent of a mini ‘Orchard Road’ to connect the medical wings. In the future phases of development, IMH may explore working with strategic partners to develop some of the “greenfield” within its premises.

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