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SINGAPORE TRAINING PROGRAMME TO HELP BOOST NURSING AND HEALTHCARE STANDARDS IN INDONESIA

Temasek Foundation provides Nanyang Polytechnic S\$1.3m grant to train staff from seven nursing schools and their affiliated hospitals in Java

10,000 – that’s the number of babies Ms Ilona Nuryati has delivered in her 25 years as a midwife at St Vincentius A Paulo Hospital in Surabaya, Indonesia. Ilona has vast nursing experience, and is proud of the fact that she has never lost a life (mother or baby) in all her deliveries. But she did have to donate her own blood once to save a haemorrhaging mother 15 years ago.

Ms Ilona, is one of the participants of a training collaboration between Nanyang Polytechnic International and seven Indonesian nursing schools/hospitals, to train their nurses, nurse educators and clinical instructors. The training is funded by Temasek Foundation and provided by Nanyang Polytechnic’s School of Health Sciences (Nursing).

The seven Indonesian nursing schools of health science and affiliated hospitals are:

- St Carolus in Jakarta,
- St Borromeus in Bandung,
- St Elisabeth in Semarang,
- Panti Rapih in Yogyakarta,
- St Vincentius A Paulo in Surabaya,
- Panti Waluya in Malang and
- Aisyiyah– Muhammadiyah in Bandung.

Sister Yosefine Kusuma Hastuti CB, Director of Nursing at St Borromeus Hospital, is another participant of the training programme. She has more than 20 years of healthcare experience. “I am impressed with NYP’s Teaching Factory concept, which brings the real working environment into the classroom. The training facilities and standards here are also highly advanced and similar to that in the US, where I lived and worked for five years.”

“This training programme has taught me how to develop better-structured lesson plans, and be a more effective educator”, said Mr Nandang Jamiat Nugraha, a participant from Aisyiyah Nursing Academy – Muhammadiyah Network of Nursing Schools & Hospitals, Bandung.

The participants were impressed by NYP's simulation-based training, student-centred curriculum, e-resources, facilities and close collaboration between the nursing school and the hospitals. They hope to implement some of these practices in Indonesia, to update service standards.

The programme will train 104 Indonesian healthcare professionals at NYP over 12 months, from June 2008 to July 2009. They include directors and heads of nursing schools, programme managers, nurse educators, clinical instructors and nurses. It will help them acquire knowledge in nursing management, pedagogy, and specialist skills in critical care nursing, neurology nursing, paediatric nursing and maternal care nursing.

"Temasek Foundation is pleased to support this capability building programme to help these nursing schools and their affiliated hospitals improve the standards of healthcare and nursing education in Java. We hope these participants will continue to share their experiences with their peers and extend the benefits of their training beyond their organisations and communities," said Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive Officer of Temasek Foundation.

Mr Foong Tze Foon, Senior Director, International Development, NYPi said, "It has been an infectious experience working with our Indonesian partners. They are full of drive and enthusiasm. Our faculty enjoyed the active interaction and their rich sharing."

A ceremony was held in Surabaya today for the programme participants to share their learning experiences. Another similar ceremony will be held in Bandung on 28 November.

"It is important to build up a pool of highly qualified nurses, to support the growth of Indonesia's healthcare system. This collaboration between Temasek Foundation, Nanyang Polytechnic and our 7 hospitals and nursing schools will help us achieve that objective. I would like to express my appreciation to Temasek Foundation for funding the programme, and to Nanyang Polytechnic for conducting the training," said Mr Fadjar Bastaman, Chairman of "Perhimpunan Santo Borromeus"-Bandung.

To date, two training programmes in nursing management and pedagogy have been completed. Another four programmes in critical care nursing, neurology nursing, paediatric nursing and maternal care nursing will be conducted in 2009.

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About Nanyang Polytechnic and NYP International

Nanyang Polytechnic is a modern tertiary institution that offers quality education in IT, engineering, design, interactive & digital media, chemical & life sciences, business management, and health sciences. Established in 1992, NYP has a long tradition of working in partnership with industry and educational institutions.

The School of Health Sciences (SHS) in NYP runs diploma courses in nursing, dental hygiene and therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, diagnostic radiography and radiation therapy. SHS has extensive experience conducting train-the-trainer programmes for Registered Nurses from ASEAN. Since 1992, SHS has produced almost 7,000 professional nurses and over 1,000 allied health professionals. It has further trained more than 2,500 practitioners in 22 other advanced and specialist diplomas.

Nanyang Polytechnic International is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NYP. Its focus is on enhancing the NYP brand name in education and training beyond Singapore. It will help strengthen NYP's existing international partnerships and collaborations and create more opportunities for students and staff to be engaged in international exchange and attachment programmes.

About Temasek Foundation

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organisation anchored in Singapore that seeks to contribute to sustainable growth and a bright future of hope and opportunities for people in Asia. The foundation works with partners to support programmes that develop people through health care, education and research, programmes that build bridges between peoples, programmes that build institutions of excellence through good governance and ethics, and programmes that rebuild lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters.