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### **HCA Hospice Care Appoints New CEO**

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Karen Lee as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With effect from 3 January 2022, Ms Lee will be taking over the reins from Ms Angeline Wee, who will be moving on to other opportunities.

A veteran in the healthcare industry, Ms Lee has held management positions in several organisations, including Agency for Integrated Care, Home Nursing Foundation and SingHealth. She brings over two decades of experience in operations and strategic policy planning to the role.

“HCA grew up alongside the palliative care movement in Singapore, and I hope for HCA to continue being one of the key driving forces as palliative care in our country matures,” Ms Lee says. “In my time with HCA, I hope to be able to support the development and growth of the HCA family, towards meeting our common goal of uplifting the quality of life of our patients and caregivers.”

Having experienced the loss of loved ones, Ms Lee understands the importance of palliative care in facilitating a good death. “I was deeply moved as I observed HCA support a family friend’s last months with dignity, warmth and openness,” she says. “As the family was more aware of care options available, they enlisted HCA’s home hospice services early on. Supported clinically and psychologically by the care team, they made the most of their remaining time together and grew stronger as a family.”

HCA would like to thank Ms Wee for her leadership and dedication over the last six years, and welcome Ms Lee to the HCA family.

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## **ABOUT HCA HOSPICE CARE**

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) is Singapore's largest home hospice provider and a registered charity since 1989. The organisation provides comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses regardless of age, religion, ethnicity, nationality and financial status.

All of HCA's services are provided at no charge, serving about 3,600 patients annually. HCA's core service – home hospice care – provides medical care for patients, as well as psychosocial support for patients and caregivers. A 24/7 hotline ensures help is available round-the-clock.

HCA is also an NCSS Centre of Specialisation for palliative care, and conducts palliative care training for its patients' caregivers. Its other services and programmes include day hospice care, paediatric palliative care (Star PALS), bereavement support and outreach programmes such as the Young Caregivers Programme (yCG).

Find out more at [www.hca.org.sg](http://www.hca.org.sg).