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Philanthropist Toh honoured with new NTU medical school building



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The Toh Kian Chui Annex, a three-storey building, was named in recognition of the S\$20 million gift from the Toh Kian Chui Foundation.

LKC Medicine is the Nanyang Technological University's (NTU) new medical school.

Half of the S\$20 million will support undergraduate student scholarships and a top student gold medal for the graduating cohort. The other half will go towards establishing a Distinguished Professorship and to further medical education and research.

Speaking at its official opening today (Oct 23), Minister for Education Heng Swee Keat noted that the importance of a “values-centred education”, particularly in medical education, where all doctors will need to have “compassion, empathy and integrity” to deal with each patient.

He also referred to Mr Toh as a role model, where he was able to demonstrate “diligence, resilience and determination” in his career as a businessman where he built Changi Airport’s first runway and the facilities in Kusu Island.

“In the same way, we hope that the LKCMedicine will be able to embody the same pioneering spirit demonstrated by Mr Toh and lead in providing an alternative model of undergraduate medical education in Singapore, spearheading innovation in educating and nurturing doctors with deep values,” said Mr Heng.