

Q & M Group plants 150 trees to mark its 25th anniversary

- Partners NParks for OneMillionTrees movement
- CEO reiterates Q & M's strong commitment to sustainability
- 100th clinic a Free Clinic for society's less-fortunate opening soon



SINGAPORE, 16 June 2022 – Mainboard-listed Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (hereinafter, “Q & M”) planted the first 50 of a total of 150 trees on 8 June 2022 at Whampoa Park Connector. This tree-planting programme is in support of National Parks Board’s OneMillionTrees movement which was launched in April 2020. The aim of this movement is to plant one million more trees by 2030, moving Singapore closer to its vision of becoming a City in Nature, a key pillar of the Singapore Green Plan 2030.



This event also marks Q & M's 25th anniversary in Singapore and underscores its commitment to sustainability. About sixty of its staff together planted a total of three native species of trees, contributing to the biodiversity of the park.

Dr Ng Chin Siau (黄震霄医生) said, *“Planting trees adds to the beauty and sustainability of our country. It also aligns with the Group’s 修身齐家治国平天下 philosophy, and we will be doing more and more ESG activities! It is our way to thank the Community for the trust and support they have given us. Each tree planted symbolises our unwavering commitment to make Singapore a greener place to live, work and play.”*

To date, more than 170 corporate partners have supported the OneMillionTrees movement through the Garden City Fund, NParks’ registered Charity and IPC (Institution of Public Character). Q & M and Dr Ng in his personal capacity, jointly donated 100 and 50 trees respectively, to this national tree-planting effort.

Professor Leo Tan, Chairman of the Garden City Fund, said: *“Singapore is one of the greenest cities in the world today. Our lush urban greenery throughout the island did not happen by chance. It is the result of our conservation and greening efforts over the past few decades. Singapore’s vision of a City in Nature seeks to restore nature into the urban environment and is a key pillar of the Singapore Green Plan 2030; a national movement for sustainable development for the future.*

I am heartened to see corporations such as Q & M step forward as valued partners to achieve this vision together. Tree planting brings about many benefits. Trees help to reduce ambient temperatures by transpiring, providing shade, improving air and water quality, releasing oxygen, reducing soil erosion; and providing habitats for wildlife. Our network of parks spread throughout Singapore serve to encourage greater usage of green-spaces whether for exercise, play or relaxation.”



In addition to helping to green the city, Q & M is also opening a free dental clinic at 26A Joo Chiat Road within the next few months. Patients can look forward to high-quality dental healthcare that may have previously been out of their reach. Q & M wants to ensure that the less fortunate in society are not left behind and receive the dental healthcare they need.

Dr Mohan, Project Chairman of Q & M's CSR initiatives who is in charge of the Free Clinic project said *"It is all too easy for the needs of the underprivileged to be neglected amidst the busyness of our everyday lives. We are really proud to see this project get off the ground, and it gives me great pleasure to be personally treating some of these patients and making a positive difference to their life. I look forward to serving as many of these patients as possible with my colleagues."*

For its future CSR plans, Q & M will continue to look for meaningful projects that can contribute to and positively impact the lives of the people in the Community in line with their corporate mission.

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About Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (QC7.SI)

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (QC7.SI) (“Q & M” or together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) is a leading private dental healthcare group in Asia.

The Group owns the largest network of private dental outlets in Singapore, operating 102 dental outlets across the country. Underpinned by about 270 experienced dentists and over 350 supporting staff, the Group sees an average of 40,000 patient visits a month in Singapore. The Group also operates 5 medical clinics and a dental supplies and equipment distribution company.

Outside of Singapore, the Group has 45 dental clinics and a dental supplies and equipment distribution company in Malaysia, as well as a dental clinic in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). Q & M is also the substantial shareholder of Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited, a dental Group listed on the Catalist board of the Singapore Exchange that operates dental clinics and hospitals primarily in the north-eastern region of the PRC. The Group aims to expand its operations geographically and vertically through the value chain in Malaysia, the PRC and within the ASEAN region.

The Q & M College of Dentistry was established in 2019 to offer postgraduate dental education as part of its commitment to continual education and professional development of dentists. It offers Singapore’s first private postgraduate diploma programme in clinical dentistry.

In 2020, the Group expanded into the medical laboratories and research industry with the strategic investment into Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. (“Acumen”). Acumen currently focuses on the manufacture, sale and distribution of COVID-19 diagnostic test kits, as well as COVID-19 testing. It is also working to roll out a pipeline of new tests, including PCR assays for dengue, sepsis and, identification of bacterial pathogens and their associated antibiotics resistance in pneumonia and bloodstream infections.

EM2AI Pte Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group that focuses on developing AI-powered solutions to diagnosis and treatment planning has rolled out IDMS, enabling dentists within the Group’s network to administer ethical treatment plans for patients.

The Group was listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) on 26 November 2009.

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