

Selfless nurse awarded for helping the mentally-ill in wedding planning

Being in the nursing profession for 30 years, contributing selflessly to patients, 53 year old enrolled nurse, Mdm Doreen Chow was the top winner for the 5th Tan Chin Tuan Nursing Award for Enrolled Nurses.

At the Behavioural Unit in Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Mdm Doreen works with psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors and registered nurses, to provide care and support to patients.

Mdm Doreen helps in the planning for her patient's wedding. She gave assistance to her patients by preparing them mentally in starting up their new family. During the interview, she expressed great passion in her job and that her motivation for the job comes from her patients' appreciation of her.

Health Minister Gan Kim Yong was at the 5th Tan Chin Tuan Nursing Award Ceremony to present the awards to 10 outstanding enrolled nurses, coming from both the private and public hospitals.

Ms Leow Siew Tin from Singapore General Hospital is also one of the awardees. She has been in this profession for 30 years and is currently working in the Hematology department providing assistance to patients suffering from cancer.

Since 1992, Ms Leow sacrificed her personal time for her patients. During her non-working days, she would personally visit her patients' homes to teach their families how to administer injections for the patients. Whenever she sees her patient on the path of recovery, she feels a sense of satisfaction and that all her hard work is worth it.

Another awardee, Ms Neng Noorliz D/O Neng Ismail from the National University Hospital often goes the extra mile for her patients who have no relatives or friends in Singapore, by buying them daily necessities using her own money.

Founded by the D.S. Lee Foundation, the Tan Chin Tuan Nursing Award was set up in memory of the late banker and philanthropist Tan Sri (Dr) Tan Chin Tuan and to recognise nurses for their exemplary performance and dedication to the nursing profession.