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## OPEN HOUSE AT NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

*Visitors swarmed the Jurong Medical Centre at its open house yesterday. More than just a neighbourhood clinic, the newly opened centre will offer specialist care for chronic diseases like diabetes and also perform day surgeries like cataract removal.*

"We hope to offer patients here a more convenient solution to travelling," said clinical director Dr Kenneth Mak.

The centre, a Ministry of Health project spearheaded by Alexandra Hospital, serves more than 10,000 patients residing in the Jurong area.

Dr Mak said that rather than merely treat people, it hopes to "empower patients" by educating them about disease management.

One visitor, retired businessman Sofian Teo, said he was impressed with the facilities.

The 65-year-old, who had come from Indonesia to undergo cataract removal surgery, was referred to the centre on Wednesday by Alexandra Hospital.

The facilities are "very good", said Mr Teo. "The service is very professional."