Pioneer staff mark Mt Elizabeth’s 40th year

Hospital celebrates occasion with dinner and $175k donation to Autism Resource Centre

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Mount Elizabeth Hospital’s 40th anniversary dinner yesterday at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre was attended by about 200 staff. The Autism Resource Centre (ARC), the hospital’s charity partner, which took in 31,000 patients last year, received $175,000 as part of Mount Elizabeth Hospital’s 40th anniversary donations to a multitude of charities.

The money was raised by Mount Elizabeth Hospital and Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital from various fund-raising efforts throughout the year.

Mr Prisca Ang, who is also MP for Jalan Besar GRC, delivered a speech at the event. He said: “It hasn’t changed much – the passion to care, the heart to serve, the dedication to care – it’s the same.”

He added: “The passion is there when you know you are making someone else feel better. It’s a wonderful journey.”

The 69-year-old, who manages a community of thousands he has delivered, said: “You see a baby coming out and crying, it’s a wonderful experience. It’s a new life. It’s almost like a miracle.”

Another hospital pioneer is Dr Besar Stephens Lo, who joined the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in 1991.

He said he enjoys his family setting. Another hospital pioneer is Mr Allan Ng, a retired gynaecologist, who delivered the first baby at the hospital on Dec 20, 1979 – the first

among the pioneer staff who attended yesterday’s event were principal imaging assistant Osman Ahmad and retired gynaecologist Allan Ng, who delivered the first baby at the hospital in 1979.

The baby girl was subsequently named Elizabeth by her parents. On what kept him going as a doctor, he said: “It hasn’t changed much, works all hours. It’s just that modern medicine, it’s easier and less painful.”

The police say they are investigating the two incidents involving the 30-year-old cabby who worked for Trans-Cab in July.

The cabby was filmed punching and kicking a car, and caught hurling vulgarities at a couple (right), in two separate incidents. The police say they have identified the taxi driver.

Taxi operator Trans-Cab has terminated the contract of a cabby who was filmed intimidating another driver and punching and kicking his taxi door two days later, caught hurling vulgarities at a couple.

The company said: “The Sunday Times” }