

KNOWLEDGE IS KING

Kor Liew Swe became a nurse to help others. This remains her motivation even today, which is why she is relentless in her pursuit of greater knowledge. Despite a hectic work schedule, Liew Swe completed a Bachelor of Nursing and an Advanced Diploma in Paediatric Nursing and attends talks, seminars and in-house courses whenever she can.

"Knowledge is important but, of course, it is not

everything. There are things that only experience can teach you. I remember a paediatric patient whom everyone thought was fast asleep but I felt that something was amiss. I alerted the doctor, who discovered that the child's air passage was blocked and called for surgery immediately," she shared.

"In those moments, I am deeply grateful for the medical knowledge that I have."

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No Longer Helpless

"**W**hen I went for my nursing interview in 1982, I was asked why I wanted to be a nurse. I said, 'Because I'm helpless.' What I meant was that without any medical knowledge, I was unable to help people in need," revealed Liew Swe.

Today, she cherishes every opportunity to use her skills and knowledge to help others. In 2012 and 2014, she put her hand up for the Himalayan Women's Health Project led by Gleneagles' Obstetrics & Gynaecology specialist Dr Quek Swee Chong. Together with the team, she travelled to Nubra Valley and Leh in India, on personal time and expense, to help create awareness on prevention and treatment of cervical cancer and provide gynaecological care to the villagers.

"I registered and paid for the 2016 expedition too but decided to withdraw because the ward was short of staff. My nurses needed me too," she said.