

# Avnet Azure Gives Gift of Sight to Singapore Elderly



Elderly citizens of Singapore's Lion Home for the Elderly are seeing more clearly these days, thanks to Avnet Azure.

Avnet Azure teamed with the Singapore Lions Club and optometry students from Singapore Polytechnic Institution to provide eye exams to 35 Lion Home residents in August. Twelve employees spent a Saturday morning interviewing residents in multiple dialects to collect information about their current medical conditions to help optometry students pinpoint eye problems.

Avnet Azure then covered the cost of 25 pairs of eyeglasses, with William Chu, vice president and general manager of Avnet Technology Solutions, ASEAN, distributing them to residents in early October.

"The cost of 25 spectacles isn't much of an expense to us, but to senior citizens living on government subsidies and funds from church missionaries, it means a lot," says William. "While interacting with them, we learned to empathize with them, and also discovered that some are suffering from acute glaucoma or require urgent cataract operations."

The event wasn't Avnet Azure's first time at the Lion Home – employees visited residents last year when they delivered groceries and other items. "Involving employees in this program and working with students on a community relations project was very meaningful," says Julie Lawandra, marketing manager for TS Asia Pacific.