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SINGAPORE — The upcoming Jurong General Hospital will have a better ward layout, with a "window for every patient", designed to promote healing.

All wards will feature a fan-shaped layout, allowing each bed to be positioned next to a window.

This design, the hospital said, is expected to significantly improve ventilation in the non-airconditioned B2 and C class wards and to maximise natural light.

It would not only enhance patient comfort and recovery, but also allow for improved infection control and a more spacious working area for staff.

C class patients will have greater privacy with a higher partition between each bed.

The hospital's chief executive officer Foo Hee Jung said the idea was borrowed from the airline industry.

"Virgin Airlines, for example, slant their seats so they can afford some level of privacy and every one will be close to a window seat," he said, adding that 80 per cent of the hospital's beds will be in the C and B2 class wards.

For now, the hospital is tying up with the Employment and Employability Institute in its first recruitment drive.

It hopes to hire 60 patient service associates, patient information assistants as well as other patient-support positions.

The 700-bed hospital is looking to hire 300 more staff members by July, and hopes to open in 2014 with a staff strength of 3,000.