

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

Report by Clinical Asst
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Dr Loo is a paediatrician in public service with special interest in sport and exercise medicine. He serves to see the smiles on every child and athlete, and he looks forward to the company of his wife and children at the end of every day.



Reminder on PC renewal in 2025

Members who are renewing your Practising Certificate (PC) on 31 December 2025 are strongly encouraged to submit your application to Singapore Medical Council (SMC) by the end of November 2025. This will help you avoid the late application fee, which SMC will charge for applications submitted in December 2025.

For those attempting SMA's mandatory medical ethics (MME) programmes, please ensure that you complete them by 31 October 2025 at the latest. SMA will submit your MME attendance by 15 November 2025.

For those on the Employer-Pay-On-Behalf scheme where your employer is paying for your PC renewal fee, you will be required to submit your PC application by 15 October 2025. Please ensure that you complete SMA's MME programmes by 30 September 2025 and we will submit your MME attendance by 7 October 2025.

MASEAN 2025 in Thailand

The 20th Medical Association of South East Asian Nations' (MASEAN) Mid-term Meeting was held at Chonburi, Thailand between 17 and 19 July 2025. As MASEAN Secretariat, SMA supported the running of the conference together with the host, the Medical Association of Thailand.

Representatives from the MASEAN member associations presented their respective country reports and gave presentations on this year's theme, "Harmful Inhalational Volatile Substances: with Special Reference to E-cigarettes and Cannabis".

The MASEAN Group of Journals also met concurrently to discuss various initiatives and projects.

The full event report will be available in the September 2025 issue of *SMA News*. SMA is a member of three regional/international bodies, namely MASEAN, the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania, and the World Medical Association.

SMA representatives in SMC

SMA President Dr Ng Chee Kwan was appointed as a member of SMC. His term will be from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

SMA Council member Dr Tan Yia Swam was elected as a member of SMC. She will serve a three-year term from 11 October 2025.

We extend our congratulations to both Dr Ng and Dr Tan.

HKMA visit to Singapore

On 17 August 2025, SMA welcomed a delegation from the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA), led by its two vice-presidents and honorary secretary along with advisors and members of the HKMA medical students subcommittee. The meeting fostered meaningful exchanges on national healthcare ecosystems, public health and medical education. The visit to the SMA office concluded with our visitors enjoying a local *zi char* dinner, where lively discussions continued and new friendships were formed. ♦



Dr Victor Yeung, Vice-President, HKMA presents Dr Ng Chee Kwan, President, SMA with a commemorative memento