

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

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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.



Highlighting advocacy on HIB

SMA has consistently advocated for the profession regarding the proposed Health Information Bill (HIB), which has since been gazetted and come into force as the Health Information Act. On 19 and 20 January 2026, SMA sent two emails to Members highlighting our advocacy efforts, which can be viewed at the following links:

- 19 January 2026: <https://mailchi.mp/sma/sma-response-hib>
- 20 January 2026: <https://mailchi.mp/sma/addendum-hib>

SMA remains committed to helping Members navigate the complexities of the Act, and we will continue to work with the Ministry of Health to prepare Members for the Act's implementation. We hope to announce the initiatives that will address these needs soon.

SMJ-DIT Lunar New Year celebration

The *Singapore Medical Journal* (SMJ) Editorial Board and the SMA Doctors-in-Training (DIT) Committee came together on 24 February 2026, the eighth day of the Lunar New Year, for a joint *yu sheng* toss. The gathering coincided with SMJ's annual editorial board meeting, providing a meaningful opportunity for collegial exchange and festive celebration. At the same time, DIT Committee members convened for a masterclass, making the occasion a timely convergence of learning, mentorship and community. The event fostered intergenerational engagement and strengthened ties, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. ♦



Legend

1. Group photo with members from the SMJ Editorial Board and SMA DIT Committee
2. Yu sheng tossing in progress