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Running for a Good Cause

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THE POCARI Sweat Run 2015 was held on 12 July 2015 at Kallang Practice Track. SMA Charity Fund (SMACF) was one of the selected beneficiaries of the run that attracted a total of 10,000 runners, with 53 runners registered under SMA.

Dr Wong Tien Hua, President of SMA, flagged off the 10-km run in the morning before joining the crowd as a fellow runner. Staff from the SMA Secretariat also took part in the race to support the SMACF.

In his speech, Dr Wong thanked Pocari Sweat Singapore and the runners for their support towards SMACF and its causes, which include providing financial support for future doctors from underprivileged families. With the bursary, they will not need to find other means to supplement their family income at the expense of their medical education and training. Dr Wong went on to congratulate Pocari Sweat Singapore for a successful event, with a good turnout.

The donations received from the race will be used to fund the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund (SMA-MSAF), a programme managed by SMACF, which provides bursaries to needy medical students to support their living expenses so that they can concentrate on their medical education.

Mr Yoshihiro Bando, operating officer of Otsuka Pharmaceuticals Japan, commented, "POCARI SWEAT was developed by Otsuka Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd, Japan, with the philosophy to create new products for better health worldwide. We also recognise medical doctors as one of the key players in creating and impacting health through their medical knowledge and training. We are pleased to have the SMA Charity Fund, which helps ensure that needy medical students can concentrate in their medical training and become good medical doctors, as one of our beneficiaries!" ■