

SMA Milestones

1959-2019



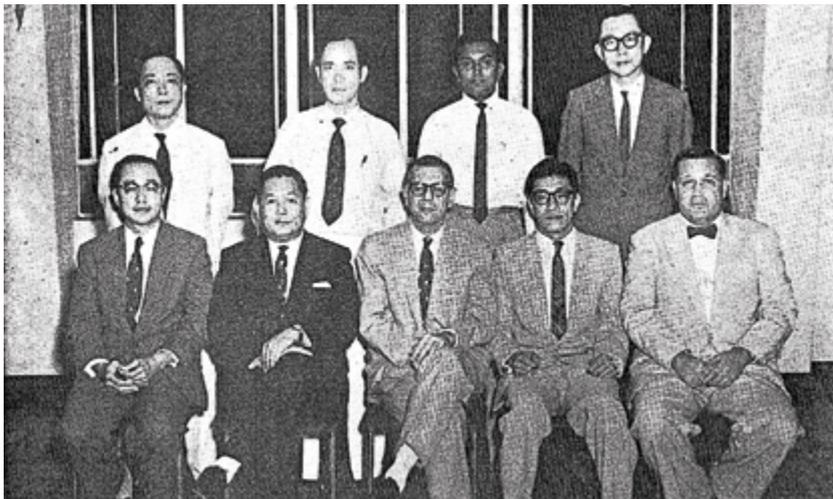
1950s



1960s

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① SMA was set up on 15 September 1959, replacing the Malaya Branch of the British Medical Association. Dr B R Sreenivasan was appointed its first President



2nd SMA Council (1961-1962)

1960

② Inaugural issue of the *Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)* was published in March

1963

③ Institution of the SMA Lecture to establish an Annual Lecture on medical ethics and related topics. The first Lecture, "Advertisement and the Medical Profession", was delivered by Dr Gwee Ah Leng

1966

④ The *SMA Newsletter*, now known as *SMA News*, was established to provide a timely medium for communication of news and events

1968

⑤ First National Medical Convention held at the National Trades Union Congress Hall and graced by then Minister for Health, Mr Yong Nyuk Lin



1970s



First National Medical Convention

1969

- ⑥ Institution of the SMA Honorary Membership, with Dr Chen Su Lan and Dr Ernest Steve Monteiro conferred the first Honorary Memberships

1970

- ⑦ The pioneer batch of 14 SMA volunteer doctors formed the medical service of the People's Defence Force
- ⑧ SMA hosted the 5th Council Meeting of the Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) from 7 to 9 August, where Dr Gwee Ah Leng and Prof AA Sandosham were installed as joint-Presidents of CMA
- ⑨ Launch of Medik Awas, a medical alert for the public

1972

- ⑩ SMA representatives were invited for their first China tour from 9 to 23 April

1975

- ⑪ SMA became member of the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO)

1975

- ⑫ SMA hosted the SMA Exhibition with the theme "Towards a Better Singapore"

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- ⑬ First SMA-Malayan Medical Association Annual Series of Games was held in Kuala Lumpur on 20 and 21 October



SMA Exhibition



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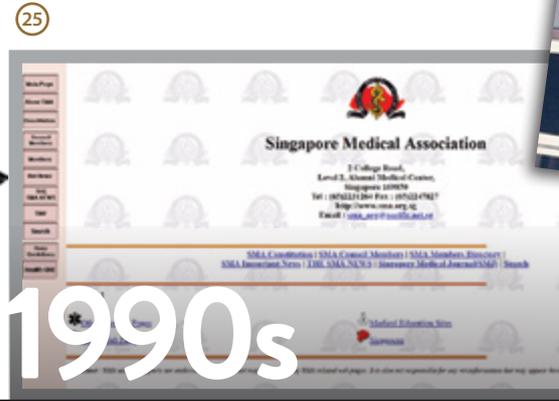
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1980s

1990s

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14 Establishment of the Medical Association of South East Asian Nations (MASEAN), together with delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand



Guideline on Fees Questionnaire

1981

15 Formation of the Association of Private Medical Practitioners, Singapore (APMPS)

16 Establishment of the SMA Trust Fund

1986

17 The Joint SMA/APMPS Guideline on Fees for Doctors in Private Practice was printed and distributed to members

18 First SMA Computer Conference

1987

19 SMA secretariat moved out of 4A College Road

20 First National Workshop on AIDS

1989

21 SMA Secretariat's relocation to 2 College Road

1994

22 Formation of the SMA Medical Officers' Committee to address issues concerning young doctors in Singapore

1994/1995

23 Merger of the APMPS with SMA

1996

24 SMA assumed the position of Secretariat of MASEAN

25 Launch of SMA's website



SMA 5th House Officers' Seminar



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2000s

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26 Formation of the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP)



Bonsai presented at the foundation laying ceremony of the SMA CMEP

2003

27 SMA, together with National Healthcare Group, SingHealth, Singapore Nurses' Association and Singapore Press Holdings, set up the Courage Fund



The Courage Fund

2006

28 SMA becomes member of the World Medical Association (WMA)



2007

29 The SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund was set up

30 SMA's withdrawal of the Guideline on Fees for Doctors in Private Practice

2008

31 Incorporation of Singapore Medical Association Pte Ltd (SMAPL)

2009

32 SMA's 50th year celebration and publishing of the SMA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at SMA's 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner, where he was conferred SMA Honorary Membership



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2010s

2012

- 33 Formation of the SMA Doctors in Training (DIT) Committee provide strong representation for them during their years of studies and training
- 34 First Members' Appreciation Nite was held to thank our Members and volunteers for their support

2013

- 35 Incorporation of SMA Charity Fund, the independent charity arm of SMA

2013

- 36 First MedSoc-SMA Dialogue

2015

- 37 Unveiling of SMA's new slogan, "For Doctors, For Patients"

2016

- 38 SMJ's involvement in the formation of the MASEAN Group of Journals (MASEAN GoJ)

2017

- 39 Launch of the Singapore Medical Week which included the inaugural National Medical Students' Convention
- 40 Launch of the SMA eMarket, an e-procurement platform for medical supplies

2018

- 41 SMA secretariat's relocation to 2985 Jalan Bukit Merah

2019

- 42 60th SMA Council



60th SMA Council (2019-2020)