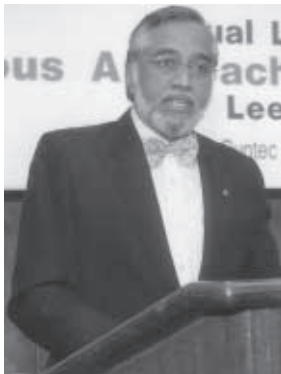


Citation of SMA Lecturer 2003: Dr Lee Suan Yew

Delivered by Dr T. Thirumoorthy



Dr Thirumoorthy delivers the citation for Dr Lee Suan Yew.

It is indeed my pleasure and privilege to read the Citation of the SMA Lecturer 2003.

I have the pleasure to have known Dr Lee Suan Yew for more than 20 years. He has an avid interest in dermatology and is a frequent face at Dermatology CME events – dating back to the Middle Road Hospital days.

I also had over the years, the privilege of co-managing several of his patients with dermatological problems. His patients always arrived with a neatly handwritten and legible referral, with a complete and relevant history.

Dr Lee received his early education at the famous Anglo Chinese School. He is still known in the school today for the Lee Suan Yew Speaker of the Year Award – a much sought after and respected trophy. He served as Member, and later Chairman of the Board of Management, ACS Independent, from 1990 to 1995. Dr Lee Suan Yew schooled in medicine at the University of Cambridge, graduating in 1961. He went on to train at the Hammersmith Postgraduate School, London and National Hospital for Nervous Disease at Queen Square, culminating in achieving the membership of the Royal College of Physicians Glasgow in 1966. He was subsequently conferred the

- FRCP Glasgow, in 1980;
- Fellow, College of Family Physicians Singapore, in 1980;
- Member, Academy of Medicine Singapore, in 1981; and
- Hon Doctor of Science, University of Buckingham, in 2001.

Dr Lee Suan Yew has served in active leadership positions in the College of Family Physicians Singapore for many years.

- Examiner, Diplomat C F P – 1978 to 1988;
- Examiner, Master of Family Medicine, 1993 to 1995; and
- President, College of Family Physicians, 1985 to 1988.

In addition to being in active medical and clinical practice, Dr Lee has served the nation in many national, public and civic organisations.

- Volunteer Captain of the Peoples Defence Force, 1972 to 1977;
- Vice President, then going on to President, of National Kidney Foundation, 1995 to 1999; and
- Board of Directors, Singapore General Hospital Pte Ltd, 1988 to 2000.

In recognition for his contribution to public service, he was honoured by the President and Government of Singapore with

- Bintang Bakti Masyarakat;
- Public Service Star, 1991;
- Public Service Star (Bar), 2002; and
- Justice of the Peace, since 1998.

Dr Lee Suan Yew served as member of the Singapore Medical Council from 1993 to October 2000. In October 2000, he was elected as President of the Singapore Medical Council. In his term as President, SMC, he developed a more spirited and proactive style of leadership as shown by the development of the revised SMC Ethical Code and strong support for the SMA and its work in the Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism. The medical community in Singapore is indeed fortunate and privileged to have a wise and positive leader in the person of Dr Lee Suan Yew at the helm of the Singapore Medical Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the Singapore Medical Association Lecturer for the 2003 – a scholar, officer and gentleman – Dr Lee Suan Yew.

On behalf of the SMA, may I invite Dr Lee Suan Yew to deliver the SMA Lecture 2003. ■

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