

Editor's note: We reproduce below a letter dated 17 March 2004 from the outgoing Director of Medical Services, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, who will return to the National University of Singapore from 1 April 2004. The SMA Council extends its best wishes to Prof Tan.

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Dr Lee Pheng Soon
President
Singapore Medical Association

Dear Pheng Soon

As you know, I will be stepping down as Director of Medical Services on 31 March 04. I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the strong support, wise counsel and assistance which you and the Singapore Medical Association (SMA) have given me throughout my tenure. This has been a great help for me personally, particularly during the SARS crisis last year. More importantly, I believe it has helped to enhance the level of care which we provide to our patients and the public.

I am confident that through the SMA's many initiatives and support for our national efforts, our healthcare services will continue to grow and excel, for the benefit of Singapore. Thank you once again.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely

Tan Chorh Chuan