

News from SMA Council

By Dr Yue Wai Mun, Honorary Secretary

1. CONGRATULATIONS

The SMA Council would like to congratulate **Prof Lee Eng Hin**, who received the President's Social Service Award, for his dedication and contributions to disabled children. As the President of the Rainbow Centre, which also coordinates the Margaret Drive and Balestier Special schools, Prof Lee conducts free orthopaedic clinics and runs a programme to help autistic children.

2. OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Outreach to Community Groups (OCG) were formed by the Government to provide an opportunity to seek feedback, share ideas, create goodwill and build a positive relationship between the government and the relevant community groups. The SMA was identified as a key organisation in the OCG for Professional Groups.

The Outreach Group Leader was Dr Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State for Health, and Information, Communication and the Arts.

The SMA hosted a dialogue session on Friday, 27 August 2004, from 5.30 to 7.30pm at the Alumni Auditorium. Participants included members of the SMA Council and SMA Committees, and representatives from the other medical bodies. During the dialogue session, lively discussions were held on issues like affordable healthcare. Other areas of feedback included the importance of preserving public trust in the medical profession, health policies in relation to the private sector, abortion counselling, and public speaking and promotion of non-medicinal products by foreign doctors.

The SMA Council would like to thank all who attended the dialogue session. ■