The prestigious SMA annual lectureship was instituted in 1963 to honour eminent and distinguished persons who have made significant contributions to Medicine and the community. This year, the honour fittingly belonged to Clinical Professor Chee Yam Cheng, who is also recognised for his many years of contribution to the profession in the areas of medical leadership and medical education. He spoke on a wide spectrum of issues, pivoted on patient safety, self-care of doctors against harm in the course of work, and the problem of medical litigation. He also touched on the issue of financial conflicts of interest in medical practice and the potential harm on the profession. The lecture, which was held at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital Lecture Theatrette, attracted a crowd of 200 participants. The full text of his lecture will be published in the December 2005 issue of the Singapore Medical Journal.

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