

# SMA 6<sup>th</sup> Ethics Essay Award

The annual SMA Ethics Essay Award is a competition organised by SMA's Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism. It aims to encourage tertiary students in Singapore to critically examine and review important issues relevant to medical ethics and professionalism. The Award has two categories, one for medical students and the other for non-medical students. The essay topic for 2005 "Is Medicine a Profession or a Business?" attracted a record number of 47 entries – 41 in the Non-Medical Student Category and six in the Medical Student Category. As a result of the overwhelming number of entries, a two-stage judging format was employed. In the final stage, the judges were Professor Chee Yam Cheng, Associate Professor Lim Meng Kin and Dr Chew Chin Hin.

The award for the top essay from each category is a cash prize of \$1,000 and a plaque. The winning essays will also be published in the *Singapore Medical Journal*. In recognition of the impressive quality of the submissions, SMA

CMEP has decided to give due recognition, for the first time, to the runner-up of each category with a Merit Award.

## **Results:**

### Medical Student Category

Winner: Ms Lee Weishan, Delice  
4<sup>th</sup> Year Medical student  
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine,  
National University of Singapore

Merit Award: Mr Tan Yingcong, Ryan Shea

### Non-medical Student Category

Winner: Ms Ratika Dayani  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Economics and  
Management student  
Singapore Institute of Management

Merit Award: Mr Kok Yee Onn

All the awards will be presented to the winners at the next SMA Ethics Convention in October 2006. ■