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TO: ALL SMA MEMBERS

Dear Colleague,

**SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RAINBOW-OF-HOPE DOCTORS' PLEDGE
6 NOVEMBER 2006**

As you are already aware, the 47th SMA Council Social Concerns Committee has adopted Club Rainbow (Singapore) as its adopted charity for the year for the first time in the history of SMA. Club Rainbow was chosen as a medical-related charity.

Club Rainbow (Singapore) is a registered charity that provides comprehensive support services for underprivileged children and their families. Ranging from newborn babies to youths aged 20, the Rainbow Children suffer from specific chronic and life-threatening illnesses such as Spina Bifida, Biliary Atresia, Congenital Heart Diseases, blood disorders such as Thalassaemia Major and complications faced by premature babies with very low birth weights.

On 6 November 2006, SMA is organising a **Rainbow-of-Hope** pledge day – appealing to our doctors to set aside part-day or whole-day of their own earnings on this day to make a one-time pledge to Club Rainbow. We urge you to make a personal commitment as your kind donation will help Club Rainbow to continue to provide compassionate relevant services for the families of the Rainbow Children. These include:

- Professional counselling for parents, children and other family members.
- Free tuition at home and at the bedside for children warded in KK Hospital.
- A range of social support activities for families.
- Free talks and workshops by experts on medical and family-related issues.
- Financial help for needy families.
- A one-stop information and resource centre at the National University Hospital.

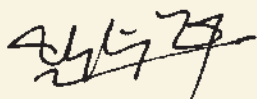
As a further support, SMA has been running several projects in support of Club Rainbow such as raising the awareness of Club Rainbow and its activities among our members through regular features in *SMA News*. We have also been actively encouraging doctors to come forward to volunteer in Club Rainbow's activities such as providing medical expertise or giving illness-specific talks for health education purposes.

If you require more information on the fundraising pledge day, please contact the SMA Secretariat at 6223 1264 (Adeline) or email adeline@sma.org.sg.

On behalf of the children and families currently being helped by this charity, we thank you for your generosity and we look forward to your continued support.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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