

All the Best

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12 August 2011 marked the beginning of an exciting journey for a group of 56 medical students, the fifth batch admitted to the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. Mrs Tan Ching Yee, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Education was Guest of Honour at the symbolic White Coat Ceremony, which was held at the Ministry of Health Auditorium.

The ceremony brought together generations of the medical community: professors, faculty members from both Duke-NUS and Duke University, and senior medical students to welcome the incoming class. Duke-NUS Dean Ranga Krishnan and Vice Dean of Education, Prof Bob Kamei, assisted the elated students with putting on their white coats, which marked their entry into the noble calling of Medicine. The ceremony was an emotional one, ranging from the anticipation of each student for their turn to don the white coat, the palpable delight of the parents as they witnessed their child's proud moment, to the solemnity of the audience as the Class of 2015 raised their right palms to recite the Hippocratic Oath in unison.

The fifth batch of medical students is a diverse cohort hailing from 11 countries. Over half of them are Singaporeans and Singapore permanent residents, and the myriad of educational backgrounds they come from will add to a vibrant learning journey. *SMA News* would like to congratulate the students on their entry into Medicine, and wish them all the best as they embark upon the next milestone of their lives. **SMA**



Dean Ranga Krishnan addressing the audience



The Class of 2015 with faculty and dignitaries