

News from SMA Council

I. MOU TO FOSTER GREATER COOPERATION

Following discussions with the Indonesian Medical Association (Pengurus Besar Ikatan Dokter Indonesia, or PB IDI) in the past year on fostering greater cooperation between Singaporean and Indonesian doctors, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between both associations, detailing the areas of cooperation. These include:

- a. SMA and PB IDI shall inform members of their respective medical associations that:
 - They should abide by the publicity guidelines of the other country when advertising their healthcare services there.
 - They should not make unsubstantiated laudatory claims or insensitive remarks, which undermine the professionalism of doctors in the other country.
 - Before they organise or participate in talks, workshops or other activities for the purpose of promoting or advertising their healthcare services in the other country, they should use their best endeavours to request for a formal invitation from the national medical association, medical specialty bodies or hospitals.
- b. SMA shall also assist to inform members of its association that when they organise any event in Indonesia for the purpose of promoting or advertising their healthcare services:
 - They should use their best endeavours to invite a speaker or doctor from a similar medical discipline in Indonesia to participate in healthcare activities in Indonesia.
 - When scientific seminars are held in conjunction with such events, they should use their best endeavours to include in the scientific seminars a session about the medical rules and ethics for IDI doctors, which is issued by the IDI Board.
- c. SMA shall assist to facilitate the cooperation between PB IDI and education/healthcare institutions in Singapore to enhance the skills of healthcare workers in Indonesia.
- d. SMA and PB IDI shall form a Joint Committee that will consist of three representatives each from PB IDI and SMA.
 - The Joint Committee shall meet at least once a year and the Parties shall take turns to host the meetings.
 - Where there are concerns or complaints made about a member of PB IDI or SMA whose conduct is against the proper behaviour specified in Article 1, paragraph 1, the Joint Committee shall look into the concern/complaint and, where appropriate, remind the member of the contents of this MoU and/or write to the relevant authorities to notify them of the member's conduct.

2. MACAU VISIT

A delegation from Macau met with SMA and MPS International Medico-Legal Advisor Dr Teoh Ming Keng on 11 January 2008 to have a better understanding of MPS and the administration of its services. Macau was in the final stage of preparing a Medical Malpractice Law, and were looking forward to establishing an insurance scheme for its GPs.

The Macau delegation was led by Dr Fernando Chui Sai On, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, and included Dr Antonio Felix Pontes, Administrator of the Macao Monetary Authority, Dr Lei Chin Ion, Director of the Hospital Centre of CSJ, and advisors to the Secretary. SMA was represented by Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, Dr Lee Pheng Soon and Dr Bertha Woon. ■



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(Seated L-R): Dr Antonio Felix Pontes, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Fernando Chui Sai On, Dr Lei Chin Ion, Dr Bertha Woon.

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