

By Ms Nas Ashraf Ali, Project Executive



Permanent Secretary for Health, Ms Yong Ying-I, with the 49th SMA Council and guests:

(Back L-R): Dr Tan Sze Wee, Dr Toh Han Chong, Dr Raymond Chua Swee Boon, Dr Alex Yeo Sow Nam, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih and Dr Tammy Chan
(Front L-R): Dr Wong Tien Hua, Dr Lee Yik Voon, Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, Ms Yong Ying-I, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Prof & Mrs Wonchat Subhachaturas (International Relations, Medical Association of Thailand), Dr Toh Choon Lai and Dr Bertha Woon

SMA Annual Dinner

On Saturday 26 April 2008, SMA members and invited guests gathered at the Royal Pavilion Ballroom of the Regent Hotel for the SMA Annual Dinner. Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary for Health graced the event as our Guest-of-Honour.

This year, SMA conferred Honorary Memberships on **Prof Chia Boon Lock** and **Dr Ho Yuen** for their meritorious service to the medical profession. Dr Ho Yuen was also the President of SMA from 1963 to 1964. Their citations were delivered by A/Prof Tan Huay Cheem and Dr Chong Yeh Woei respectively. (See pages 13 and 14.)

Other highlights of the evening included:

SMA MERIT AWARDS

The SMA Merit Awards 2008 were presented to three doctors in recognition of their contributions to SMA, the medical profession or social service to the community:

- **Dr Gordon Ku** – for contributions to the community.
- **Dr Kanwaljit Soin** – for contributions to the community.

- **Dr Ivor Thevathasan** – for contributions to SMA and the community. Dr Ivor was also a SMA Council Member from 1999 to 2006.

SMJ BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS

The first prize of a S\$5,000 cash award, sponsored by Pfizer Pte Ltd went to **Dr Gerard Leong Kui Toh, Dr Goh Ping Ping, Dr Chang Boon Cheng and Dr Lingamanaicker Jayaram** for their paper: “Heart failure cohort in Singapore with defined criteria: clinical characteristics and prognosis in a multi-ethnic hospital-based cohort in Singapore”.

The second prize of a S\$3,000 cash award, sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme, went to **Mr Yong Yean Kong, Mr Ravindran Thayan, A/Prof Chong Heng Thay, Prof Tan Chong Tin and Prof Shamala Devi Sekaran** for their paper: “Rapid detection and serotyping of dengue virus by multiplex RT-PCR and real-time SYBR green RT-PCR”.

The third prize of a S\$2,000 cash award, sponsored by Novartis, went to **A/Prof Fawwaz Shakir Al-Joudi, Dr Iskandar Zulkarnain Alias, A/Prof Hasnan Jaafar, Mr Rusli Jusoh, Dr Kamal Yatiban, Dr Imran Abdul Khalid, Dr Ahmed Marzouki and Dr Zakaria Jusoh**



(L-R): Prof Chia Boon Lock, Dr & Mrs Gordon Ku



(L-R): Prof & Mrs Foo Keong Tatt, Dr Lim Boon Leng, Prof Ong Yong Yau



(L-R): Dr Lee Yik Voon, Dr Mahesh Choolani, A/Prof & Mrs Tan Huay Cheem, Mr Lek Siang Pheng



(L-R): A/Prof Chan Yew Weng, Dr Daphne Khoo, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Prof V Anantharaman, Dr Ng Han Seong



(L-R): A/Prof & Mrs Cheong Pak Yean, Prof Aline Wong, Prof John Wong



(L-R): Mrs & Dr Charles Toh, Ms Yong Ying-I



(L-R): Dr Ivor Thevathasan with family and friends



(L-R): Dr Patricia Ng, Ms Stacy Choong, Mrs Brenda Tan, Ms Yap Mei Foon, Ms Min Yee



(L-R): Dr Antono Sutandar, Dr & Mrs Abdul Razakjr Omar, Mrs Teo Swee Guan, Mrs & Dr Eric Hong



(Back L-R): Prof Robert Pho, Dr Susan Quek, Dr Tay Boon Keng, Dr William Chew, Dr Wong Moh Sim, Dr Florence Fong, (Front L-R): Mrs Pho, Dr Diana Chee, Dr Chee Phui Hung, Dr Wong Kwok Yun



(Back L-R): A/Prof Chin Jing Jih, Mr Harpreet Singh, Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Dr Myint Soe (Front L-R): Dr Patricia Ng, Mrs Singh, Ms Kuah Boon Theng, Mrs Myint Soe



(Back L-R): Dr Wong Sze Tai, Dr Benjamin Long, Dr Chong Yeh Woei (Front L-R): Mrs Wong, Ms M K Fatimah, Mrs Long, Dr Ann Tan, Mrs Chong



(Back L-R): Prof Wonchat Subhachaturas, Dr Gordon Ku, Prof John Wong, Dr Wong Chiang Yin (Front L-R): Mrs Subhachaturas, Ms Yong Ying-I, Prof Chia Boon Lock, Mrs Ku



(Back L-R): Dr Ong Kim Kiat, Prof Peter Lim, Dr Louis Loo, Dr William Yip (Front L-R): Dr Lim Hui Chui, Dr Chew Eng Lee, Dr Tang Ching Ching, Dr Bertha Woon, Dr Ho Ting Fei



Retired Council Member Dr Yue Wai Mun receiving the Token of Appreciation from Dr Wong Chiang Yin



Dr Chee Weng Sun receiving the SMA Long Service Award from Dr Chong Yeh Woei



Dr Wong Chiang Yin presenting Ms Yong Ying-I with a Chinese calligraphy piece, written by Mr Randal Low.

The words 無私 ("Wu Si"), chosen by Dr Wong, has two interpretations. The first is that as a public servant, one serves everyone, young and old, rich and poor. A public servant is impartial, does not show favouritism and is no respecter of persons. The second interpretation is selflessness. A public servant places the interests of the state and the public above oneself.

Both interpretations reflect the highest ideals of what every public servant should aspire to and they are more than adequately embodied by our Permanent Secretary for Health Ms Yong Ying-I.

The calligraphy was written by Mr Randal Low, a 4th year medical student in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Another of his work was also recently used by the School of Medicine as a gift to the Prime Minister.

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Dr Ho Nai Kiong receiving the SMA Long Service Award from Dr Chong Yeh Woei



(L-R): Ms Linda Seah, Dr Wilson Tan, Dr Goh Ping Ping, Prof Shamala Devi Sekaran, Prof Wilfred Peh, A/Prof Fawwaz Shakir Al-Joudi and Ms Annie Chin



The SMA Secretariat



The Singing Doctors' Society

for their paper: “Expression of survivin and its clinicopathological correlations in invasive ductal carcinoma of the breast”.

All winners also received a commemorative trophy sponsored by SMA, as well as a certificate.

SMA and SMJ would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors: Pfizer Pte Ltd, Merck Sharp & Dohme, and Novartis.

RETIRED COUNCIL MEMBER

Dr Yue Wai Mun was presented with a token of appreciation for his contributions to the SMA Council from 1996 to 2008, during which he assumed various appointments, including Honorary Treasurer from 1999 to 2000, Honorary Secretary from 2000 to 2002 and 2004 to 2005. Dr Yue also served on various SMA Committees.

SMA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The Long Service Awards were presented to **Dr Chee Weng Sun** and **Dr Ho Nai Kiong**, who had served on the Sports and Games Committee and SMJ Editorial Committee respectively for the past 10 years.

SMA STAFF LONG SERVICE AWARD

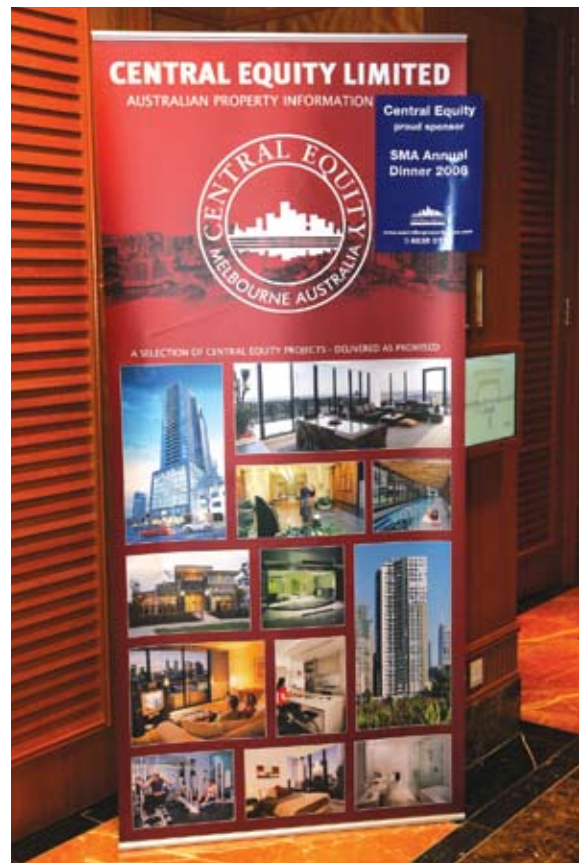
Haji Mohari Bin Sapar was presented with the Staff Long Service Award for 20 years of service as Despatch Clerk.

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- Singing Doctors Society – Dr Chin Kin Wuu, Dr Timothy Lee, Dr Tham Siew Nee, Dr Wong

Wui Min, Dr Bertha Woon and Ms Jennifer Chew – for their delightful performance.



- Central Equity, one of Melbourne’s largest residential developers, for supporting the SMA Annual Dinner with a cash sponsorship as well as a lucky draw prize of a 3-nights stay in a luxurious 2-bedroom apartment at Melbourne Short Stay in Southbank; and
- All guests who had attended the SMA Annual Dinner and made it a success. ■