

MEDIA RELEASE

Leadership Transition at Ren Ci Hospital: Chairman Chua Thian Poh to retire; Mr Seow Choke Meng to succeed from 1 July 2021

28 June 2021 – Dr Chua Thian Poh is retiring from the Board of Ren Ci Hospital after 21 years of service at one of Singapore’s largest non-profit healthcare institution. Ren Ci Hospital was established in 1994 to provide care for needy beneficiaries with chronic care needs and it has since expanded its services steadily over the last 27 years. Dr Chua was also the Chairman in the last 14 years.

Mr Seow Choke Meng, a veteran with Singapore Press Holdings and former Board member on National Healthcare Group and National Council of Social Services, will be taking over the role as Chairman. The leadership transition coincides with the new two-year term for the Ren Ci Board and will take effect from 1 July 2021. Besides Dr Chua, the Board will see another five retiring Board members with two new incoming members.

Ren Ci Hospital went through a period of growth and development in the last decade and firmly established itself as one of the key healthcare providers within the intermediate and long-term care sector. During Dr Chua’s tenure as Chairman, Ren Ci expanded from its existing community hospital facility at Novena to include two new nursing homes and two senior care centres at Ang Mo Kio and Bukit Batok. Close to 25,000 seniors benefited from Ren Ci’s care facilities. Staff strength increased from 350 to more than 900 in tandem with the greater number of beneficiaries and expansion of programmes.

“It has been a privilege serving our patients, nursing home residents and senior care centre clients over the years. I am thankful for the strong support and teamwork from the Board and Management. As part of Ren Ci’s robust succession plan, Choke Meng has been named as the new Chairman. With his many years of experience in the non-profit scene, I am confident that Choke Meng will take Ren Ci to greater heights,” shared Dr Chua.

Mr Joe Hau, CEO of Ren Ci Hospital, said, “We would like to thank Dr Chua for his strong leadership and dedication in helping Ren Ci achieve many milestones in our journey. In his early days as Chairman, he visited the hospital wards in the evenings after his office hours so that he could fully understand the operations of the hospital. Dr Chua has touched many hearts with his compassion and dedication to helping the needy. He has never missed any major events and would always thank volunteers and supporters personally. Dr Chua will be greatly missed by all in the Ren Ci family.”

Mr Seow Choke Meng is currently serving as the Vice Chairman on the Board. “I am grateful for the confidence placed in me to continue the years of good work achieved by Chairman and the team of Board members. A third nursing home at Woodlands Health Campus is in the pipeline and I look forward to working with the Board, Management and our stakeholders to continue doing our part in bringing community care in Singapore to greater heights.”

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媒体文告

萧作鸣接替蔡天宝任仁慈医院主席

领导仁慈医院（简称“仁慈”）长达 14 年的蔡天宝博士卸下主席一职，由原来的副主席，新加坡报业控股华文媒体集团及时报产业业务顾问萧作鸣先生接棒，于 2021 年 7 月 1 日生效。领导层交接恰逢仁慈董事会为期两年任期。新旧董事会的变动包括五名董事会成员卸任和添加两名新成员。

仁慈成立于 1994 年，是新加坡为数不多的医疗慈善机构。仁慈以仁心慈爱的原则为社会提供全面和实惠的医疗、护理和复健服务。仁慈也采用以人为本的护理服务理念，为病友提供优质的服务。

蔡天宝博士在 2000 年加入仁慈董事会并在 2007 年担任仁慈主席。在他的领导下，医院服务迅速扩大至包括社区医院、武吉巴督与宏茂桥两家疗养院。另外，设立三所提供日间复健和看护服务的乐龄护理中心和培训学院。医院床位也在蔡天宝博士接过主席棒后增加一倍。近 25,000 名年长者受益于仁慈的护理设施。随着受益者人数的增加和计划的扩大，仁慈的员工人数从 350 人增加到超过 900 人。

回想加入董事会的这些年，蔡天宝博士说：“我很荣幸多年来可以为我们的患者、疗养院院友和日间服务客户提供优质的医疗服务。我非常感谢董事会成员以及管理层团队在任期内给予全力支持和协助。接班计划也是我所一直关注的。萧作鸣先生的热情、远见、领导才能、团队精神和凭借他在非营利领域多年的经验，将把仁慈带到新的高度。”

仁慈执行总监侯自成先生说：“我们要感谢蔡主席以无比强大的领导力和奉献精神，帮助仁慈建立许多里程碑。仁慈有今天长足的发展，蔡主席居功至伟。蔡主席会定期审查医院政策，提高监管准则与透明度，扶持医院茁壮成长。蔡主席在刚当上主席时会常在晚上来医院探访，以便充分了解医院的运作情况。他的亲力亲为充分彰显他认真看待仁慈推行仁心慈爱，以人为本的服务理念。许多员工以蔡主席为榜样，更自觉地守好岗位，落实为病人提供仁爱的优质服务。蔡主席从未错过仁慈任何的大型活动。他会亲自感谢所有付出的义工朋友和支持者。我深信在仁慈的每一个人都会非常怀念蔡主席。

新主席萧作鸣先生说：“我很感激蔡主席和董事会成员团队对我的信心。仁慈将在兴建中的兀兰医疗保健园（Woodlands Health Campus）设立第三家疗养院。我期待与我们的董事会、领导团队和员工紧密合作，将新加坡的社区护理提升到更高的水平。”



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About Ren Ci Hospital

Established since 1994, Ren Ci Hospital is one of the few charity healthcare institutions in Singapore to provide high quality and affordable medical, nursing and rehabilitative care services for the community, based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion. Ren Ci plays an integral role in supporting the healthcare needs of the elderly through adopting holistic way of delivering person-centred care.

Besides giving hope to the frail elderly by helping overcome their disabilities and teaching their families to care for them at home, Ren Ci also partners various community groups and social enterprises to give dignity back to the elderly.