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SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL CORPS ESTABLISHES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM AND SAW SWEE HOCK SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SINGAPORE — In a combined signing ceremony, the Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps (SAFMC) signed Memorandums of Understanding with the National University Health System (NUHS), and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH). The two MOUs were signed as part of SAFMC’s efforts to enhance healthcare quality and accessibility for SAF servicemen, deepen clinical expertise of SAF’s healthcare professionals, and to enhance resilience and preparedness across a range of healthcare crises. The MOUs were signed by Brigadier-General (BG)(DR) Lee Wei Ting, Chief of Medical Corps, with Professor Aymeric Lim, CEO of National University Hospital (NUH), and with Professor Teo Yik Ying, Dean of SSHSPH today.

Strategic Partnership between SAFMC and NUHS

NUHS has been a long-standing partner to the SAFMC in the areas of training and patient care. Since 2019, SAF’s combat medics and paramedics have been undergoing clinical attachments at NUH and Ng Teng Fong Hospital to enhance their skills and experience in emergency care. In a more recent collaboration, about 1,000 pre-enlistees were seen by NUHS physicians across various medical and surgical disciplines. This allows the early identification of medical issues and ensures that pre-enlistees can be properly evaluated, enhancing their readiness and overall well-being before enlistment.

The MOU between SAFMC and NUHS will build on existing initiatives and enhance the quality and accessibility of healthcare services to SAF servicemen; foster stronger professional exchanges and training of healthcare staff and strengthen Singapore and the SAF’s resilience and preparedness during healthcare crises.

Highlighting the strategic value of the partnership to the SAF, BG(DR) Lee Wei Ting, said, “This partnership with the National University Health System signifies SAF’s commitment to the health of our people. We hope to integrate cutting-edge research, educational excellence, and advanced medical practices into the care of our soldiers. This will strengthen the SAF’s capability to safeguard their health and support their operational effectiveness.”

On NUHS’ partnership with SAFMC, Professor Aymeric Lim said, “This MOU builds on years of collaborative efforts between NUHS and SAFMC, and we hope to bring that partnership to the next level. This MOU will also enable SAF servicemen to benefit from more specialised and integrated care. We also want to enhance the training opportunities and professional exchanges between the two organisations because there is so much we can learn from each other. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught



us that we are stronger together. By working more closely in peace time, we can ensure greater integration during crisis, and we will have a large pool of resources to tap on synergistically when weathering storms together.”

Strategic Partnership between SAFMC and SSHSPH

As chronic diseases continue to rise and the threat of infectious disease pandemics remain, the MOU with SSHSPH demonstrates SAF’s commitment to safeguard the well-being of its servicemen and ensure SAF’s operational readiness through evidence-based and data-driven health policies and preventive programmes.

On the partnership with SSHSPH, BG(DR) Lee Wei Ting highlighted that, “This partnership with Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health underscores SAF’s holistic approach to healthcare, recognising that the benefits of our efforts extend beyond the individual’s time in NS, promoting long-term health throughout their lives. The impact of this partnership will be felt not only by the individual, but also by the community. Together, we can build a healthier Singapore”.

Highlighting the mutual benefits of the partnership, Professor Teo Yik Ying said, “By supporting the SAFMC in areas such as population health research, health services research, and policy and programme evaluation, we not only help the SAF provide higher quality care to all servicemen, but also have the opportunity to gain insights into population health trends that would be valuable at the national level”.

Chinese Glossary

Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps (SAFMC)	新加坡武装部队军医团
National University Health System (NUHS)	国立大学医学组织 (国大医学组织)
NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (NUS SSHSPH)	新加坡国立大学苏瑞福公共卫生学院 (国大苏瑞福公共卫生学院)
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About the Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps (SAFMC)

The Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps (SAFMC) oversees the SAF health ecosystem and is responsible for the provision of health services to all Ministry of Defence and SAF personnel. It aims to provide excellent and comprehensive health care for its soldiers, protect their health and optimise their combat performance, so as to enhance SAF's operational edge. Over the years, the SAFMC has established itself as a highly professional organisation and continues to play an important role in the national healthcare ecosystem.

Through the Army, Navy, and Air Force Medical Services, and the Digital & Intelligence Service Medical Branch, it provides support for the respective services of the SAF, throughout the full spectrum of military operations from peace to war. The Military Medical Institute (MMI) delivers a wide range of primary care services, dental services, specialist clinics, and pre-hospital & emergency care services across more than 30 Medical Centres, Dental Centres and Regional Health Hubs. The Medical Classification Centre (MCC) and Health Screening Programme Centre (MMI) provides one of the largest health screening services in Singapore to ensure all servicemen are appropriately screened and graded for deployment. The SAF Medical Training Institute (SMTI) oversees all medical training for healthcare workers in the SAF, and ensures the proficiency of all medics, paramedics, nurses, medical officers and dental officers in active duty or National Service.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.mindef.gov.sg/staticfile/safmc/index.html>.



About the National University Health System (NUHS)

The National University Health System (NUHS) aims to transform how illness is prevented and managed by discovering causes of disease, development of more effective treatments through collaborative multidisciplinary research and clinical trials, and creation of better technologies and care delivery systems in partnership with others who share the same values and vision.

Institutions in the NUHS Group include the National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Jurong Community Hospital and Alexandra Hospital; three National Specialty Centres - National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS), National University Heart Centre, Singapore (NUHCS) and National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS); the National University Polyclinics (NUP); Jurong Medical Centre; and three NUS health sciences schools – NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (including the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies), NUS Faculty of Dentistry and NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

With member institutions under a common governance structure, NUHS creates synergies for the advancement of health by integrating patient care, health science education and biomedical research.

As a Regional Health System, NUHS works closely with health and social care partners across Singapore to develop and implement programmes that contribute to a healthy and engaged population in the Western part of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.nuhs.edu.sg.

About NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health

Building upon decades of experience in research, training and practice in epidemiology and public health, the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH), under the National University of Singapore (NUS), was established in October 2011 as Singapore's national school of public health. The School is also a member of the National University Health System (NUHS).

The School aims to continually foster healthier communities in Singapore and the region, and impact public health programmes and policies through its robust educational programmes and translational cross-disciplinary research work on cohort studies and life course epidemiology, infectious disease research, health technology assessments, health promotion, workplace safety and health, health systems evaluation and health services research. An interdisciplinary approach, augmented by rigorous training, applicable research and regional partnerships, places SSHSPH at the forefront of public health knowledge discovery and practice in Asia.

The School actively collaborates with many partners including the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Harvard School of Public Health and University of Michigan School of Public Health. Its flagship programme, the Master of Public Health degree, attracts students from a wide range of disciplines from within Singapore and throughout the region.

For more information, please visit <https://sph.nus.edu.sg>