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Malaysian entrepreneur and philanthropist makes million-dollar gift to establish medical professorship at NUS

Singapore, 10 Jan 2023 – Tan Sri Dr. Lim Wee Chai, a Malaysian entrepreneur and philanthropist, has gifted S\$1 million to the National University of Singapore (NUS) to establish a visiting professorship in medicine at NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

The billionaire philanthropist is making his first such gift to a university in Singapore, which will see the establishment of the Lim Wee Chai Visiting Professorship in Medicine. The professorship will be important in providing the academic leadership needed to drive research, education and innovation at NUS Medicine. It will allow NUS Medicine to attract distinguished faculty to the University, as well as drive bilateral exchanges in terms of knowledge, expertise and collaborations between Singapore, Malaysia and beyond.

Tan Sri Dr. Lim Wee Chai said, “I am honoured to partner with NUS, one of the world’s most renowned universities to establish this medical professorship. Healthcare and education have always been my lifelong passions and I hope my contribution will support the noble initiative of providing quality teaching, impactful academic and research programmes, towards benefiting more students and researchers, as they shape the future landscape of the healthcare industry.”

NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye said, “We are deeply grateful for the generous gift from Tan Sri Dr. Lim. This gift will not only enable us to bring together the best minds in medicine and healthcare as we continue to pursue educational and research excellence, but more importantly, it will pave the way for more mutually beneficial interactions and knowledge exchange between the medical fraternity in Singapore and Malaysia.”

Professor Chong Yap Seng, Dean of NUS Medicine added, “We are proud to be chosen by Tan Sri Dr. Lim to establish his first medical professorship in Singapore. It is an important professorship which will allow us to advance our current educational initiatives and research and in the years ahead. Professorship positions are the cornerstone of academic advancement and in the case of NUS Medicine, they are key to driving the important clinical research that will inspire health for all, in line with our School’s vision.

“It is particularly appropriate that the donor behind this initiative is Tan Sri Dr. Lim, whose company Top Glove played such a pivotal role in the provision of life-saving PPE on a global scale during the Covid-19 years, and whose “five wells” mantra of “clean well, eat well, work well, exercise well and sleep well” resonate so much with the evidence-based clinical research being conducted by NUS Medicine,” he said

NUS will embark on the search, selection and appointment of a suitable candidate for the professorship soon,” Professor Chong added.

Top Glove Foundation, the glovemaker's charitable arm, pledged approximately RM31.5 million to 1,500 charities as at the company's financial year 2022. For more information on the Foundation's initiatives, please visit: <https://www.topglove.com/social-top-glove-foundation>

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About National University of Singapore (NUS)

The National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university, which offers a global approach to education, research and entrepreneurship, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise. We have 16 colleges, faculties and schools across three campuses in Singapore, with more than 40,000 students from 100 countries enriching our vibrant and diverse campus community. We have also established our NUS Overseas Colleges programme in more than 15 cities around the world.

Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, research centres of excellence, corporate labs and more than 30 university-level research institutes focus on themes that include energy; environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases; active ageing; advanced materials; risk management and resilience of financial systems; Asian studies; and Smart Nation capabilities such as artificial intelligence, data science, operations research and cybersecurity.

For more information on NUS, please visit www.nus.edu.sg.

About the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine)

The Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS Medicine) is Singapore's first and largest medical school. Our enduring mission centres on nurturing highly competent, values-driven and inspired healthcare professionals to transform the practice of medicine and improve health around the world.

Through a dynamic and future-oriented five-year curriculum that is inter-disciplinary and inter-professional in nature, our students undergo a holistic learning experience that exposes them to multiple facets of healthcare and prepares them to become visionary leaders and compassionate doctors and nurses of tomorrow. Since the School's founding in 1905, more than 12,000 graduates have passed through our doors.

In our pursuit of health for all, our strategic research programmes focus on innovative, cutting-edge biomedical research with collaborators around the world to deliver high impact solutions to benefit human lives.

The School is the oldest institution of higher learning in the National University of Singapore and a founding institutional member of the National University Health System. It is one of Asia's

leading medical schools and ranks among the best in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 by subject and the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by subject 2022).

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