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### TRIMEDSOC ALLIANCE RENEWS COLLABORATION TO UNIFY VOICE OF SINGAPORE MEDICAL STUDENTS

*This alliance by the student bodies of Singapore's three medical schools continues to unify and represent the voice of the local medical student community through regular dialogue, engagement and collaboration with external stakeholders, including the Singapore Medical Association and Ministry of Health.*



*The presidents of the three medical societies pose for a photo after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to renew the Alliance and reiterating their intention to collaborate closely, together with the signatories of the first MoU signed virtually in 2021 // Credit: Courtesy of TriMedSoc Alliance*

**Singapore, 23 August, 2024** - The National University Singapore (NUS) Medical Society, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore's (NTU Singapore) Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine) Students' Medical Society and Duke-NUS Student Council are renewing, for the first time, the TriMedSoc Alliance, a collaboration co-founded in 2021 between the student bodies of Singapore's three medical schools. The TriMedSoc Alliance was established to foster a greater sense of collaboration within the local medical student population, to have a formal platform to discuss issues that are close to the hearts of medical students in Singapore, and to advocate for the collective interests of all three student bodies.

With an alliance comprising the elected Student Council and Medical Societies of the three medical schools, the student leaders carry clear mandates from their respective student bodies to advocate for and act in their best interests. Individually, each party is the formally recognised student body representative of their respective schools and participates in decision-making processes and policy discussions with their respective school administration. Collectively, the TriMedSoc Alliance is the sole legitimate student representative body of medical students studying in Singapore to unify local medical students, and advance and synergise student advocacy and community engagement efforts.

The renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) solidifies the close ties between the three medical student representative bodies and creates an official platform for greater collaboration, with the goal of developing programmes and activities that support the holistic development of the medical student community in Singapore. They also serve to reinforce the student-led efforts in the medical student fraternity and the wider community.

Building on the success of the Alliance, this renewal provides the three medical student representative bodies with the opportunity to introduce new initiatives, such as establishing an advisory board comprising senior doctors and administrators, including faculty from the three schools. The members have been selected in view of their deep understanding of the nuances of the local medical education and healthcare sector, their vast experience in organisational management, and their commitment to student development. The advisory board is set up with the intention of longitudinally consolidating the organisational knowledge of the Alliance, and providing stewardship and guidance to the future TriMedSoc committees, which change after every annual election cycle.

The MOU Renewal Ceremony on 17 August 2024 was held during the Opening Ceremony of the National Medical Students' Convention 2024, and was witnessed by Professor Benjamin Ong, Chairman at the Health Sciences Authority, Associate Professor Shiva Sarraf-Yazdi, Vice-Dean of Education, Duke-NUS Medical School; and Distinguished University Professor Joseph Sung, NTU Singapore's Senior Vice President (Health and Life Sciences) and Dean of LKCMedicine.

Mr Lim Rong, Chairperson of the 3rd TriMedSoc Alliance and 11th President of the LKCMedicine Students' Medical Society said,

“The TriMedSoc Alliance has provided the student representative bodies of the three medical schools with a platform for closer partnership. Over the past year, we have worked closely to represent the interests of medical students in Singapore to external stakeholders, and support events that foster learning and collaboration across the three medical schools.”



*Part of medical students' guided training is a masterclass organised by the TriMedSoc Alliance, where participants of Track I: Internal Medicine practice performing a lumbar puncture on task trainers // Credit: Courtesy of TriMedSoc Alliance*

Since their inception, the student bodies of the local medical schools have remained steadfast in the service of their respective medical student populations through various

initiatives in the fields of arts and culture, and sports. For instance, the annual [Camp SIMBA](#), jointly held between the three medical schools, aims to provide a space for the emotional needs of children with cancer. In addition, the [LKCMedicine Students' Medical Society](#) organises an annual talent showcase, called [Peanut Butter and Jam](#), which encourages students to demonstrate their talents outside the classroom, and other initiatives, focused on academic and research, include [NUS Medical Society's career symposium](#).

In the wider community, medical students have upheld the spirit of community service embodied by generations of doctors through organising community health screening initiatives both locally and overseas. One such initiative, organised by the Duke-NUS Student Council, is Healthy to Thrive (HTT), which started in 2023 in collaboration with My Brother SG to serve 300 migrant workers through health screenings and medical counselling.

“We are witnessing a growing trend of close collaboration between the student bodies of the three medical schools, not only in academic student interest groups (SIGs) but also through joint community service initiatives and advocacy efforts. We hope that the renewal of the TriMedSoc MOU will catalyse further opportunities for interaction and the building of camaraderie among future colleagues,” said Mr John Joson Ng, President of the 16th Duke-NUS Student Council and Chairperson of the 2nd TriMedSoc Alliance.

With the renewed MoU, the Alliance aims to strengthen its commitment to representing medical students and enhancing community bonds. Through engaging with key stakeholders, including medical schools, the Designated Institutional Officials of the three healthcare clusters and the Ministry of Health, the TriMedSoc Alliance will continue to address critical issues such as school learning facilities, financing medical education and clinical rotation experiences.

Notably, the annual flagship event, the National Medical Students' Convention, remains a highlight in the roster of activities organised to foster a close-knit community of local medical students. NMSC 2024 is the sixth iteration of the event and marks the largest gathering in the event's history, bringing together a record number of about 170 medical students across all three schools, and boasting around 40 expert speakers across the healthcare clusters and from different industries. This year's Convention features an expanded program of workshops catering to different interests in healthcare, from foundational clinical skills to career orientations towards medtech, entrepreneurship, advocacy, and medical humanitarian work.

“The NMSC is an annual event held by the TriMedSoc Alliance and its constituent Medical Societies. It offers a platform for our student members to experience the broader landscapes of Medicine, beyond what we see in our lessons and clinical postings. We hope our participants will be able to get a better idea of what awaits them after graduation, and in so doing, allow them to work towards developing their extracurricular interests and experiences,” said Mr Aravind Madabhushi, President of the 75th NUS Medical Society.

This milestone event highlights the TriMedSoc Alliance’s role as a cornerstone in uniting and empowering the future healthcare leaders of Singapore.

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

The NUS Yong Loo Lin School of 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 Asia's leading medical school and ranks among the best in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020 by subject and the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject 2020).

For more information about NUS Medicine, please visit <https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/>

### **About National University of Singapore Medical Society**

Founded in 1949, the NUS Medical Society is the representative body of medical students in the National University of Singapore (NUS) and one of longest serving student representative body in Singapore. We carry the rich heritage and tradition of the medical fraternity, upholding the values of service, empathy and leadership upheld by the generations of alumni who have paved the way for us. Our raison d'être is to provide opportunities for the holistic development of student doctors.

The NUS Medical Society serves a 1500-strong NUS Medicine student body and plays an integral part of the medical student's life through its wide repertoire of social, sporting, community service, art, academic and welfare activities. Beyond the medical student population, it serves the wider community both in Singapore and abroad through more than 20 affiliated community service projects. With more than 50 events & services each year, NUS Medical Society is one of the most active student representative group in Singapore and is registered as an independent society under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The NUS Medical Society consists of 4 main clusters, namely the Education and Training Cluster, Outreach and Engagement Cluster, Student Life Cluster, and the Administrative Cluster.

The Education and Training Cluster consists of the Academic, Careers, and Research Directorates, which oversee the student-run Mock Exams and lessons for juniors, flagship Careers Symposium, and the Wong Hock Boon Society Research Day respectively.

The Outreach and Engagement Cluster focuses on maintaining and developing NUS MedSoc's relationship with stakeholders, with our Public Relations team running our social media platforms, Organisation Development team liaising with our external stakeholders, and International Relations team fostering our relationship with our overseas counterparts.

The Student Life Cluster consists of the Arts and Culture, Community Service, Freshmen Orientation Programme (FOP), Social, Sports, and Welfare Directorates that run a variety of activities, such as our annual theatre production 'Playhouse', Community Service Summits, MediCamp, Dinner and Dance, White Coat Ceremony, MedLaw Games and IFG, and welfare events such as Mediflix.

The operations of the society are overseen by the Administrative Cluster, which consists of the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

## **About Duke-NUS Medical School**

Duke-NUS Medical School is Singapore's flagship graduate-entry medical school. It was established through a landmark collaboration between two world-class institutions. In April 2005, Duke University and the National University of Singapore signed a formal agreement under which the two institutions would partner to establish a new medical school for graduates in Singapore, to complement the National University of Singapore's existing undergraduate medical school.

The school's vision of "Transforming Medicine, Improving Lives" is well-placed with its programmes. Along with the school's innovative educational programmes, it is also a research powerhouse and its distinguished scientists are transforming the way we understand, diagnose and treat diseases. Its world-class signature research programmes are aligned to critical areas of public health needs in Singapore. These disease-focused, multi-disciplinary programmes have facilitated research discoveries that will improve the lives of patients in Singapore and around the world.

The School benefits greatly from the strategic partnership with Singapore Health Services (SingHealth), which includes Singapore General Hospital, widely recognised as one of the top hospitals in the world. Through our SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre, we are able to leverage our joint capabilities and infrastructure to develop outstanding clinical education programmes and cutting-edge research collaborations that translate fundamental science into better health.

For more information, visit [www.duke-nus.edu.sg](http://www.duke-nus.edu.sg).

### **About Duke-NUS Medical School Student Council**

The Duke-NUS Student Council is a student body service organisation for the Duke-NUS Medical School and serves as the official student body government for all graduate medical students in Duke-NUS Medical School.

The Council works with school administration, faculty, national organisations as well as other external groups or individuals in the course of promoting student interest, welfare and education. It provides and manages all student-led services, including but not limited to, interest groups, community service groups, college groups, and student representation in any student-faculty dialogue as deemed feasible, in order to promote the welfare and interests of the student body and to enhance the overall student experience. The Council also acts as the student body service organisation for Duke-NUS Medical School and works with student-led community service groups in school to promote a culture of service towards the community and society.

### **About Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine**

The Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine) trains doctors who put patients at the centre of their exemplary care. The School, which offers both undergraduate and graduate programmes, is named after local philanthropist Tan Sri Dato Lee Kong Chian. Established in 2010, LKCMedicine aims to be a model for innovative medical education and a hub for transformative research. The School's primary clinical partner is the National Healthcare Group, a leader in public healthcare recognised for the quality of its medical expertise, facilities and teaching.

For more information, visit <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/medicine>

### **About Nanyang Technological University Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine Student's Medical Society**

The Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine Students' Medical Society, or LKCMedSoc for short, is an academic constituent club as part of the Nanyang Technological University Students Union under the Student Affairs Office of Nanyang Technological University. It is the student representative body of all undergraduate medical students in Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University (LKCMedicine). Founded in 2013 by our pioneer batch of 50 students, LKCMedSoc has since grown to 833 members, encompassing students from all five years of study. The society aims to enhance the



university experience for LKCMedicine undergraduate students. It also acts as a channel for feedback and consistently represents the interests and needs of LKCMedicine students to the School. LKCMedSoc strives to promote a strong academic and education focus for LKCMedicine students to aspire towards and hopes to promote the cultural, social, sporting, professional interests and welfare of students to encourage and inspire students to pursue their interests outside of the curriculum.

For more information, visit <https://www.lkcmedsoc.com/>

## **ANNEX: TRIMEDSOC ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM-OF-UNDERSTANDING (MOU) RENEWAL CEREMONY**

The TriMedSoc Alliance MOU Renewal Ceremony took place online on 17 August 2024. The MOU lays out a framework of sustained and close collaboration between the three medical student representative bodies with the goal of developing programmes and activities to support the holistic development of the medical student community studying in the three medical schools in Singapore. It will also provide the platform for sharing of resources to promote coordinated student-led efforts in the engagement and service of the wider community in Singapore, and further representation and advocacy efforts by local medical students.

With the MOU renewal, TriMedSoc Alliance continues to be the sole legitimate student representative body of medical students studying in Singapore, with each constituent student representative organisation having received the mandate of their respective student bodies through the open elections of office bearers.

The ceremony was held during the 6th iteration of the National Medical Students' Convention, was attended by the student representatives of each medical school, and witnessed by the Health Sciences Authority's Chairman, alongside the Deans of all three medical schools in Singapore.

### Guests-Of-Honour

1. Prof Benjamin Ong (Chairman, Health Sciences Authority)
2. A/Prof Shiva Sarraf-Yazdi (Vice Dean, Education, Duke-NUS Medical School)
3. Prof Joseph Sung (Dean, NTU Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine)
4. Dr Ng Yee Sien (Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Duke-NUS Medical School)
5. Mr. Emmanuel Tan (Assistant Dean, Student Wellbeing, NTU Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine)