

## **SMC President's Message**

Dear colleagues,

Season's greetings as we approach the end of another year of doing our part to deliver good medical care and to protect the health and safety of the public.

## **SMC Physician's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony**

The SMC Physician's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony took place on Saturday 28 September 2024 at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore. 516 doctors took the Pledge to affirm their commitment to upholding professional conduct and ethics in their practice.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our Guest-of-Honour, Dr Tan Wu Meng, Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Health and Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC. Dr Tan shared refreshing insights into his own personal experience as a medical doctor. He also spoke about the importance of continuous professional development and about Artificial Intelligence in healthcare. Dr Tan reminded us about the enduring value of personal human touch in healthcare. I am sure this resonated with

many of us, who believe in the personal human touch in our interactions with patients and colleagues.

## **Eligibility Criteria for Full Registration**

There were doctors who had queries about the criteria to fulfil before they could attend the Pledge Ceremony and to apply for Full registration (F-reg). We have outlined the key requirements in this publication. However do refer to the SMC website for your information needs and the complete list of requirements.

## Renewal of Practising Certificates (PC)

A reminder that the renewal period for PC has begun in September 2024 and will continue until the end of December 2024. If your PC is expiring at the end of this year, please ensure that you have obtained the necessary Continuing Medical Education (CME) points before submitting your application. We note that the deadline for early application (one month prior to your PC's expiration) has passed. Notwithstanding this, if you still have yet to submit your application for PC renewal, we encourage you to do so before your PC expires. The late application fee will apply for applications received from **1 December 2024**. Please also note that applications for PC renewal submitted after **27 December 2024** cannot be approved in time for 1 January 2025.

For the latest publications and news from the SMC, please refer to our announcements online to stay informed. On behalf of the Council, I wish you a healthy and happy new year ahead.

Thank you.

**Professor Chee Yam Cheng** 

**President**