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The Commencement Issue 2018

by Dr Chan Hian Hui, Vincent, FCFP(S), Council Member, Team C Editor

In this edition of College Mirror, **we welcome new trainees** to our various College programmes, namely the Fellowship Programme, the Master of Medicine College Programme, and the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM) Course. There is also a new Enhanced GDFM Programme, which aims to better prepare trainees for Community Hospital work. Immediate past president A/Prof Lee Kheng Hock will share with readers about the journey to create this programme. Indeed, it is hard work and dedication that created and sustained all College Programmes. Here, College wishes all trainees a good and successful learning journey. And of course, a reminder to return and serve the College after you have successfully completed your training.

During Commencement 2018, held on 28 July at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, College was delighted to have Prof Doris Young as our guest of honour. I particularly liked her statement about **how the “time has come for us (Family Physicians) to stand up and be proud of our roles and contributions.”** College also took the opportunity to thank 3 of our immediate past programme directors, while welcoming another 3 colleagues who have taken up the baton.

On the current affairs front, **one hot topic has been the proposed Healthcare Services Act (HCSA)** due to be tabled in Parliament soon. In President's Forum, Adj Asst Prof Tan Tze Lee shares with readers about the results of a joint public survey conducted by the Singapore Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine and our College of Family Physicians Singapore. College has been actively engaging the Ministry of Health (MOH) on HCSA, and MOH for their part have been active listeners. College Mirror has

published MOH's response to the joint survey in full, alongside President's Forum. We have also interviewed A/Prof Goh Lee Gan who shares his views on HCSA with us.

On serving the community, we feature Dr Goh Wei Leong, a senior Family Physician who has volunteered much of his time creating a holistic care framework for the care of migrant workers. His work is an inspiration to many of us that we can make a difference, by “looking around” and identifying the needs of society then working passionately to meet them. We also have an interview with Dr Joshua Lam, a HealthServe volunteer and GDFM alumnus, as done by Dr Jonathan Yeo. Additionally, Dr David Ng shares with readers about his experience leading the project to build the new Punggol Polyclinic.

Other news events covered include WONCA President Prof Amanda Howe's visit to College on 04 August 2018, College President's panel interview on Chanel NewsAsia on the topic of “Patient Empowerment” and a report on ASEAN Dengue Day filed by Dr Cheong Siew Meng who represented the College as our speaker. This edition is a first for me as an editor, and my team includes Dr Lawrence Ng and Dr Wong Tien Hua. I am grateful for their support, and in particular, Dr Ng's advice. In this edition, Dr Ng writes about the ethical considerations behind Nasogastric Tube insertions, while Dr Wong shares with readers about Telemedicine, which was another recent hot topic. I also thank Chief Editor Dr Luke Low and College Secretariat's Ms Patricia Cheok for their invaluable assistance.

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