

## **Conferral of Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore Fellow 2017**

### **Citation for Mr Ng Cheng Tiang**

Mr Ng Cheng Tiang obtained his Bsc (Pharmacy)(Hons) from the National University of Singapore and later completed his Masters of Science (Safety, Health and Env Tech) from Faculty of Engineering, National University of Singapore. He started his career as a hospital pharmacist at the National University Hospital, Singapore and later went on to work for a number of medical and pharmaceutical companies in various regional capacities. At the moment, Cheng Tiang is the Director of Growth Markets Regulatory Affairs for APAC region in Teva Pharmaceutical Investments (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

A dedicated pharmacist, Cheng Tiang has been very active in various committees in the PSS – spanning from the early years of the Singapore Pharmacy Congress, membership committee, public education committee – collaborating with Diabetic Society of Singapore; Singapore Asthma Association; coordinating talks in schools, libraries, community centres, radio talk-shows on common ailments and common medications. Together with a team of pharmacists, he was actively involved in promoting smoking cessation initiatives that culminated in the publication of the PSS Smoking Cessation Guideline with endorsement from the Health Promotion Board. If you recall the early version of PSS website, Cheng Tiang was one of the pioneers involved in setting up the contents with the help of his classmate Raymond Goh and establishing the PSS email domain name, bringing the PSS portal to life. He is also credited with 84 monthly editions of the PSS e-Bulletin, something which he spent the next 7 years contributing and editing in order to keep PSS members connected with the Society.

Between 2006-2008, Cheng Tiang served two terms as the PSS President. During his tenure as the PSS President, he focused significant efforts in establishing international relations with other pharmacy association, including the Chinese Pharmaceutical Association, Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations (FAPA), Asian Conference of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Nihon Pharmacy Association (NPA) etc. Those links enabled closer and continual contacts between these organizations with PSS which persist until today. He and Dr. Camilla Wong were the key influencers to bring the 22<sup>nd</sup> FAPA Congress to Singapore in 2008; and his rapport with the ACCP leadership enabled PSS to host our inaugural ACCP Conference in 2010. On the financial front, Cheng Tiang also started a PSS venture with NTUC Learning Hub to run a part-time, 80-hour Pharmacy Assistant Course which targeted mostly general practitioner clinics. The venture lasted for about 2 years with 15 intakes before the course was retired, giving way to the WSQ programme. He was instrumental in transitioning the Certified Pharmacy Technician Course (CPTC) successfully into the WDA accredited standards enabling the learners to be eligible for

government funding for the CPTC course fees. PSS remains the sole provider of the CPTC course. The income generated through CPTC has been a very significant part of the diversified revenue stream, and it had helped PSS to be financially sufficient without any encumbrances, year after year. In 2008, Cheng Tiang was awarded Professor Lucy Wan's Outstanding Pharmacist Award for the many contributions he has brought to the profession and PSS as a whole.

At the National level, Cheng Tiang serves as a member of the Singapore Pharmacy Council, Ministry of Health and is a member of the Healthcare Industry Skills and Training Council, Singapore Workforce Development Agency at the Ministry of Manpower. Since last year, he was elected into the Alumni Association (Alumni for Medicine, Dentistry & Pharmacy graduates) as a member of their management committee. On top of this, he has been representing PSS as the Vice-President of Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Association (FAPA) since 2010, to be the voice for our Singapore pharmacists at regional arena.

In view of his selfless profession commitment and contribution to both PSS and the Nation, it is PSS's great honour to confer Mr Ng Cheng Tiang as a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore.