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Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Cambodia's Calmette Hospital strengthen partnership to advance healthcare in Southeast Asia

Trauma Training Programme funded by Temasek Foundation International under the initial MOU has enhanced capabilities in trauma care in Cambodia

A Strategic Partnership Strengthened

Phnom Penn Cambodia, 9 January 2017 – In yet another step towards shaping transformations in meeting the healthcare challenges in the Southeast Asian region, Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) and Cambodia's Calmette Hospital (CH) have renewed their strategic partnership through a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Witnessed by Singapore's President Tony Tan Keng Yam, Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong and Minister of State for Manpower, Mr Teo Ser Luck along with Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen and Health Minister H.E. Dr Mam Bunheng, at the Peace Palace, the new partnership will focus on targeted expertise such as intensive care medicine, clinical quality and improvement and healthcare leadership and development.

The STAR Programme

This MoU comes on the back of the successful completion of a three-year partnership between both hospitals on trauma care management, where TTSH designed and conducted the curriculum for Skills in Trauma and Resuscitation (STAR) Programme at CH. The programme was supported by Temasek Foundation International with a grant of S\$290,630, and co-funded by TTSH and CH.

The first collaboration started when one of TTSH's senior trauma surgeon visited CH during a study trip to Cambodia, and met up with the surgeons in CH. They shared the common goal of providing optimal trauma care through a robust trauma system. This paved the way for a strategic and mutually beneficial relationship, one which allowed CH to redesign and strengthen its capability in delivering trauma care, while providing TTSH the opportunity of learning about clinical medicine overseas as well as develop its networks with healthcare leaders in the region. .

Under the first MoU from January 2014 to January 2017, TTSH conducted the STAR (Basic), (Intermediate) and (Advanced) Courses to equip Cambodian doctors and nurses the necessary knowledge and expertise in managing trauma care, from the onset of a pre-hospital environment, to the emergency room and to the operating theatre. Over the past three years, faculties from both hospitals conducted a total of 9 Basic, 6 Intermediate and 2 Advanced courses for 216 Cambodian doctors and nurses from various hospitals - CH, Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital, Preah Kossamak Hospital, Royal Phnom Penh Hospital and Siam Reap Hospital.

Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International, said, "This programme has fostered shared learning among healthcare professionals in Cambodia and Singapore that has led to positive improvements. We hope that the partnership will continue so that our communities will benefit from enhanced patient care in the long run."

Enhancing the Delivery of Trauma Care

TTSH also helped to design and set up a trauma registry at CH. The trauma registry is an important component of a sound trauma system for it enables the future analysis of data collected and helps the hospital identify areas of strengths and areas that need improvement. Dr Eugene Fidelis Soh, Chief Executive Officer of TTSH, said, "Tan Tock Seng Hospital has a strong tradition as a teaching hospital, and we hope to learn from one another through our friendship and collegiality. I am glad that we can be part of this journey of learning and improving our patients' lives in this highly connected world together."

Globally, trauma is the leading cause of death for persons below the age of 40 years old. This partnership between TTSH and Calmette has provided the opportunity to share best practices on how to manage and deliver trauma care and also improve the facilities needed in managing trauma effectively in Cambodia. The STAR programme, has also been a catalyst to form a Cambodian teaching faculty that will allow CH to conduct the Basic and Intermediate courses to fellow clinicians in future through the '*train the trainer*' method. This not only raises the standard of care but also sustains a sound trauma care workforce in Cambodia. To-date, the knowledge has been shared with 168 healthcare professionals in Cambodia through on the job learning sessions.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam will visit CH on 10 January 2017 to witness the Handover Ceremony for the STAR Programme, where a commemorative plaque will be presented to CH, and a book capturing this meaningful journey between both hospitals will be launched. He will view some of the trauma training stations of the STAR Programme and interact with the participants and faculty.

The Temasek Foundation International HEAL Programme

In the spirit of building stronger networks of cooperation and co-learning amongst public healthcare institutions in Asia and Cambodia, TTSH and CH will also be jointly organising a healthcare leadership forum on 10 January 2017, under the Temasek Foundation International Healthcare Executives in Asia Leadership Programme (TFI HEAL). This is a continuous effort by TFI HEAL to enhance regional collaboration in developing Healthcare Leadership. More than 100 healthcare leaders in Cambodia will attend the forum to discuss best practices in healthcare leadership, innovation, medical education, clinical quality and management.

This strategic partnership with TTSH and CH marks another step in a long collaborative journey towards enhancing healthcare innovation and transformation for greater care in both Cambodia, Singapore and the South East Asian region.

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About Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)

TTSH is one of Singapore's largest multi-disciplinary hospitals with 170 years of pioneering medical care and development. The hospital has 40 clinical, allied health and pharmacy departments as well as 16 specialist centres. It also has three institutes that are spearheading care, research and innovations in geriatric medicine, infectious diseases and ophthalmology. Powered by more than 7,000 healthcare staff. TTSH sees over 2,000 patients at its specialist clinics and some 460 patients at its emergency department every day. TTSH is part of the National Healthcare Group, providing holistic and integrated patient care.

With a strong quality culture steeped in patient safety, TTSH constantly challenges itself to provide faster, better, cheaper and safer care for patients. To achieve this, the hospital keeps abreast and believes in investing in its staff, facilities, medical technology and system improvements. In recognition of its commitment to excellent patient care and its comprehensive range of quality healthcare services, TTSH has been awarded the ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certification as well as the prestigious Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation.

About Temasek Foundation International

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About Calmette Hospital

Calmette Hospital is a tertiary hospital with the three principal missions: quality of care, health professional education and research. The hospital offers varied specialized services related to emergencies care, interventional and surgical cardiology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, urology, cancer surgery, maternity with neonate intensive care and general medicine including hepato-gastro-enterology, cancer, neurology, pulmonary diseases, diabetes- endocrinology, nephrology-hemodialysis, infectious diseases, and rehabilitation.