



Donning White Coats

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The Class of 2016 was officially welcomed into the portals of Medicine on 17 August 2012, during Duke-NUS' sixth White Coat Ceremony. Guest-of-Honour Ms Chan Lai Fung, Permanent Secretary (Education Policy), Ministry of Education; Mr Tony Chew, Duke-NUS Board Chairman; as well as members of the Duke-NUS Governing Board graced the event at the College of Medicine Building Auditorium.

As the new class of students proudly donned their white coats and recited the Hippocratic Oath administered by Dr Robert Kamei, Vice Dean (Education), Duke-NUS, they dedicated themselves to upholding the core values of Medicine.

In his welcome address to the class, Dean Ranga Krishnan said that "there is an art to Medicine as well as science", and as doctors in training, they are expected "to serve patients responsibly and ethically and to treat them with humility, grace and dignity". Dean Krishnan added that while there are high expectations of the class as they "stand on the shoulders of all medical graduates, the leaders of Medicine and the scientists from Duke and NUS", he advised the students to make time for themselves and their loved ones, despite their busy schedules.

Over half of the Class of 2016 are Singaporeans and Singapore permanent residents, while the remaining students come from India, Pakistan, Japan, USA, Canada, China and Bangladesh, and other countries.

After the ceremony, the Class of 2016 gathered with key faculty members for a customary group photo, which was followed by a dinner reception at the Duke-NUS atrium. **SMA**



Permanent Secretary (Education Policy) Ms Chan Lai Fung (centre) with Dean Ranga Krishnan (left) and Mr Tony Chew, Duke-NUS Board Chairman



Vice Dean (Education) Robert Kamei helps Ang Chieh Hwee put on her white coat while Dr Craig Stenberg looks on



The Class of 2016 reciting the Hippocratic Oath