



SMA Lecture 2013

**26 October 2013, Saturday
Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Galleria Ballroom**

SMA Lecturer 2013: Mr Ngiam Tong Dow **Topic: Developing Singapore As an International Medical Centre**



Singapore's quest to become a medical centre of excellence began in the 1980s. The economic signals then were loud and clear. Singapore cannot simply grow as a production-based economy, no matter how advanced our manufacturing technology was. We had to move towards a knowledge-based economy and one of the promising knowledge sectors was Medicine.

Today, we have established not one, but three medical schools. Collectively, the medical schools are educating and training around 1,000 doctors annually. These highly trained medical graduates will provide enough thrust to propel Singapore to grow into a leading world-class medical centre. However, unlike financial centres, medical centres are far more complex to structure and organise. The SMA Lecturer 2013, Mr Ngiam Tong Dow will examine this issue and attempt to answer the question, "Can Singapore become a leading international medical centre?"

PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
2 pm	Registration (Lunch Provided)
2.30 pm	Welcome Address - A/Prof Chin Jing Jih, President, SMA
2.45 pm	Citation - Dr Charles Toh, SMA Honorary Member
3 pm	SMA Lecture: Developing Singapore As an International Medical Centre - Mr Ngiam Tong Dow, former Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, and Ministries of Finance, Trade and Industry, Communications, and National Development
4 pm	Tea Break
4.30 pm	Forum Discussion: Developing Singapore As an International Medical Centre - Moderator: Dr Tan Wu Meng, SMA Member & Medical Oncologist - Panellists TBA

DETAILS**Date:** 26 October 2013, Saturday**Venue:** Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Galleria Ballroom
392 Havelock Road, Singapore 169663**Number of CME/CPE/CNE points:** Pending approval from the respective Councils and Board
To register, visit: <http://www.sma.org.sg> or fill in the registration form below.**About Mr Ngiam Tong Dow**

In a civil service career that spanned 40 years (1959 - 1999), Mr Ngiam Tong Dow has served as Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Communications, and Ministry of National Development. Concurrently, he also chaired the Singapore Economic Development Board, Sentosa Development Corporation, Development Bank of Singapore, Sheng-Li Holdings (now restructured to become Singapore Technologies Holdings), and Singapore Telephone Board (which later merged with the Telecommunications Department to become the Telecommunications Authority of Singapore).

Upon retirement, Mr Ngiam was appointed Chairman of the Central Provident Fund Board and Housing Development Board. He was also invited to serve as an independent director on the boards of four listed public companies namely Singapore Press Holdings, Overseas Union Bank, United Overseas Bank, and Yeo Hiap Seng Limited. He continues to serve as an independent director of Yeo Hiap Seng Limited today.

For public service, he was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Order, and the Long Service Medal.

He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) degree in Economics from the University of Malaya in 1959, and subsequently, Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1963. His knowledge domain is development economics.

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