

WHEN THE FORCE AWAKENS

For the past three years, SMA has been organising annual Members' Appreciation Nite events that aim to give recognition to individuals who have contributed to the Association's work throughout the respective year. From 2012 to 2014, SMA Members were able to catch up with old friends from various specialties and institutions at the premiere movie screenings of the *Hobbit* trilogy. The Association also hosted our committee members, volunteers and SMA Charity Fund's donors at these events, in appreciation of their time and dedication to the work of SMA. Since the *Hobbit* film series ended its run in 2014, we chose a movie of the more long-running, intergalactic sort for 2015.

The SMA Members' Appreciation Nite 2015 was held with the premiere screening of the long-awaited *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* movie on 17 December at 6:30 pm, at Shaw Theatres Balestier. All SMA members were entitled to purchase a pair of tickets at a discounted rate from our website, approximately two months before the event. Each pair of tickets also included a complimentary

popcorn and drink combo set. Tickets to the premiere screening were sold out within three days after registration was opened to our members.

Over 510 guests attended this year's movie screening. Some guests arrived as early as 5 pm to secure better seats within their allocated section of the theatre. Everyone was hyped up to be the first few in Asia to catch the premiere of what was easily the most talked about movie for the year. Amid excited chatter among our guests at the cosy ticketing area at Shaw Theatres Balestier, we spotted a few Darth Vaders and plenty of light sabers among the enthusiastic crowd!

We are pleased to say that SMA now represents more than 7,500 doctors and medical students in Singapore as well as overseas. Together, we look forward to advocating for a better healthcare environment, for doctors, for patients. If you have any exciting new ideas for next year's Members' Appreciation Event, do share them with us at membership@sma.org.sg. And may the Force be with you in 2016! ♦



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Legend

1. Complimentary popcorn and drink combo sets ready for collection
2. The Force is strong with this one!
3. Star Wars figurines greeted guests at the registration counter