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PRESS RELEASE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR GOH CHIN CHYE CECIL

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“**SDC**”) held a disciplinary inquiry on 29 September 2022 against Dr Goh Chin Chye Cecil (“**the Respondent**”), a dentist who was practising under the name of “The Smile Division Dental Group” at the material times.
2. The Respondent faced twelve charges under the Dental Registration Act for having been convicted in Singapore of offences involving dishonesty, in relation to engaging in a conspiracy to cheat the Central Provident Fund Board (“**CPF**”) to deliver various sums of monies from the CPF accounts of patients for treatments that were not performed.
3. The Respondent pleaded guilty to all twelve charges.
4. The Disciplinary Committee (“**DC**”) noted that the nature and extent of the Respondent’s dishonesty was grave because it was calculated and carried out repeatedly over a long period of time and primarily for financial gain. It is morally reprehensible, revealing a serious defect in his character and integrity. The Respondent’s dishonesty and Convictions clearly have brought the dental profession into disrepute.
5. The DC made the following orders on 29 September 2022:
 - (i) the Respondent’s name be removed from the relevant Register of Dental Practitioners; and
 - (ii) the Respondent shall pay the full costs and expenses of, and incidental to these proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors to the SDC and costs incurred by the SDC for engaging the Legal Assessor.
6. The DC also ordered that the decision shall be published.
7. The Respondent’s removal from the Register of Dentists took effect on 5 December 2022.

8. The SDC reminds all dental professionals that it takes a serious view of their conduct and ethics. The SDC would like to urge all dental professionals to be cognisant of the laws and regulations governing dental practices, and to comply with the provisions of the code of ethics of the profession as well as directives and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

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