

## SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

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## PRESS RELEASE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR FELICIA LEE ZIYING

The Singapore Dental Council ("SDC") held a Disciplinary Committee ("DC") inquiry for Dr Felicia Lee Ziying ("Dr Lee") on 21 March 2022 and 26 April 2022. The DC delivered its grounds of decision on 1 June 2022.

- 2. At the material time, Dr Lee was practising as a dentist with conditional registration. The inquiry arose out of a referral by a Complaints Committee in relation to Dr Lee's conviction on 22 June 2020 in the State Courts of Singapore on three (3) charges in total ("Convicted Offences"), two (2) offences under the Protection of Harassment Act (Cap. 256A, 2015 Rev Ed) ("POHA") and one (1) offence under the Penal Code (Cap. 224, 2008 Rev Ed) ("Penal Code"), with three (3) other offences taken into consideration for the purposes of sentencing.
- 3. The Convicted Offences related to Dr Lee's conduct towards several police officers at a petrol station in the early hours of 7 August 2018 while she was intoxicated.
- 4. Dr Lee was sentenced to an aggregate sentence of four weeks and five days' imprisonment.
- 5. In view of Dr Lee's criminal convictions for the Convicted Offences, the SDC referred her to a DC for a formal inquiry. One charge of having been convicted of charges implying a defect in character which made her unfit for the profession, within the meaning of section 40(1)(b) of the Dental Registration Act ("DRA") was preferred against Dr Lee ("the DRA Charge"). SDC's position was that as Dr Lee was convicted for offences which involved violent and abusive conduct against police officers carrying out their duties which warranted a custodial sentence, this had damaged the reputation of the dental profession and public confidence in the profession and is a discredit to the proper standards of conduct and behaviour expected of members of the dental profession. Accordingly, the Convicted Offences implied a defect of character which would render Dr Lee unfit for the profession within the meaning of section 40(1)(b) of the DRA. Dr Lee claimed trial to the DRA Charge.

- 6. The DC found Dr Lee guilty of the charge preferred against her by the SDC and convicted her. The DC made the following orders on 26 April 2022:
  - (a) Dr Lee's registration in the Register of Dentists be suspended for a period of four (4) months;
  - (b) Dr Lee be censured;
  - (c) Dr Lee to submit a written undertaking to the SDC that she will not engage in the conduct complained of, or any similar conduct; and
  - (d) Dr Lee to pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors to the SDC and of the Legal Assessor.

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