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## PRESS RELEASE

### DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR MYLES EDWARD HOLT

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“SDC”) held a Disciplinary Inquiry against Dr Myles Edward Holt (“Dr Holt”). At the material time, the Respondent was a registered dentist, and was also the head trainer and director of the Australasian Academy of Dento-Facial Aesthetics (AADFA), a private education business.
2. The disciplinary inquiry arose out of a complaint dated 15 July 2014 by the Inspecting Officer of the SDC in respect of a breach of section 31 of the Dental Registration Act (Cap.76) by Dr Holt.
3. Dr Holt was charged with a breach of section 31(1) read with section 31(4) of the Dental Registration Act for having used a qualification other than the qualifications which are entered in the Register of Dentists in respect of him, or which had been approved by the SDC for his use, when he issued a certificate to a participant at a training course in Singapore in June 2014. The unapproved qualification that he had used was "*FIADFE (New York)*".
4. This matter was heard before the Disciplinary Committee on 14 October 2015 and 15 October 2015 respectively. Mr Kenny Chooi of Yeo-Leong & Peh LLC represented the SDC at the hearing.
5. Dr Holt pleaded guilty to the charge and was accordingly convicted of the charge.
6. The Disciplinary Committee was of the view that a breach of Section 31 is a serious one that should attract a punishment involving a period of suspension of Dr Holt’s registration.
7. The Disciplinary Committee also stated that the SDC determines what qualifications are acceptable and may be approved and that by doing so, maintains standards

which are acceptable to the dental profession in Singapore. Further, the regulation of qualifications and titles is important because members of the public and dental professionals rely on and/or are influenced by the qualifications adopted by a dentist to determine his training and expertise.

8. However, taking into account the circumstances of the case and the mitigating factors, as well as the impact of the disciplinary proceedings on Dr Holt as a trainer, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Dr Holt:
  - (1) be fined the maximum fine of \$50,000;
  - (2) within 60 days from 15 October 2015, reissue all certificates previously issued by him without the unapproved qualification, and provide the SDC with evidence that such reissued certificates have been sent by post to the participants, together with a covering letter seeking the return of the certificate originally issued;
  - (3) give a written undertaking to the SDC that he will not engage in the conduct complained of or any similar conduct; and
  - (4) pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of counsel to the SDC and the Legal Assessor, and such reasonable expenses as are necessary for the conduct of the proceedings.
9. The Disciplinary Committee also ordered that the Grounds of Decision be published, for the benefit of the public and to raise the standard of the dental profession.

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