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### PRESS RELEASE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR TEO EU GENE

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“**SDC**”) held a disciplinary inquiry on 12 April 2021 in respect of Dr Teo Eu Gene (“**the Respondent**”), a dentist who was practising at Phoenix Dental Surgery clinics. Dr Teo had previously been convicted in court for 25 charges of making false Community Health Assist Scheme (“**CHAS**”) claims to dishonestly induce the disbursement of monies to Phoenix Dental Surgery. Taking these convictions into consideration, all of which involved fraud or dishonesty, the SDC Disciplinary Committee (“**DC**”) ordered that the Registrar remove the name of the Respondent from the appropriate register. This means that Dr Teo can no longer practise as a dentist in Singapore, at least for three years until when he would be permitted to apply for his name to be restored in the register.
2. In arriving at its decision, the DC found that the Respondent’s dishonest conduct and convictions seriously impinged upon the reputation of the profession, and betrayed the trust reposed in him by the Ministry of Health when he abused the CHAS. The CHAS was meant to assist needy Singaporeans, but the Respondent had instead committed the offences for financial gain. The DC also noted that this was apparently the first case brought before a DC involving cheating offences relating to the CHAS and it was therefore also imperative to set the appropriate benchmark in emphasising that such cases must be dealt with severely.
3. The DC made the following orders against the Respondent on 12 April 2021 and the DC’s grounds of decision was issued to parties on 14 May 2021:
  - (1) That the Registrar remove the name of the Respondent from the appropriate register; and
  - (2) That the Respondent shall 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, to be taxed if not agreed.
4. The DC also ordered that its decision shall be published.

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5. The Respondent's removal from the Register of Dentists took effect on Wednesday, 23 June 2021.
6. The SDC reminds all dental professionals that it takes matters of conduct and ethics very seriously. The SDC urges 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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