

## Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

### PRESS RELEASE

## Suspension of Registration of TCM Practitioner

1 **Chen Ling (陈凌)**, of Beijing Tong Ren Tang Science Arts (Singapore) Co Pte Ltd (北京同仁堂科艺新加坡私人有限公司) at 378 Alexandra Road, Alexandra Hospital #01-07, Singapore 159964, a registered TCM physician and registered acupuncturist, was found guilty of the following complaints:

#### First Complaint:

Chen Ling was found to have contravened Section 19(1)(i) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners' Act (the "**Act**") and Clause 4.1.1(e) and Clause 4.1.1(d) of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines in that, inter alia, she had been guilty of professional misconduct and/or negligence in leaving the clinic and a patient during the midst of the acupuncture treatment administered by her and left the removal of the acupuncture needles to an unqualified person.

#### Second Complaint:

Chen Ling was found to have contravened Section 19(1)(f) of the Act and Clause 4.1.2 of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines as well as Regulation 3 of the TCM Practitioners (Practice, Conduct and Ethics) Regulations in that she had failed to keep proper and accurate records of the treatment she administered to a patient.

2 In respect of the First Complaint, Chen Ling was fined \$2,000 and suspended from practice as a TCM physician and acupuncturist for a period of twelve (12) months commencing from 1 September 2008.

3 In respect of the Second Complaint, Chen Ling was issued a censure and was reminded to take sufficient steps to ensure that proper and accurate records are kept to enable proper after care and service of patients and that all such records shall contain sufficient detail so that any other TCM practitioner would be able to take over the management of a patient when a referral is made.

4 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Act, Chen Ling was ordered to pay costs and expenses of or incidental to the inquiry or investigation conducted by the Investigation Committee and any action taken by the Board, including expenses of the Board's solicitors and the legal assessor.

**TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD 中医管理委员会**  
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