

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Suspension of Registration of TCM Physician

1 **Lim Kim Hock (林金福)**, of Leong Choon Tong Medical Hall (龙春堂药行), Blk 526 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, #01-2419, Singapore 560526 (latest place of practice), a registered TCM physician, was found guilty of the following complaint:

Lim Kim Hock ("**Lim**") was found to have mixed Sunny Fever Suspension Sin 6357P with two liquid preparations, namely "藿香正气化湿合剂" and "银翘解毒合剂" (the "**Liquid Preparations**"), and then prescribed the same to a patient on 2 occasions. The patient subsequently developed Stevens-Johnson Syndrome after ingesting the Liquid Preparations prescribed and/or dispensed by Lim. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome is life-threatening and the patient could have suffered serious irreversible consequences.

The Health Sciences Authority tested the Liquid Preparations and found them to contain Paracetamol, a western medicine. Although Lim is and was not permitted to prescribe and/or dispense western medicine, he prescribed the Liquid Preparations containing Paracetamol to the patient. Lim's conduct was in breach of Sections 19(1)(f) and 19(1)(i) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (the "**Act**"), Clause 4.1.3 of the "Ethical Codes and Ethical Guidelines for TCM Practitioners" (the "**Ethical Code**") and the Board's Notice 2005/2 dated 20 May 2005 (the "**Notice**").

2 The Board imposed the following sanctions against Lim pursuant to Section 19(2) of the Act:

- a) To suspend Lim's registration as a TCM physician and as an acupuncturist for a period of 1 year (suspension starts on 1 July 2012);
- b) To censure Lim;
- c) To impose a penalty of \$5,000; and
- d) To pay costs and expense of or incidental to the inquiry before the Investigation Committee pursuant to Section 20 of the Act.

In addition, the Board also required Lim to provide a written undertaking to the Board that he would not prescribe dispense and/or give any form of western medicine to his patients in the future.

TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD 中医管理委员会
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