

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Suspension of Registration of Acupuncturist

Ong Eng Teck (王永德) is an acupuncturist registered with the TCM Practitioners (TCMP) Board.

2 Ong Eng Teck (Ong) was convicted and jailed for 7 months on 3 July 2013 in the High Court of the Republic of Singapore for 3 out of 8 charges of cheating Workforce Development Agency (WDA) into releasing training subsidies to Integrative Therapy Centre Pte Ltd of 48 Arab Street Singapore 199745 (“the Clinic”) in contravention of Section 420 of the Penal Code. Ong was practising at the Clinic and was also a director of the Clinic.

3 The TCMP Board’s Investigation Committee (“IC”) has conducted an inquiry into Ong’s criminal conviction, and found Ong guilty of the following:

- (a) Ong was in fact convicted of the offences under the Penal Code (Cap.224) before the High Court of the Republic of Singapore;
- (b) The aforesaid convictions involved dishonesty, coming within the scope of Section 19(1)(g) of the TCM Practitioners Act.
- (c) The aforesaid convictions and/or Ong’s conduct therefore amount to a breach of Section 19(1)(g) of the TCM Practitioners Act.

4 The TCMP Board has decided to impose the following sanctions against Ong pursuant to Section 19(2) of the TCM Practitioners Act:

- (a) To suspend Ong’s registration as an acupuncturist for a period of 6 months, to take effect from 1 October 2014;
- (b) Ong to undertake that he will not commit such or similar offences again, and
- (c) To censure Ong.

5 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCM Practitioners Act, the Board also ordered Ong to pay costs and expenses of or incidental to the inquiry or any investigation conducted or action taken against Ong by the Board.

TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD 中医管理委员会
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