

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Suspension of Registration of TCM Physician

1 **Yap Kwok Ann Joseph (叶国安)**, of Annie Tiang TCM Pte Ltd (国安中医药中心) at 11 East Coast Road, #01- 01, The Odeon Katong, Singapore 428722 (the “Clinic”), a registered TCM physician, was found guilty of a complaint lodged by one of his patients (“the Complainant”) for treatment rendered by him In the Clinic. Mr Yap was found guilty of the following:

- (a) The traction treatment, which was administered on the Complainant on 2 May 2013, was inappropriate and not generally accepted TCM treatment for her condition when she consulted Mr Yap at his clinic.
- (b) The treatments including but not limited to acupuncture treatment administered by Mr Yap on the Complainant after the Complainant sustained an injury in the Clinic following the traction treatment (“the incident”) were inappropriate and not generally accepted TCM treatments.
- (c) Mr Yap’s aforesaid conduct and aforesaid treatments rendered by him on the Complainant, before and after the incident, amounted to professional misconduct and/or negligence, in breach of Sections 19(1)(i) of the TCM Practitioners Act (the “Act”).

2 The patient was found to have sustained a fractured on her right thigh bone/right femur when she was admitted to hospital. There was however no evidence for the Board to conclude that the traction treatment by Mr Yap caused or contributed to the fracture in the Complainant’s right thigh bone/right femur.

3 The Board decided to impose the following sanctions against Mr Yap pursuant to Section 19(2) of the Act:

- (a) To suspend Mr Yap’s registration as a TCM physician for a period of 4 months, with suspension to commence on 1 June 2015,
- (b) To pay a fine \$10,000.00, and
- (c) To censure.

4 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCM Practitioners Act, Mr Yap was ordered to pay costs and expense of or incidental to the inquiry.