

**Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board  
PRESS RELEASE**

**Suspension of Registration of TCM Physician**

**CHOO LED SIN (朱立信)**

**Choo Led Sin** (“Choo”) of Choo Led Sin Clinic (立信药房) at Block 1 Tanjong Pagar Road, #02-08 Tanjong Pagar Plaza, Singapore 082001 (the “Clinic”) is a registered Traditional Chinese Medicine (“TCM”) physician and acupuncturist registered with the TCM Practitioners Board.

2 On 5 January 2006, Choo was convicted in the State Courts of the Republic of Singapore (“State Courts”) of 1 charge under Section 12 of the Skills Development Levy Act (Cap.306) read with Section 109 of the Penal Code (Cap.224) for obtaining payment of a grant from the Skills Development Fund (“Fund”) by means of a false statement and in pursuance of a conspiracy (“2006 Conviction”). Choo falsely stated in an application for a grant from the Fund that he had completed 30 lessons of a foot reflexology course conducted by a training provider, which led the Workforce Development Agency to disburse a grant of \$1,120.00 to the training provider. He was sentenced to a fine of \$4,000 on the same day.

3 On 4 August 2010, Choo was convicted in the State Courts of 5 charges for several offences under Section 12 read with Section 14 of the Skills Development Levy Act (Cap. 306) and Section 511 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224) for unlawfully obtaining payment of grants from the Fund (“2010 Conviction”). Choo declared 5 trainees to be direct employees of the Clinic and/or financially sponsored in full by the Clinic to obtain grants of S\$2,250.00 each from the Fund when he knew that these trainees were not employees of the Clinic and that the course fees were in fact borne by the trainees. He was sentenced to a total of 8 weeks’ imprisonment on 2 September 2010.

4 The TCMP Board conducted an inquiry and found that Choo’s conduct as revealed in the 2006 Conviction and 2010 Conviction amounted to the following:

- (a) The aforesaid convictions involved fraud and/or dishonesty, coming within the scope of Section 19(1)(g) of the TCM Practitioners Act.
- (b) The aforesaid convictions also imply a defect in character pursuant to Section 19(1)(h) of the TCM Practitioners Act.

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

- (a) To suspend Choo’s registration as an acupuncturist and TCM physician for a period of 9 months, to take effect from 16 September 2016;
- (b) Choo to undertake that he will not commit such or similar offences again, and
- (c) To censure Choo.

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

**TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD**  
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