

**Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
PRESS RELEASE**

Suspension of Registration as Physician

SEIN MOK SIN (张木境)

Mr Sein Mok Sin (张木境) is a registered Traditional Chinese Medicine (“TCM”) physician. Mr Sein was employed by one Mr Saw Liang Seng, the registered owner of Gold Finger Wellness & Health Centre, located at 474 Macpherson Road, Singapore (the “Premises”), to work on an ad hoc basis.

2 On 30 March 2017, a complaint was lodged with the TCM Practitioners Board (the “Board”) against Mr Sein, by way of a letter from a Police Inspector of the Compliance Investigation Squad, Bedok Division of the Singapore Police Force. The Inspector informed the Board that Mr Sein had been charged with and convicted of two counts of offences for abetting the carrying on of an illegal massage establishment (namely, the Premises) on 15 November 2016, pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Massage Establishment Act (Cap. 173) (collectively, the “Convictions”). Mr Sein had, accordingly, been sentenced to pay fines totalling \$1,000.00 by the State Courts. At the material time, Mr Sein pleaded guilty to the charges and paid the fines.

3 An Investigation Committee (“IC”) inquiry was convened by the Board to investigate the Complaint. The IC observed that Mr Sein had pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against him in the State Courts and that, in his written explanation to the Board, he had admitted to allowing his TCM registration certificate to be displayed at the Premises. The IC arrived at the following findings of fact:

- (a) The Convictions concerned offences that involved dishonesty and/or implied a defect in character;
- (b) Having regard to the fact that Mr Sein had allowed the Premises to display a copy of his TCM practising certificate and thereby disguise themselves as a TCM outlet, Mr Sein was, in his professional capacity as a TCM practitioner, associating and supporting the services provided by persons or organisations that do not provide legitimate TCM support services in breach of Clause 4.1.4 of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines for TCM Practitioners (the “Ethical Code”);
- (c) Having regard to Mr Sein’s above-described conduct, he had acted in breach of Clause 4.5.1(a) of the Ethical Code; and
- (d) Following from their determinations that Mr Sein had acted in breach of Clauses 4.1.4 and 4.5.1(a) of the Ethical Code, his conduct was in breach of Sections 19(1)(f) and/or 19(1)(i) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (the “Act”).

5 The Board balanced the nature and seriousness of Mr Sein’s convictions and above-described breaches as well as his unremorseful conduct during the inquiry, against the fact that he was a first-time offender, before deciding to **suspend his registration as a TCM physician for a period of 3 years and issue him with a censure**. Mr Sein has also been directed to pay for all the costs and expenses of and incidental to the investigations and inquiry conducted against him.

8 The Board takes a serious view of any transgression of the Ethical Code by registered TCM practitioners. Any practitioners who associate themselves with unlicensed massage

establishments and thereby bring disrepute to the TCM profession will face disciplinary action by the Board.

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