

**Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board  
PRESS RELEASE**

**Cancellation of Registration as Acupuncturist**

**GOH SENG NGEI (吴圣毅)**

Mr Goh Seng Ngei (吴圣毅) of The World Medical Hall at 10, Selegie Road, #01-44, Selegie House, Singapore 180010, was a registered acupuncturist.

2 In mid-2017, three separate complaints were lodged against Mr Goh. These Complaints can be summarised as follows:

- (a) The first Complaint informed the Board that, in 2014, Mr Goh had been charged with four counts of operating an establishment for massage without a licence, in breach of section 9(a) of the Massage Establishments Act (Cap. 173). He was convicted of two of these counts in the same year, with the remaining two counts taken into consideration (the “**2014 Convictions**”). He was sentenced to a fine of S\$1,600 by the State Courts, Singapore.
- (b) The second Complaint informed the Board that, in 2017, Mr Goh had again been charged with 57 counts of operating an establishment for massage without a licence, in breach of sections 9(a) and/or 9(e) of the Massage Establishments Act. He was subsequently convicted of 24 of these counts in the same year, with the remaining 33 charges taken into consideration (the “**2017 Convictions**”). He was sentenced to a fine of S\$24,000 by the State Courts.
- (c) The third Complaint informed the Board that Mr Goh had made false and/or fraudulent declarations in his applications to renew his acupuncturist practising certificate in the years 2015 and 2017. Mr Goh had falsely and/or fraudulently declared that he had not been convicted of any criminal offences in Singapore, notwithstanding his 2014 Convictions and 2017 Convictions (collectively, the “**Convictions**”).

3 Having regard to the Complaints, an Investigation Committee (“**IC**”) inquiry was convened to investigate the Complaints. The IC observed that Mr Goh had accepted and acknowledged the Convictions and the statements of facts prepared by the prosecutor in relation to the Convictions. The IC arrived at the following findings:

- (a) The Convictions concerned offences that implied a defect in character, which rendered Mr Goh unfit to remain on the Register of the Board under Section 19(1)(h) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (Cap. 333A) (the “**Act**”). Moreover, Mr Goh had been a repeat offender and appeared to be unrepentant.
- (b) Mr Goh’s conduct that had resulted in the Convictions revealed that he had operated the unlicensed massage establishments and/or conducted

himself in a manner that amounted to a breach of Clauses 4.1.4, 4.5.1(a) and 4.5.1(b) of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines for TCM practitioners (the “**Ethical Code**”), and in contravention of Sections 19(1)(i) and 19(1)(j) of the Act. Mr Goh had associated himself professionally with businesses/individuals who were not qualified to provide TCM care or other accepted TCM support services (in breach of Clause 4.1.4 of the Ethical Code), and the massage services offered and performed at the establishments named in the Convictions operated by Mr Goh were not clearly separated from his TCM practice (in breach of Clauses 4.5.1(a) and 4.5.1(b) of the Ethical Code).

- (c) In light of the Convictions, Mr Goh had procured and/or attempted to procure a practising certificate from the Board by knowingly making false or fraudulent declarations in writing, which amounted to a breach of Section 19(1)(i) and 19(1)(j) of the Act.

4 Given the nature and seriousness of Mr Goh’s above-described breaches as well as his conduct during the inquiry, the Board has decided to cancel Mr Goh’s registration as an acupuncturist with effect from **7 August 2018**. Mr Goh has also been directed to pay for all the costs and expenses of and incidental to the inquiry.

5 The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind all registered TCM practitioners not to operate and/or associate themselves with unlicensed massage establishments. Associations of such nature not only tarnish the image of such TCM practitioners, individually, but also brings disrepute to the TCM profession, as a whole. The Board will not hesitate to initiate disciplinary action against a TCM practitioner, in such circumstances.

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